

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

From the start of the project, it was clear that there are not any negative socio-economic impacts associated with this project. Stakeholders are aware of the proposed upgrade of the road and the Engineers communicated the proposed project to the relevant leaders and politicians. The upgrading of the road will have a positive socio-economic effect on the communities.

The public participation process was undertaken in accordance with the principles and requirements of the Namibian Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007 and associated Regulations.

The approach to the public participation process was open and participatory with the full involvement of Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs). This approach ensured that reasonable measures were taken to identify stakeholder issues and concerns.

The Methodology for the Public Participation was as follows:

The first round of public consultation was undertaken by Enviro Management Consultants commencing on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 and closing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 and public consultation meetings were held at the Makanga and Masida villages on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. The report on this public consultation process, the minutes of the meeting and the attendance register can be found under **Appendix C of the Environmental Scoping Report**. Comments obtained from the meeting minutes have been taken into consideration.

The stakeholder list is presented in Table 1 below.

*Table 1. List of Stakeholders (Source: EMC)*

<b>Stakeholders</b>	
Hon. Colonel (Rtd) Lawrence Alufea Sampofu	Zambezi Regional Council
Hon. Matengu Simushi	Zambezi Regional Council
Ms. Regina Ndopu-Lubinda	Zambezi Regional Council
Hon. Ivenne Kabunga	Linyanti Constituency
Mr. Woita Kapumburu	Ministry of Health and Social Services
Mr Alex Sikume	Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture
Ms. Adrenah Mukela	Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture
In addition to the list above the attendance registers from the meeting minutes provide further details of stakeholders, presented under <b>Appendix C</b> .	

A list of comments and concerns received during the meeting held at the villages of Makanga and Masida is presented under Table 2.

*Table 2. Comments and concerns from stakeholders (Source: EMC)*

<b>Comment/Concern</b>	<b>Response</b>
Why has no compensation been paid to the affected landowners yet?	Yes
The people were expecting a meeting on the progress of the road.	Yes
What will happen to the damaged places?	Yes
How did the contractor start without a certificate?	Yes
Are we going through the same compensation process again?	Yes

Will there be a communication structure?	Yes
I understand you need to look at your records, but what about compensation for big trees that have been removed?	Yes
I am affected by the alignment, I have no issue to move, but I would like to know when will compensation be paid.	Yes
What will happen to the affected landowners?	Yes
We are disappointed because we were never consulted before the project started.	Yes
What will be done to the road to Kansoko, are there any improvements planned there?	Yes
What meeting was held earlier if it was not an environmental meeting?	Yes
The electrical poles, what will happen to them?	Yes
What will happen to existing services?	Yes
There was a pipe damaged.	Yes
What is the distance of the road reserve?	Yes
I was not around during the first compensation measurements.	Yes
Our home is 1m away from the peg.	Yes
How long does the compensation take?	Yes
There is a peg inside our yard and no one informed us.	Yes
How long is the project going to take?	Yes
Will there be compensation for the Khuta's fence that was shifted?	Yes
Where is the end of the proclaimed road?	Yes
Some yards were recorded and some were not, what happens to these?	Yes
Will the culverts be safe for kids if they hold water?	Yes
Will compensation only be paid at the end of the project?	Yes

The advertisements were placed as follows: The Market Watch sections of the Allgemeine Zeitung, Republikein and Namibian Sun newspapers on the following dates:

1. 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 and
2. 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

Please refer to **Appendix C** of the Environmental Scoping Report for the proof of placements of the newspaper notices. There were no email comments received after the notifications placed in the newspapers.