

Mambane&Lukhetseni Community Lubombo Region

Introduction

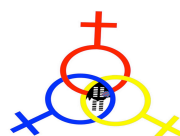
The agenda is accomplished by the Women and Youth Project which is funded by the European Union, implemented by COSPE in partnership with Gcama Mfati, Luvatsi, Kwakha Indvodza and Swaziland Community multimedia network. This agenda elaboration was conducted in 10 communities within the Lubombo and Shiselweni 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.

Eleven (11) Issues identified.

1. Poor water and sanitation

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Few water sources and dry unprotected wetlands. Sharing water sources with livestock.	Protect wetlands/fencing so that livestock cannot destroy water sources. Practice water harvesting and recycling. Make financial contributions and contact Natural resources department to assist in protecting the wetlands. Learn to build man-made tanks, ask building material so that community can build dams for water harvesting.	Economist, CDC, Inkhundla Council, ESWADE, Water Resources and Energy, RHMS, Ministry of Health, Cospe. Community members.



2. Access to land expensive

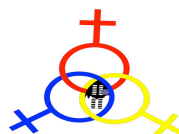
<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Most part of this land is allocated to those who acquired it long ago	Advocate for Land Policy to be approved. Review land Policies.	Ministry of Tinkhundla, Chief, Inner Council, RA.

3. Lack of quality education and poor local schools' performance

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Schools are far and too expensive yet they lack the desired services for qualities/ services e.g. Wi-Fi and proper libraries	Introduce Practical/Vocational subjects. Parents also are to play a major role in their children's education through forming committees that will address this issue and further make donations towards building of proper school	Ministry of Education, School committee, REO, Parents and the Principal

4. Inadequate and inconsistent transport

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Improper road infrastructure	Form groups and also try to fill potholes on the road. Donate E10.00 from each homestead per day for 3 months as capital to hire tractors who will collect the resources/materials that we will use in building our roads. Form committee which will approach the Ministry of Public Works and ask for assistance.	CDC, Bucopho, MP, Indvuna Yenkhundla, Ministry of Works and transport

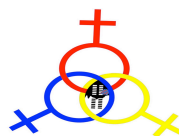


5. Lack of access to land

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>Long and costly process and protocols e.g. E6000.00 fee to access land. Much corrupt information on how one can access land. Youth need to get married in order to access land. There is little land left for Umphakatsi while majority of it is owned by people who don't even utilize it.</p>	<p>Government to do statistics and standardize portioning of land to community members. Approach Ministry of Natural Resources to teach us on how to access land and the protocols to be followed.</p>	<p>Ministry of Tinkhundla, Chief, Inner Council, RA, Land use officer</p>

6. Inadequate health facilities

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>Women cannot access check-ups when they are pregnant, and they cannot access contraceptive services</p>	<p>Introduction of mobile clinics or first Aid kits. Every homestead must have a garden so to get a balanced diet meal. Add male RHMs to also accommodate males</p>	<p>Ministry of Health, Bucopho, RHMs, MP, Indvuna Yenkhundla</p>



7. High unemployment rate

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Uneducated youth, yet they have very little or no life skills at all. Poor job opportunities. There is also high reliance on employment instead of starting businesses.	Develop businesses, engage ourselves in community projects. Propose investors to establish factories.	CDC, Inkhundla, Ministry of Education, Youth Council, Gcama mfati, Umtfufukisi.

8. Restricting border and boundary policies

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Difficulty moving with our products to neighboring countries which are of closer proximity to our community as compared to markets within our country e.g. South Africa and Mozambique	Opening of border posts around this place or Ticanco	Inkhundla, Ministry of Tourism, Security forces and Ministry of Agriculture, neighboring chiefdoms

9. Demolishing of development structures

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
No security in the businesses. More illiterate people in this area	Educate the community about development. Leadership should know of everything happening in the community. Reviewing community security forces e.g. Community Police. Development activities should accommodate everyone to avoid conflicts	Community Police, CDC, Inner Council, REPS, Chief



10. Drug and substance abuse

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Exposure to these substances by parents. Lack of education and unemployment.	Educate the affected group about the dangers and impacts of engaging in drugs. Teach youth about self-esteem and engage them in community development projects.	Parents, Gcama Mfati, Drugs and Substance department, youth

11. Teenage pregnancy

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Lack of academic education and sex education poverty and peer pressure	Teach young girls and boys about the dangers of early sexual engagement further motivate them to engage themselves rather in youth activities.	CDC, Parents, Youth Council, Luvatsi, Kwakha Indvodza and Gcama Mfati