

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER IN MASIDA VILLAGE, LINYATI CONSTITUENCY, ZAMBEZI REGION



RECORDS OF INPUT AND COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING CONSULTATION

The consultation period runs between April and May 2026

The following stakeholders were consulted on one-on-one basis with the Lead EAP (Mr. Joseph Amushila) and provided independent opinions and input towards the project.

- Regional Councillor: Linyati Constituency
- Masida Sub-khuta
- Mafwe Traditional Authority (MTA)
- Masida Combined School Management
- Masida School Board
- Community Development Committee (CDC)
- Masida Community Forest (MCF)
- Directorate of Forestry (DoF) – MEFT
- Northern Electricity Distributor (NORED)

At the initial stage, the site was selected through a comprehensive consultative process involving all key stakeholders, yielding zero objections. Additionally, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) conducted direct, one-on-one consultations to evaluate the necessity of a public meeting. Due to overwhelming stakeholder support and positive project perceptions, it was mutually determined that a formal public meeting was unnecessary at this stage.

The input submitted during the consultation is summarized below, comments and suggestions were and incorporated in the Scoping report.

	Issues and concerns raised
Comments/suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The site is closer to the school soccer field; it should be shifted a bit to avoid disrupting the field usage. - The proposed telecommunication tower is a necessity to the Masida C School and will significantly benefit local schools by enhancing teaching and learning through improved digital connectivity. Currently, teachers must travel long distances just to access reliable internet resources. -The proposed development site is not in dispute with any person and was duly identified by the Village Development Committee and the Masida Traditional Authority (Sub-khuta). The MTA should go ahead with the lease of the land allow construction of the tower as soon as possible. -The tower will improve development in the village and region at large -Priority for employment should be given to local people during the construction stage. -The contractor should be informed to contact the Masida Community Forest before starting with land clearing. If there are protected trees, a permit will be required.
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will the Tower be powered by solar or connected to electricity? -Will there be a 24/7 security or will it be the responsibility of the community to provide security to the tower? -Will they create an access road to the site? -When is this project expected to start?

Annexure 1

Input received