



## Khuphuka&Mnjoli Community Lubombo Region

### Introduction

The agenda is accomplished by the Women and Youth Project which is funded by the European Union, implemented by COSPE in partnership with Gcama Mfati, Luvatsi, Kwakha Indvodza and Swaziland Community multimedia network. This agenda elaboration was conducted in 10 communities within the Lubombo and Shiselweni Regions. This activity was carried out with 10 groups from the 10 communities, a combination of both women and youth participants, all together there were 248 participants.

The agenda elaboration intends to raise issues that the participants deem to be issues of concern in their different communities. Issues that are barriers to their economic and social freedom. Issues that are relevant to rural women and youth, in order to participate and contribute to the development of their communities while reinforcing effective mechanisms for women and youths' rights to promotion, participation and representation at all levels. It is in this context, that the groups were able to elaborate this Agenda on the different major problems that the members (women& youth) face in their communities. Aside from the issues, possible solutions and different actors thought to be implicated in the following up of the agenda are also described in the document.

### Six (6) Issues identified.

#### 1. Poor sanitation and water

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The water sources are a health hazard because they are contaminated, and animals die inside the dam while in some parts residents drink from the same puddles and are also very far.	Selection of a committee which will mobilize communities to participate in water sources protection activities and also in financial contribution towards addressing this issue.	Community, Water Project Committee, Bucopho, Inkhundla Council, SWSC, Natural Resources, Indlunkhulu, RA, World Vision, Cospe, Water Aid.



## 2. Lack of business skills

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Most local businesses collapse because business owners lack business skills	Acquire business skills through skills trainings offered by relevant institutions that can be invited into the community.	Community committee, SEDCO, World Vision, Mbita and ACAT

## 3. Poor road infrastructure

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Transport is inadequate in this area such that plans to reach producers in time are deterred and development is stalled	Mobilize community to select a committee that will work with the Public Works department and seek assistance of a grader	Community, Umphakatsi, Inkhundla Council, Public Works.

## 4. Difficulty in acquiring business land

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The youth is not given land to start businesses in this area and the land also comes at high costs	Approach the Umphakatsi to ask for land which will be suitable for businesses, and ask that they reduce the cost of acquiring the land	Umphakatsi, Bandlancane, Umsumpe, CDC, The Chief

## 5. Poverty

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Communities are under developed (no job opportunities, no businesses)	Residents must be trained on vocational and business skills. - Businesses must be introduced in this area and also the	Business people, NGOs, NDMA



	community must learn to do gardening for profits.	
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## 6. Poor and far health services

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
No transport people die and give birth while still trying to reach these distant health facilities.	Advocate for the introduction of mobile clinics. Approach relevant authorities for the construction of a hospital/clinic in the community.	Community, Umphakatsi, Inkundla Council, Ministry of Health, Land Development.