



## Tikhuba 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.

### Ten (10) Issues identified.

#### 1. Poor Road infrastructure

<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	Business people to convene a meeting then invite Bucopho, MP and the Department of Works	Community, Public works, Community Development committee, Inkhundla

#### 2. Dirty water and distant water sources

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
There is no clean water for business and domestic consumption. The available, unclean water sources are far, and its costly to get clean water	- 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 committee, Bandlancane, RDF, Micro project, World vision, Water Aid, Rural water, Bucopho



for business use thus you cannot do a profitable business using these water sources.	<p>water-line to come closer to the homesteads where businesses are being conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invite Rural Water department to request them to fence the available sources of water.</li> </ul>	
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### 3. Distant Clinic/ hospital

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
People have died on the way while they try to make their way to the clinic 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduce mobile clinic so that residents do not have to travel far for medical services</li> <li>- Meet Umphakatsi elders</li> <li>- Advocate for the construction of a clinic and make contributions as community members</li> <li>- Select project committee that will oversee the implementation of the project</li> </ul>	Business people, CDC, Ministry of Health, Batfufukisi,

### 4. Difficulty in obtaining Umphakatsi stamp

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
The Umphakatsi stamp not available close by (too far) and not easy to access as there are political conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The community stamp should be moved from the chief's home to the Inkhundla.</li> <li>-Ask the MP to lobby to move the community stamp to the Inkhundla.</li> </ul>	MP, Bantfwabekhosi (Princes and Princesses), Regional Administrator

### 5. Difficulty in obtaining land for the youth

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
It is hard to access business land from community leadership for the youth and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-If the youth wants land they should come as a group.</li> <li>-The elderly community members and inner council should be educated/</li> </ul>	Inner council, Community development committee.



women, but the youth is affected the most.	<p>sensitized on that the youth also has rights to land access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The youth should participate in community meetings at the Umphakatsi.</li> <li>-The inner council must be asked to show the community development land portioned for community members a long time ago.</li> </ul>	
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## 6. Lack of Business support from the community

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Youth is not recognized in this area such that they even don't get support in the produce they sell.	-We need to find a way to market our businesses, engage with already established business people in the area.	Media, business people

## 7. Lack of access to funding

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Youth cannot write a business plan as stipulated by The Youth Fund -banks and other money lending organizations want surety or a certain percentage of the money you are borrowing so that they assist you.	-Youth fund should conduct business classes where the youth will be lectured on how to write business plans and run businesses in the Tinkhundla centers.	Youth, Mp, Bucopho, Bhekiwe Maziya (in trust of the youth funds)



## 8. Lack of skills support (Youth)

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Some of the youth have specific skills but they are undermined and not given the platform to grow in the sense that they are not even given startup capital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We need to find a way to market our businesses, engage with already established business people in the area.</li> <li>-The constituency can create youth-friendly platforms to showcase skills.</li> <li>-The community and constituency should be well aware of the talents the youth have in the community.</li> </ul>	Media, Youth, Bucopho, Mp, ENYC, Community development committee

## 9. Lack of knowledge on National Policies and Instruments

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
People in the rural areas do not know about these national policies and do not even know if their rights are being infringed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Member of Parliament must be obligated to come back and report to the community and educate community members on policies (bills) that are being debated in parliament.</li> <li>-Advocate for national and local radio programs that educate people on policies.</li> <li>-Introduce these policies early in schools.</li> </ul>	MP, Ministry of Tinkhundla, Ministry of Education - department responsible for career guidance and curriculum.

## 10. Lack of access to certificates (marriage and birth)

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Children have no birth certificates which is problematic when they have to go to school, women don't know the importance of marriage certificates until they encounter problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tinkhundla should have a way for us to have issued marriage certificates, so it can be closer and easier for us to get.</li> <li>- Even the women with children should also be encouraged to get their child certificates</li> </ul>	Mp, Bucopho, Indvuna yenkhundla, Social welfare. Birth Marriage Death

