



Khubuta Community Shiselweni 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.

Nine (9) Issues identified.

1. Poor infrastructure (roads)

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The bad roads make it hard for customers to reach the business while also making it hard for Producers to reach their customers on time.	Business people to convene a meeting then invite Bucopho, MP and the Department of Works and Transport	Community, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, CDC, Inkhundla



2. Poor water and sanitation

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>There is no clean water for business and domestic consumption. The available, unclean water sources are far, and its costly to get clean water for business use thus more capital and financial resources are wasted on bringing this resource closer.</p>	<p>Invite Umphakatsi to a meeting where the community will select a water project committee that will oversee the water project by ensuring that community members make contributions towards expanding the water-line to come closer to the homesteads where businesses are being conducted.</p> <p>Invite Rural Water department to request them to fence the available sources of water</p>	<p>Water committee, Bandlancane, RDF, Micro project, World vision, Water Aid, Rural water, Bucopho</p>

3. Unavailable health services

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
<p>People have died on the way while they try to reach health facilities because it is too far and not easy to reach. Sometimes one needs to hire a car to be taken to the hospital, but not everyone can afford to hire that car.</p>	<p>Introduce mobile clinic so that residents do not have to travel far for medical services. Advocate for the construction of a clinic and make contributions as community members. Select project committee that will oversee the implementation of the project</p>	<p>Business people, CDC, Ministry of Health, Batfutfukisi</p>



4. Distance from Police Post

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
High crime rates, and the most common one being burglaries	Meet Umphakatsi to revive local community police structures. Invite Police to create awareness campaigns on crime and its consequences. The police will also be asked to perform routine patrol so that members are aware that the police are always around	Community police, Eswatini Royal Police Services, Indlunkhulu

5. Business land expensive and positioning not favorable

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Acquiring land for business is very expensive and not accessible to women and youth.	Select business committee to invite Umphakatsi and Inner Council to request them to reduce the price for business land, and to also allocate a different piece of land because the available one is too awkward to conduct business.	CDC, Umsumpe, Inkhundla

6. Distant markets

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
It is costly to take produce to target customers or markets since they are very far from the rural areas	Advertise own business through billboards, social media and radio. Construct market stalls, this can be obtained by approaching Umphakatsi and asking for the allocation of this land	Business people, Ministry of Commerce and Trade, Swazi commercial amadoda, Namboard, inkhundla, inner council



7. Lack of access to capital

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
There is lack access to startup capital and ways of acquiring it from the given places	Have training/workshops with established business people so they can learn from their experiences on how to obtain capital for their businesses. Ask bank institutions to attend community meetings and educate them on how to apply for funding through the bank, and the requirements. Meet Inkhundla Council and ask to be educated on how best can they access funding available at the Inkhundla	NGO, poverty alleviation, bank sector

8. Lack of business skills (vocational skills)

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
No school for skills thus there are no exemplary people who can inspire others on handicraft skills.	Request business skill trainers to come to their community and train them on different skills	Cospe, World Vision, Micro Project, RDF, Community, vocational centers, SEDCO

9. Lack of farming inputs leading to low yield

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The RDA is far; tractors causes delays in farming as they take too long to reach this place until the ground is dry	Request the RDA department to bring the office closer and be centered around Khubuta, so that the farming inputs can be easily available.	