



Hlane & Entandweni 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.

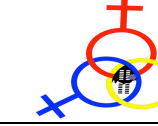
Eight (8) Issues identified.

1. Poor water and sanitation

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The dirty water is not suitable for use in the piggery project while residents also drink from the same puddles with animals	Community should make financial contributions for a clean water project and seek assistance from Rural Water. Apply for clean water from SWSC and have water meters for residents. For agricultural purposes, the community will contribute towards the construction of dams by the Inkhundla.	Rural water, Water aid, Eswatini natural resources

2. Inadequate health facilities

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>



<p>Some sick people die or give birth along the road while still going to the clinic. It is costly for a person to hire a car, which will transport them to the clinic as transport is not too reliable in this community.</p>	<p>Introduction of mobile clinics. Request the Ministry of Health to construct a hospital/clinic in the community.</p>	<p>community, Ministry of Health, CDC, Land Management Board, Umsumpe</p>
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3. Insufficient educational facilities

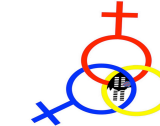
<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>There already available schools are too few and do not accommodate all the community kids. Pupils travel very long distances in order to reach schools.</p>	<p>The community must come together and make contributions towards building a high school which will be close by. Another solution is the construction of additional classes in the existing schools.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education, CDC, Bucopho, Umsumpe, community, Inkhundla, Council, Land Management Board, King's Committee</p>

4. No land allocated for business purposes and available land is expensive

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>No businesses has been established here since acquiring land for business is costly.</p>	<p>Convene as a community and request for land that will be used for business purposes from the Umphakatsi. Ask the authorities to lower the costs of acquiring this land</p>	<p>CDC, business people, Bucopho, Sihlalo</p>

5. High crime rate

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>



Police station or post is very far. Burglary is rife in the businesses.	Advocate for a police post, and police visibility. Create awareness on crime prevention and the consequences of crime.	Community police, Department of Justice, Royal Eswatini Police Services, Indlunkhulu
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6. Poverty

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The community is under developed thus leading to lack of businesses, business skills and unemployment	More businesses would mean more employment opportunities, thus establishing more locally owned entities would solve the current problem. Start farming to encourage more people to be involved in business	Business people, Cospe, World Vision, Sedco, Bantwana initiative, Lulote and Co-operatives

7. Lack of business knowledge

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Businesses lack the potential to grow because small business people lack basic business skills.	Invite business institutions to train small business persons on sustainable business development.	Youth Fund, Nhlanyelo, RDF, BANKS, Sedco, Cospe, World Vision and SWAFTU

8. Lack of development and vocational skills

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Only a few people within the area have handcraft skills in the community. Other essential skills like intensive agricultural farming, welding to name	Approach vocational schools to train community members at an affordable price and find a way to supplement the fees	Bucopho, Ekululameni, Sedco, MITC, Mpaka Vocational Training Center



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