



Sandleni 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.

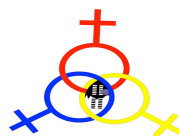
Seven (7) Issues identified.

1. Lack of support for Youth participation in decision making

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Youth are told they are too young to be leaders, and therefore not elected into leadership roles.	Education or awareness on this issue focusing on traditional leaders on the importance of the inclusion of youth. Empower and motivate youth to participate in community activities.	Community (Care givers, Indvuna, Youth leader) and SNYC Parents. Youth Fund

2. Lack of knowledge to start the business and access funding

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Youth are told they are too young to be leaders, and therefore not elected into leadership roles.	Request The Youth Fund to come to Sandleni and educate the Youth on the requirements of accessing their funds.	Cospe, relevant NGOs,



3. Lack of access to land

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
There's available land which the community cannot access as they are told it belongs to people who left the community years ago. Even if the land belongs to you once you mention that you want to start business you are forced to Khonta for it once again.	Community leaders can be engaged so that they do not give one person a number of portions of land while others are not granted access to land to do business. Engage the Chief directly when discussing development Programs.	Imisumpe, Inner Council, Bucopho, CDC, NGOs (ACAT and World Vision) Princes.

4. Lack of access to water

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Distant and very low sources of water as compared to homesteads	Community members to unite and protect water sources because currently water is shared with livestock. Leadership also to unite with the community and engage Rural Water to help solve this problem.	World Vison, ESWADE, Bucopho, Rural Water and the Inner Council, Community members.

5. Lack of support from decision makers

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
During decision making and supporting each other, they feel like you are not supposed to voice out your struggle. Women have to observe some protocols which then turn to be a process	Women form associations to foster support for each other and networks to learn from each other	Women, Church leaders, Inner Council, Chairperson of savings group, ACAT, SRWA, Gcama Mfati.



6. Poor gravel roads

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The roads are not in good state; it is hard to reach our markets especially during rainy season.	mobilize community members to join hands towards the maintenance of residential roads e.g. In digging trenches on the side of the road. For the main road, approach Bucopho to engage government towards the maintenance of the road.	Bucopho, Inkhundla Council, Neighboring Chiefdoms, Ministry of Public Works, Government structures (Tinkhundla, Schools and Clinics).

7. Unutilized Youth Services

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Youth have resources in place but they do not use them	Youth empowerment activities. Do rental business for their already established structures so that they earn something other than neglecting them. Support them to form organizations and encourage them to venture into business or development activities	Youth leader, CDC, Town Board, Youth, Parents, MP and Community leaders. Luvatsi