NKHALWA ZATHU.

Ndalama muti'patse zokwanis komanso zidzatifikire tokha.

Zinthu zomwe mungaononge monga chilengedwe mukuyer kudza kwezerezetsa.

Padzakhole ndondono kyo Habwino musanayambe ntchu handu.

Tidzayambe tapatsidwa ndalama musanayambe ntchayambe handu.

Malipino akuyenesa kukhala a bwino komanso pa nthoyenera.
Achisiwana timosalidwe polembedwa nchito pempho ntiloti ikamabwera nchitoji Muzatere.

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Nchito ikamabwera tithekga umphe

mang'amba lutsha kuchepa izakahala ti
mi patshha Chifukwa tiza pesa
chita ngati ife a chisivanga ti
esesa kuti tiza pemwa lutengo ma
a Chifukwa tizizangwira nchito to!

Magesi akafuna tizizapange, ma
resi potshula dera lathu ndi m
nja athu.

pempho

Ifunana Chipatala, ana miyigo
subulu ya sellontale Chifukwana
ri kutali, Adimavali adimavali
nsula, muti mangire kolegiz

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MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATION MEETING WITH STA PHALULA HELD AT BALAKA DC OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL 2017 AT 8.00 AM

PRESENT

Sub-TA Phalula
Darlington Kawawa – Director of Administration, Balaka District Assembly
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Kent Kafatia Jnr. – WWEC

STA Phalula had asked that we meet him at the District Commissioner’s Offices as he was working there on another activity. The DC had not arrived yet and Mr Darlington Kawawa, Director of Administration welcomed us on the DC’s behalf and led us to meet STA Phalula.

The meeting started at 8.00 am.

The STA welcomed us and a map of the line route was presented to him.

Project Briefing

The Consultant briefed STA Phalula that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

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The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project.

The Consultant told added that the project, like most other development projects is likely to impact on the people socially, economically and environmentally. She explained that construction works may affect people’s land, buildings, community sites, trees, wildlife, general nature and environment. She went on to say that a community and household survey was being conducted the purpose of which was to assess the likely social and economic impact of the project on the people as well as determine a framework for compensation.

The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.

After the briefing, the STA took a brief look at the map and indicated that he had no questions nor comments at the moment. However, he mentioned that the affected villages are Phombeya, Govati, Chona, Phalula and Kawinga.
The consultant asked the STA to choose the date, time and place for a public assembly. STA Phalula put forward Phalula Village as the best place for the meeting. He then referred us to GVH Phalula and when contacted, he mentioned that we should meet him at the Phalula Community Centre where he was with other chiefs attending to activities pertaining to distribution of maize.

Ms Marie Andree Burelle joined in at the DC’s office but the meeting had already ended. Nonetheless, she was able to meet STA Phalula.

The District Commissioner also arrived and he provided us with Mr Njerengo of the DC’s office to accompany us to GVH Phalula and later into the village.

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATION MEETING WITH GROUP VILLAGE HEAD PHALULA AND OTHER CHIEFS HELD AT PHALULA COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL 2017 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT
GVH Phalula
VH Phalula
Everson William – Aide
GVH Njiragoma
GVH Nsenjere
GVH Kunyalani
VH Mbengo
VH Chizungu
VH Nthawitsa
Mr Njerengo – officer, DC’s Office
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Marie Andree-Burelle – WSP, Canada
Kent Kafatia Jnr. – WWEC
Linda Kachale – WWEC
Shadreck Thabwa – WWEC
Griffin Mulima – WWEC
Henry Mbewe – WWEC
Innocent Makoza – WWEC
Chipiliro Sitifano – WWEC
Lusungu Chamdimba – WWEC
Jill Chikho – WWEC
Alinane Tambala – WWEC

Opening Remarks

Group Village Head Phalula welcomed us and opened the meeting with prayer. Introductions were made and the group declared the meeting open. The consultant in turn thanked the village leaders for making time to attend the meeting.

Project Briefing

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The Consultant also mentioned that the project was about not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.

Friday, 14th April was proposed but it transpired that it was Easter holiday and that people would be busy with church and other matters. Saturday, 15th April was suggested in place of Friday. Still, the GVH observed that some people may not attend the meeting as they go to church on Saturday. Nevertheless, the meeting was scheduled for Saturday 15th April 2017.

The chiefs expressed gratitude and anticipation for the project. However, they unveiled a number of concerns and questions as follows:

Concerns

- Delays in implementation of compensation
- Discrepancies in compensation – some people received more that the value of their property while others received less than the value of their parcels.
- Unfulfilled promises – when projects are coming in, they sweet-talk the people and promised all sorts. Later on, the promises are not honoured. On this issue, the chiefs and leaders said people are becoming more and more aware and knowledgeable so they are no longer taking things at face value.

Questions

- Some people have got only one parcel and if asked to resettle, where are they going to go?
- How was the project going to benefit them?

The consultant told the leaders that compensation will be paid in a timely manner and on the issue of discrepancies, she told them that this project will ensure that affected people are compensated fairly – according to the value of the property they are going to lose.
On unfulfilled promises, the consultant assured the chiefs that for this project, if they promise something, they will deliver and that the consultations are ongoing.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.00 am.

Considering the GHV Phalula's sentiments about some people going to church on Saturday, the Consultant called Mr Njerengo, the officer from the DC's office on Wednesday 12 April, 2017 to consult GHV Phalula about changing the date from Saturday, 15th April to Easter Monday, 17th April 2017 in order to accommodate everyone. The officer promised to do this and later confirmed that he had sought the GVH's views and that the GVH had confirmed that the meeting take place on Monday, 17th April instead of Saturday, 15th April. Somehow, the officer never contacted the GVH about the change and people gathered for the assembly on Saturday, 15th April 2017. This only came to light on the day of the public assembly on Monday 17 April 2017.

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD AT PHALULA ON 17TH APRIL 2017 AT 15:05

Present:
Senior Traditional Authority Phalula
GVH Phalula
GVH Njeragoma
GVH Nsenjere
GVH Kunyalani
VH Mbengo
VH Chizungu
VH Nthawitsa
VH Phombeya

Welcome Remarks

The meeting started with a prayer and thereafter Senior Traditional Authority Phalula welcomed all present.

Introduction

The Consultant apologized to the gathering for communication breakdown which had resulted in people expecting the meeting to take place on Saturday, 15 April 2017 thereby assembling at the meeting place. She thanked all of them for making time to assemble again.

Project Briefing

The Consultant briefed the chiefs that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

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The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project.
The Consultant told the group that the project, like most other development projects is likely to impact on the people socially, economically and environmentally. She explained that construction works may affect people’s land, buildings, community sites, trees, wildlife, general nature and environment. She went on to say that a community and household survey was being conducted the purpose of which was to assess the likely social and economic impact of the project on the people as well as determine a framework for compensation.

The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.

Questions, Concerns and Requests

The people wanted to know whether the project will use the current infrastructure or not.

The Consultant explained that a new route is being charted with new towers and lines and that the difference between what is currently on the ground and this project is that the Mozambique-Malawi Power Interconnection Project is increasing the capacity of electricity to make power in Malawi more reliable and available.

Compensation issues/problems were highlighted and the people asked that should there be need for re-settlement they should get enough money to enable them re-settle. They also asked that compensation should not take a long time as past experience with other projects has left others waiting for more than 2 years. It was also revealed that some compensation figures came out different from what they had initially been promised which raised suspicions.

The Consultant assured that compensation will be fair for all affected and this will include fruit trees as well as natural and exotic trees.

The assembly also asked that they be considered for job opportunities.

The Consultant assured that the project will consider the local people first for any suitable employment and it will consider gender equality too.

Following question and answer time, the people went into groups to document their concerns, requests and recommendations as follows:

MEN

Recommendations

- On the issue of compensation, the men recommended that there should be continuity; that the same people involved with assessment should follow through the compensation process.
- Further, they indicated that the Valley Railway Project paid out cash in lump sums and that this project must do the same.
- Compensation should not go through the DC’s office because they steal their money especially for the illiterate, less aware villagers.
- Local people to be considered for employment
- Health and Safety matters to be observed and strongly adhered to. Some projects make them work without proper safety wear and equipment.

WOMEN

Concerns

- Wages/salaries paid are low
- Nepotism and favouritism are rampant
• Inconsistencies in wages/salaries and when they complain they get fired on the spot
• Marriage disruptions/break-ups
• Some hiring officers ask for sex in exchange for consideration for employment
• Some hiring officers ask for bribes, again, in exchange for employment
• Work schedules to be considered for females as it is dangerous to travel back home late at night. Late knocking off for women should be minimized

Requests
• Boreholes needed as women have to travel long distances

Recommendations
• Women to be considered for work too
• Women should form part of the hiring team
• Transportation should be provided to and from the sites of work
• Food (lunch) should be provided at work
• When a person is injured on the job, transportation and medical treatment should be taken care of as well as compensated for
• If an employee dies, the project to take care of coffin and other funeral expenses
• Contact numbers for people responsible for salaries/wages should be made readily available to avoid tricks by the paying officers
• If possible, they would like to be paid fortnightly
• Uniforms and protective clothing to be supplied
• Ladies’ shoes should be different from men’s – not one size fits all
• Don’t take too long to hire people as this brings anxiety

The Consultant promised to present their concerns and requests to the project. Senior Traditional Authority Phalula thanked all those present and remarked that the project should expect a lot of problems if their requests are not taken into account and expressed hope that their concerns will be addressed.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting closed at 15.53 with a prayer.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY SYMON HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2017 AT 2:30 PM AT HIS PALACE

PRESENT:

Traditional Authority Symon
VH Mwingitsa
Edson Likongwe - Aide
Magret Nkhalamba – ADC Chair
Beatrice Mapamba – VDC Member
Chisomo Chado – Youth Representative
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Olive Kalonga – WWEC

Opening Remarks

A prayer was said to open the meeting and Traditional Authority Symon welcome us.

The Consultant explained that the meeting was to brief them on the upcoming Mozambique-Malawi Power Interconnection Project.

TA Mlauli acknowledged that he was aware of the project as he was also present at the initial consultation meeting at the DC’s office in November 2016.

The consultant present a map for the area to the TA and after scrutinizing it, the TA observed that villages Liyenda, Mbemba, Ntingala, Nsalafose, Chaponda, Kandoje, Ngwenyama Ill, Kammwamba, Chikapa, Konono and Mwingitsa are most likely the affected one. He also observed that the line route will mainly affect land and not many houses.

Project Briefing

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After the brief, the Traditional Authority asked that the project ensures that the affected people are informed of the timeframe within which compensation will take place and further that compensation amounts should be directly communicated to the people (as opposed to the DCs office informing them).

The leaders also wanted to know if the locals will be offered work. The consultant responded that most of the work will be done by machines and other work will require technical experts. However, the assured them that should there be need to hire people for menial and other odd jobs, consideration will go to the people in the area.

For a public assembly, TA Symon proposed that the meeting should take place on Thursday, 20th April at 10:00 am. Kammwamba Village was chosen as the ideal place as it was more central. Once again the Traditional Authority expressed gratitude for the proposed project.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a prayer at 15:25pm.
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2017 AT KAMMWAMBA AT 9:30 AM

Present:

Senior Traditional Authority Symon
GVH Samisoni
GVH Ngwenyama
GHV Kasamba
VH Mwingitsa
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Olive Kalonga – WWEC
Gertrude Malulu - ESCOM

Opening Remarks

The meeting opened with a prayer and The Traditional Authority welcomed all present and asked the consultant to address the gathering. In response, the consultant thanked the TA, chiefs and all the people gathered for their time.

Project Briefing

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Concerns and Questions:

The following were concerns (C) and questions (Q) were voiced out by the public:
C: Compensation is usually late, from past experience.
A: The project will compensate the affected people before the project work commences.

Q: Will re-settlement be done by the Project or the individuals will bear it alone?
A: The affected people will be given a choice between having the project building a house of the same type as they currently have and receiving compensation and hiring people of their choice to build the house for them.

Q: Will the local people be considered for employment?
A: Most of the work will be done by machines and technical experts, but, where there is need for unskilled labour, the local people will get special consideration.

Q: In case of problems during the project, who will sort them out?
A: There will be a committee comprising all the stakeholders ranging from Project members, chiefs, community leaders and local representatives and ESCOM representatives to oversee the project.

Q: When is the project going to start and when will it finish?
A: Presently, the project is at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies. You will be informed at every stage of the project.

Some participants complained that surveyors had not surveyed all the land and the people felt some affected areas were left out. It was agreed that the surveyors will be asked to visit the areas again but this time they will be accompanied by a village representative for easy and accurate identification of ownership.

The ESCOM representative advised that it is possible that the poles and lines may not follow the exact route outlined presently; that there may be slight deviations.

After question and answer time, the people separated into groups to document their concerns, requests and recommendations as follows:

MEN
Concerns
- When will the committee be set up?
- Channel of compensation – will it be paid directly to the people or through some channel?
- How long do we have to wait before the project commences?
- How will you differentiate between exotic and indigenous trees?
- We anticipate employment. What shall we do if that does not happen?
- Other projects have promised and not delivered. Are you going to fulfil your promises?
- Other places have boreholes, piped water and other developments. Will you be able to do these developments for us?

Requests
- National Secondary school to enable their children to be selected for college education
- Clinic
- Modern market
- Boreholes

Signed: Geoffrey Dikamdima
WOMEN

Concerns

- Will the project not disregard our need for employment as women?
- Some of the surveyors have accessed our property and land without our knowledge and it is possible that someone may have posed as land/property owner. How will we know?
- Work may commence before compensation. What shall we do in such a case?

Requests

- We want a clinic
- Secondary school
- Boreholes
- Modern market

End Remarks

- Thank you for this development. We warmly welcome it.
- Please try to consider women for employment

Signed: Aina Chiwaula

YOUTH – BOYS AND GIRLS

Concerns

- Girls are sidelined/discriminated at when hiring. Is this project going to consider our needs?
- Corrupt practices when hiring. They ask for bribes from the job-seeker. If you don’t pay, you don’t get a job. Please look into this matter critically.
- We are very anxious – are we going to be employed?
- Are we going to be adequately/fairly compensated?

Requests

- As youth (both male and female) we would like to be considered for employment
- We want a clinic
- Boreholes and piped water
- Secondary school
- Modern market
- College for tertiary education

Recommendations/Remarks

- Such development projects (when hired) empower us economically and reduces thefts and robberies. We become self-supportive and keep busy. We girls shall ensure that we avoid HIV and AIDS because we will be economically well-off.
- Availability of power/electricity aids businesses and promotes further development.

Signed: Note Kadzuwa (Youth - Boys)
Margaret Gazamiala (Youth – Girls)
**CHIEFS**

**Concerns**

- When the compensation packages are channelled through other systems, e.g. the DC’s Offices, we get cheated/shortchanged. We would like this to be analysed critically.

**Requests**

- We want boreholes and piped water
- Clinic
- Primary and secondary schools

**Recommendations**

- Compensation to be paid directly to the affected people
- The affected persons must know how much is due to them and not through a third party like the DC’s office
- When taking measurements of the parcels, the owner must be present.
- We welcome this development but please, honour your promises

**Signed: Kalumbi Byson**

**Closing Remarks**

Senior Traditional Authority Symon thanked all present once again and emphasized that there will be need for security and safety for development project materials. He pleaded with the people not to steal any property or building materials.

The meeting ended at 11:30 am with a prayer.
MINUTES OF MEETING WITH NENO DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2017 AT 10:00 AM

Present:

Mr Ali Phiri - District Commissioner
Mr Alexues Chipendo - Assistant District Commissioner
Selina Mposa - Consultant WWEC
Olive Kalonga - WWEC

Welcome Remarks

The District Commissioner welcomed us and confirmed having received communication from Mr Chipendo regarding the meeting request.

The consultant explained briefly explained that the purpose of the meeting was to pay a courtesy call on the District Commissioner prior to meetings with TAs Mlauli and Symon regarding the Mozambique-Malawi Power Interconnection Project. In turn, the DC acknowledged having had a report about the proposed electricity project from his deputy. He advised that for the future, for ease of communication and logistics, if we have information to disseminate, we could use their official DEC meetings by joining them while they conduct their stakeholder business. That would save us from calling a whole district stakeholder meeting.

The District Commissioner’s major concern was that our project may face hurdles pertaining to high expectations of the people emanating from Valley and the Railway Project.

The Deputy District Commissioner confirmed having communicated with Traditional Authority Mlauli and Traditional Authority Symon about our intended visits.

Conclusion

In conclusion he expressed gratitude for the development project which will be beneficial to the whole country and that we could proceed to conduct the meetings as both Traditional Authorities were expecting us.

The meeting ended at 10:30 am.
MINUTES OF MEETING WITH TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY MLAULI HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2017 AT CHIFUNGA VILLAGE AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT:

Traditional Authority Mlauli
GVH Msalawatha
GVH Daelo
GHV Chasesa
Jimmy Gadama – Clerk
Aubrey Khuleya – ADC Member
Joyce Magola – ADC Member
Selina Mposa - WWEC
O Kalonga - WWEC

Welcome Remarks

The meeting started with a prayer and the Traditional Authority welcomed all present and asked us to brief them about the purpose of our visit.

Project Details

The Consultant thanked all members present and introduced the subject matter and a map was presented to the Traditional Authority and his subjects.

The Consultant briefed the chiefs that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

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The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.
Concerns

The Traditional Authority advised that he has welcomed the project and was happy with the development ideas. However, there were concerns from him and the other chiefs which were as follows:

- Consideration of the local people for job opportunities the local people as opposed to hiring people from outside of the area.
- In some instances projects such as these encourage marriage break-ups because the contractors have a lot of money.
- Contractors and people from outside of the local areas tend to bring in bad behaviour to the villages.

The consultant advised that although machines will be used for most of the work they should be assured that recruitment of the local people for simple menial work will be observed. On the issue of marriage break-ups, the Consultant explained that their concerns will be presented to the project but observed that while people will be sensitized on social behaviour and its consequences, human behaviour is complex and complicated and therefore could not guarantee that the problems will be avoided especially that people are different.

The consultant further pointed out that the next step will be to hold a public meeting with the local people for briefing and asked for a venue, day and time to be allocated for this.

The Traditional Authority promised to communicate with the affected Chiefs to contact the people for the meeting. He also mentioned that the project is welcome and believes that it will minimize black-outs.

Using the map, TA Mlauli affirmed that the villages likely to be affected are Chapita, Chasesa Daelo and Msalawatha.

The Consultant asked that the Village Heads should be fully involved with the surveyors in the identification of property ownership to avoid cheating.

Conclusion

The Traditional Authority proposed Wednesday, 19th April 2017 at 10:00 am as the date for the Public Assembly with Chifunga Zone as the venue.

The meeting ended at 1:30pm with a prayer.
MINUTES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AT T/A MLAULI ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2017 HELD AT CHIFUNGA SCHOOL GROUND AT 11:42AM

PRESENT:

Traditional Authority Mlauli
Group Village Head Msalawatha
Village Head Chasesa
Village Head Dealo
Village Head Chapita

Welcome Remarks

The Traditional Authority welcomed all present and expressed disappointment for the late arrival of the people.

The Consultant was asked to address the people and she thanked all present for their attendance.

The Consultant briefed the gathering that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

She pointed out that the project is part of an ongoing regional energy integration process, with the objective to: (i) establish a cooperative power pooling mechanism for Southern Africa; (ii) promote and enhance electricity trade with neighbouring countries; and (iii) improve the power security and reliability of supply on Malawi’s Network.

The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project.

The Consultant told the gathering that the project, like most other development projects is likely to impact on the people socially, economically and environmentally. She explained that construction works may affect people’s land, buildings, community sites, trees, wildlife, general nature and environment. She went on to say that a community and household survey was being conducted the purpose of which was to assess the likely social and economic impact of the project as well as determine the framework for compensation.

The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.

The people welcomed the project but wanted to know the compensation policy and procedure. The Traditional Authority emphasized that should compensation not be granted before the work commences the project will be frustrated and the people will definitely not co-operate and may even not allow their property to be disturbed.
Concerns from the people

- The people wanted assurance that the project will indeed take place and will not be interrupted or stopped by politicians.
- In reply the Consultant assured the gathering that the project will be implemented as scheduled.
- Some participants wanted to know whether if any school is affected will be demolished. The Consultant advised that this was the reason why the consultations and survey were being conducted to identify such issues and agree on the best way forward. She further added that if a school was affected, most likely the line route would bypass it instead of demolishing it.
- The people wanted assurance that compensation will be fair and wanted to know whether this will be done through the District Commissioner or directly to the individuals. They also wanted to know if, for some reason, the head of the house affected is not available to get the money, his wife or household representative will be allowed to receive on his behalf.
- In reply the Consultant said the people who will be compensated have the freedom to decide on the process and logistics of the compensation and that if the head of the house is not available there will be need to have a signed document giving authority to whoever will be the representative but she assured them that the expectation is that compensation will be done before the construction work commences.

Mrs Gertrude Malulu from ESCOM arrived at this time (12.23pm) and joined the meeting.

- There was concern from the meeting participants that the documents they had seen with the surveyors show that natural resources will be affected and that in the past, other projects were providing tree seedlings and they wanted to know if this project will do the same.
- The ESCOM representative replied that if the line route affects natural trees the project will surely compensate for them and also provide seedlings for reforestation.
- The people further wanted to know if jobs will be offered to the local people and if gender equality will be observed. They also wanted to know if they will be required to undergo medical examination before being hired. A complaint was also voiced about bribery and nepotism during recruitment.
- The Consultant assured that jobs which local men and women can do will be offered to them. Only jobs that require special expertise will be handled by appropriate experts. She further informed them that if they are asked to undergo medical checks it will just be standard procedure to ensure that the employees are physically fit to make sure work is not interrupted by chronic illness.
- The people asked whether they should go ahead working and planting in their fields and what would happen if their crops coincided with constructions works.
- The ESCOM representative advised that the project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies and as such, they should carry on their business
as usual and that should their crops be affected at some point, they will be compensated adequately and appropriately.

- The Chiefs also asked that they be included in the job considerations and offers.

- The Traditional Authority was of the view that compensation should mainly go to women as traditionally, they are the custodians of family and land.

- In his final remarks, TA Mlauli asked that when compensating the people, a representative from the DC’s office should be available.

- The Consultant added that where possible, the recipients of the money should bring along someone they trust to help them count the money in the case of cash pay-outs.

After asking questions and voicing out their concerns, the people separated into groups to document their concerns, present requests and recommendations and the following are their documentaries:

**MEN**

**Concerns**

- Corrupt practices by hiring officers
- Will compensation be channelled through the DC’s office?
- Will the affected persons be forced to open a bank account with a reputable bank?
- The line route will take 55 metres of our land. Assume that one has a parcel that is 60 metres wide, what is he to do with the puny 5 metres?

**Requests**

- At the end of the project, we would like to have additional school block at Chifunga 1
- We would like a Police Unit at Chifunga
- Consideration for employment during construction
- We would like a bridge constructed on Makali road to Msalawatha
- We want a modern market at Chifunga
- We would like a sports arena at Chifunga 1 School ground
- Construction of an irrigation dam
- Funding for reforestation

**Recommendations**

- Compensation to be paid directly to the owner of property
- If resettled, construction of the replacement house must not take very long
- Please if there is need for workers, consider hiring locally
- Safety and security to be ensured at work
- Justice, equality and fairness at work
- Please honour your promises!

Signed: Mackford Lackson

Signed: D K Chavura
WOMEN

Concerns

- When it comes to recruitment and hiring, women encounter problems because the hiring officers ask for sex first if we want to be hired
- When hired, as women, we would like to be knocking off in good time

Requests

- Chifunga/Jumbe and Chikatekate primary schools need to be rehabilitated and additional school blocks. Our children are learning under trees
- We need bridges in our area especially bridge over Makali River
- We require a police unit
- Boreholes and piped water

Recommendations

- We welcome the project and want it to take off. Please do not delay
- Compensation to match value of property
- If you destroy the natural environment, for example trees, these must be replaced
- There should be properly laid down processes and procedures before construction commences
- Compensation to be done before work begins
- Workers should be paid fairly and in time
- There should be no difference in wages between men and women doing the same work

Signed: Trifonia Kachingwe

Signed: Eunice Likomwa

The meeting ended with a prayer at 13:00 hrs.
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WITH MWANZA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AT HIS OFFICE ON 13TH APRIL 2017 AT 08:00 AM

Present
Humphrey Kalalamuka - District Commissioner, Mwanza
Selina Mposa – WWEC

The District Commissioner welcomed the Consultant and confirmed that as he had advised earlier, they had a DEC meeting that morning at 9:00 in which he was expecting both Traditional Authorities Nthache and Kanduku to be present and therefore, that the Consultant could meet both TAs at the DC’s offices before the DEC meeting.

However, only Traditional Nthache was available that morning at the Mwanza DEC meeting and the scheduled brief meeting took place.

The meeting with the District Commissioner ended at 8:15am.
MINUTES OF MEETING WITH TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY NTHACHE HELD ON 13TH APRIL 2017 AT 10:00 AM AT MWANZA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER’S OFFICES

Present:

Traditional Authority Nthache

Selina Mposa – WWEC

Olive Kalonga – WWEC

The Consultant held a brief meeting with TA Nthache. She explained that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

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(i) establish a cooperative power pooling mechanism for Southern Africa;
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The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project.

A map was then presented to the Traditional Authority and after scrutinising it, he observed that the villages affected could be Chiwembu, Pandasoni, Kasapha, Golowa, Kagonamwake, Chimlango and Nthache. However, the TA said he could not comment much nor ask questions as he needed to have more time to take a thorough look at the map in order to get a true reflection of the issues.

The Consultant asked TA Nthache to propose a date, time and venue for the public assembly and the TA proposed that the meeting be held at Kagonamwake Headquarters on Tuesday, 18th April at 1:00pm.

The meeting ended at 10:20 am.
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL 2017 AT KAGONAMWAKE HEADQUARTERS AT 1:00PM

Present:

Traditional Authority Ntchache
Senior Group Chimlango
GVH Chiwembu
GVH Silota
GHV Gonankhonde
GVH Golowa
GVH Gowelo
GVH Kagonamwake
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Olive Kalonga – WWEC

Welcome Remarks

The meeting opened with a prayer and the Traditional Authority observed that it was possible the people who had come to attend the meeting were those who had been affected by the other projects prior to the proposed Mozambique-Malawi Power Interconnection Project.

Project Briefing

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The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project.

The Consultant told the gathering that the project, like most other development projects is likely to impact on the people socially, economically and environmentally. She explained that construction works may affect people’s land, buildings, community sites, trees, wildlife, general nature and environment. She went on to say that a community and household survey was being conducted the purpose of which was to assess the likely social and economic impact of the project as well as determine the framework for compensation.

The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.
The people welcomed the project but wanted to know the compensation policy and procedure. The Traditional Authority emphasized that should compensation not be granted before the work commences the project will be frustrated and the people will definitely not co-operate and may even not allow their property to be disturbed.

After the briefing, the gathering separated into groups to document their concerns, requests and recommendations as follows:

MEN

Concerns

- Sometimes, development works such as this one brings about social disruptions; most marriages break up.
- Projects like these promote the spread of HIV and AIDS and other STDs.
- Where does one go when they get sick on the job?

Requests

- Locals to be considered first for jobs before hiring outsiders
- A good Health Centre to be built at either Kagonamwake, Chiwembu or Kagulo
- Concrete bridge in Silota village and a good tarmac road is required
- There is no hall to be used as a Court, they will be grateful for a modern court building

Recommendations

- Compensation should be based on the returns from the property lost

Final Word

- We are very grateful for this project because it will reduce electricity outages in the country

Signed: Peter Gumbiti

WOMEN

Concerns

- Some chiefs and leaders practice nepotism; they favour their families and relatives
- Some hiring officers ask us to have sex with them in order to be considered for employment

Requests

- A clinic with maternity wing. Women give birth on the way to the hospital because it is located very far away from here and when this happens, the chiefs demand a fine in form of a goat, chicken or money which increases the pressure on us.
- Bridge in Silota Village
- Thambani Road to be paved
- Court house at Nthache
- Boreholes in all the affected villages
- Bridge in Mpandadzi
- We would like to be considered for employment before you source from outside
- We need another secondary school in the area; many boys and girls are not going to school
Recommendations

- We have agreed that compensation should be done before constructions commences otherwise we will not cooperate

Signed: Gladys Mzimu

Signed: Martha Chitepa

YOUTH – BOYS & GIRLS

Concerns

- The project may disregard or ignore our views
- We are worried that there may be accidents during constructions works which would affect us villagers
- In case construction begins before compensation, what are we to do?
- Surveyors got into the village without our knowledge so it’s possible that someone has claimed our land without our knowledge. How will we know of such a discrepancy?

Requests

- We need a good stadium constructed in Kagonamwake area to keep us busy and healthy
- Further, we would like to have a football tournament established
- We would like a good health centre with a maternity wing built
- We also request a primary school block
- We would like to be considered for employment
- If you may pave our roads please to aid business operations
- We need electricity transformer in the area
- We require boreholes
- Vocational Skills Development Centre
- Bridge next to Lipongwe School
- A modern market

Recommendations

- Please consider the locals before hiring from outside
- We are grateful for this development

Signed: Florence Sagona

Signed: Alfred Bakali

Signed: Margaret Andileya

CHIEFS

Requests

- A health centre in any one of the following villages – Kagulo, Chiwembu, Silota, Kagonamwake and Nthache.
- Paved road from Mwanza Police to Thambani
- Construction of bridges from Silota to Chikolosa
- Rehabilitation of Mwanza bridge on Thambani Road
- Rehabilitation of Mpandadzi bridge
- At least three boreholes to be drilled in each of the affected villages
- Construction of a conference (community?) hall at Senior Chief Nthache
- Construction of a stadium in TA Nthache’s authority
- Job opportunities for unskilled labour
- Desks for primary schools
- Grading of the road to TA Nthache’s headquarters
- Construction of a new secondary school
- Provision of a step-down transformer in the area
- Construction of a clinic within Chimlango area
- Compensation for community leaders
- HIV/AIDS awareness
- Environmental conservation/reforestation

Signed: Trasizio Yollamu

In her closing remarks, the consultant thanked everyone for their attendance and explained that the requests will be presented to the project but that no promises can be made at this time. The only request which is sure to be addressed at this time is about work consideration for the locals, but, bearing in mind that most of the construction work will be done by machines while other work will require special expertise.

The meeting ended at 16:30 with a prayer.
MINUTES OF MEETING WITH TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY KANDUKU ON 13TH APRIL 2017 AT HIS OFFICE AT 10:40 AM

Present:

Traditional Authority Kanduku
Elisha Ngaiyaye - Aide
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Olive Kalonga – WWEC

WELCOME REMARKS

The Traditional Authority welcomed us and the Consultant presented the project details. She explained that the Governments of Mozambique and Malawi, with support from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and international donors, are considering the development of a 400 kV transmission line from the existing Matambo substation (Changara District, Tete Province, Mozambique) to the future Phombeya substation (Balaka District, Southern Region, Malawi) and that this project is currently at the stage of the technical, environmental and social feasibility studies.

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The Consultant further presented technical specifications and characteristics of the proposed project and a map of the proposed wayleave.

DISCUSSIONS

After presentation of the map, Traditional Authority Kanduku observed that the map did not reflect a true picture of what was on the ground and that it appeared from the map that his authority was not affected. He, therefore, asked for another clearer map for Kanduku area in order for him to give details of the affected villages.

The consultant mentioned that the route passed through a communal football ground by Nankudwe Estate. TA Kanduku, thus, observed that if that was the case, then Wingolo Village was affected.

The consultant assured him that she will ask for another map for presentation at a later date.

The Traditional Authority wanted to know the electricity will be generated; whether hydro-powered or coal. The consultant responded that it will be hydro-powered and that project is part of an ongoing regional energy integration process aimed at establishing a cooperative power pooling mechanism for Southern Africa.

TA Kanduku expressed concern regarding problems anticipated, especially those to do with compensation. He cited that past experience had shown that the affected people were not treated fairly because of ignorance and they ended up poorer than before the compensation. He suggested that before paying out compensation packages, the people should be civic-educated. This could be
in the form of helping them to re-settle or educating them about opening bank accounts to ensure control of their money instead of issuing out large amounts of cash. He cited cases of some villages who had gone to the bank and simply gave their money to the teller - asking them to keep the money - without opening an account.

The consultant asked the TA to suggest a village, time and date for a public assembly.

The Traditional Authority agreed that a public meeting will be necessary but it can only be arranged once he gets a true reflection of the map of the affected areas to avoid conducting a meeting in a wrong place. He tentatively proposed a meeting to be held on Friday, 21st April 2017 at 2:00pm.

The meeting closed at 11:20am.
Minutes of Public Assembly Meeting Held on 25th April 2017 at Mulongoloa Village Ground at 09:52 AM

Present:

Group Village Head Mulongoloa
Village Head Mulolongolola
Village Head Chilimbira
Rabson Felazawo – Aide
Montford Mauni – Aide
Harry Manuel – Aide
Winston Guzani - Aide
Selina Mposa – WWEC
Olive Kalonga – WWEC

Welcome Remarks

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Traditional Authority Kanduku was not present at the meeting as he had gone to attend to other business in Mangochi and Group Village Head Mulongoloa presided over the meeting. The GVH welcomed us and thanked the people for coming to attend the meeting.

Prior to the public assembly, the surveyors had gone to TA Kanduku’s area to physically determine the line route with the aim of identifying the affected villages. It transpired that villages Mulongoloa, Siledi, Chiwembu and Laundi were affected.

Project Briefing

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purpose of which was to assess the likely social and economic impact of the project on the people as well as determine a framework for compensation.

The Consultant also mentioned that the project was not about distribution of electricity but increasing capacity but that eventually, this would lead to increased distribution.

After the briefing, there were questions and remarks as follows:

- It was noted that the Surveyors indicated that 4 villages will be affected by the project but the Village Head seems to think it will only be 3 villages, namely Chilimbila, Mulongolola and Siledi.
- The Consultant responded that since it is the Village Heads who really know the area it was up to them to give the true picture.
- The people wanted to know whether tractors will be used in the project. It was explained that access roads will be constructed for the purpose of construction and maintenance of the line route.
- The gathering also asked if compensation will be given for land in use only and not fallow or virgin land.
- The consultant explained that compensation will be given for private land whether in use, fallow or virgin. She assured them that World Bank Policy also includes compensation for all fruit and other trees whether exotic or indigenous.
- There was a comment from the chief that past experience with other projects had shown that more bad had come out than good. The Consultant replied that World Bank policy ensures that people are well-off after the project.
- Compensation problems were also voiced out by the people as the illiterate villagers were usually short-changed, duped and generally treated unfairly. They asked for civic education for the concerned people before compensation is paid out.
- The Consultant replied that this important point will be presented to the project. She further informed the meeting that a stakeholder committee will be set up to oversee the procedures and processes for compensation.
- The people welcomed the suggestion about Bank accounts but asked the project representatives to guide the people and direct them to the best Bank.
- The people were concerned about graveyards being tampered with because the surveyors who had visited them did not explain properly.
- The consultant explained that where possible, the project will not tamper with any graveyard and other cultural ritual sites and will, as much as possible, make deviations to avoid them.
- Another villager expressed concern that the wayleave will consume 55 metres of their land and that they already have future building plans for their children and yet it is being said that compensation will only be paid to those whose land will be used for erection of towers and construction of access and maintenance roads. To this end, they were wondering what they would do since the line is passing through flat land targeted for future development (houses).
- The Consultant took note of their concern and promised to present it to the project.
- Political interference was also bemoaned. Sometimes politicians try to politicize development work and they feel helpless.
- The gathering also asked for the project to hold more consultations with the chiefs, leaders and the people regarding issues affecting them.
Finally, the meeting asked for feedback to their queries and concerns before the project commences.

Participants separated into groups to document their concerns, requests and recommendations. The issues raised were as follows:

**MEN**

**Concerns**

- Promises not usually honoured. While we receive the project wholeheartedly, please honour our requests.

**Requests**

- Please upgrade road from Chilimbila to Nsakambewa
- Build us a primary school
- We need boreholes
- We require an Under-5 clinic
- Locals to be considered first for work

**Final Word**

- We warmly welcome this project

Signed: Winston Guzani

**WOMEN**

**Concerns**

- We welcome this development but please consider hiring more people from the area.

**Requests**

- We would like an office block constructed for our meetings
- A clinic
- School blocks
- Cooperative societies for business

**CHIEFS**

**Concerns**

- Compensation to be in line with the value of the property
- When development projects decline, they should be rehabilitated

**Requests**

- A health centre
- Day secondary school
- Boreholes
- Bridge over Mteka River
Signed: Michael Kanojerera

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 11:00am with a prayer.