

MPULUNGU TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET PREPARATION 2024 STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING HELD IN WALAMO HALL, CIVIC CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 10:20 HOURS.

OFFICERS PRESENT:	Mr. Jones Maipambe	- Deputy Council Treasurer
	Mr. James Chilufya	- Socio Economic Planner
	Mr. Weston Mumba	- Town Planner
	Mr. Malwa Lialabi	- Assistant Committee Clerk
	Ms. Christine Kabaso	- Public Relations Officer
	Mr. John Tembo	- Registry Supervisor
	Mr. Sydney Kafupi	- Market Master
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. Boniface Chisha	- Chairperson Ward Development Committee Central Ward
	Mr. Isaac Nsizya	- Chairperson Ward Development Committee Chibulula Ward
	Ms. Napanji Mogha	- Chairperson - Tanganyika Abercorn Tourism Association
	Reverend Allan Mukuni	- Chairperson - Pastors Fellowship
	Mr. Kennedy Nsama Musonda	- Chairperson - Islamic Community
	Mr. Phillip Kamwelu	- Chairperson - People With Disability
	Mr. Stainley Chambula	- People with Disability
	Mr. Kennedy Chama	- Chairman Main Market
	Mr. Alfred Sikazwe	- Vice Chairman Main Market
	Mr. Chisenga Chalwe	- Secretary Main Market
	Mr. Moses Sichilima	- Chairman Mupata Market
	Mr. Phirip Mwambazi	- Vice Chairman Mupata Market
	Mr. Moffat Chininga	- Representative Ngwenya Market
	Mr. Gevis Sichilima	- Community Member

Mr. Timothy Sikazwe
Mr. Sadick Nsof
Mr. Stephen Muchindo

- Community Member
- Community Member
- Secretary - Information
Publicity Mpulungu Youth
Association
- Radio Walamo
- News Editor - Radio
Walamo

Mr. Chimwemwe Simpito
Mr. Andrew Mwelwa

PRAYER

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, there was a prayer by Mr. Chisenga Chalwe - Secretary Main Market.

SELF INTRODUCTION

Everyone present introduced themselves.

MD/BP/ST/01/09/23:

PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and said he was saddened by the stakeholders turn out. He said that regulations for the budget to be approved by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development needed engagements of stakeholders, therefore the meeting was very cardinal in the development and service provision to the community.

He also said that a lot of development had taken place in the past 20 years since Mpulungu became a District. The Chairperson highlighted a few as below;

1. Tarred roads
2. District Hospital
3. Civic Centre
4. Community radio station

The Chairperson further informed the stakeholders about the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the District which was focusing on economic diversification from been fish dependent to Agriculture and Tourism, as we had Land, Rivers, Lake and access to the Great Lakes Region. He said that Council was working on the new Mpulungu lay out plan which had 1,467 plots. In addition he said 140 beneficiaries had received their grants from Constituency Development

Fund (CDF) and had the fish ban implemented as contained in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

MD/BP/ST/02/09/23:

OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

1. Stakeholders were concerned if the Chiefs were consulted during the formulation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) because many were the times that development had been halted and slowed down when the Chiefs says they were not consulted.

➤ The Chairperson said that the Chiefs were part of the whole consultative process.

2. Stakeholders requested to know if prices of the plots at new Mpulungu were already set.

➤ The Chairperson said that prices were not set since the process was still in progress and the community would be informed when the process concludes.

Stakeholders further requested if consideration could be taken into account the marginalised groups such as those with disability, women and youths to make the plots affordable.

3. Stakeholders requested if sensitisation could be done on prohibited fishing nets by the Community after the fish ban.

➤ The Chairperson said that arrangements were already been done to sensitise the Community and a meeting would be held.

MD/BP/ST/03/09/23:

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Deputy Council Treasurer informed the stakeholders on the progress and completed community projects that were undertaken using the Constituency Development Funds (CDF). He said that the Community Projects 2023 were still at procurement stage. Find attached Projects list.

In addition he said that the Council was facing some challenges such as;

1. High levels of literacy in the Community where it was National wide concern.

2. Low levels of compliance in terms of paying of property rates and others fees and charges.

3. Low staffing levels (revenue collectors) to enhance revenue collections at Ngwenya Market.

OBSERVATIONS AND CONCERNS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

1. Stakeholders requested to know if Mupata Market was going to be relocated because of the road side traders at Shi Lotti or it was just the Ablution block construction.

- The Deputy Council Treasurer informed them it was just the Ablution block and the market had a lot of space and already the traders were engaged to move.

Still the stakeholders were concerned that Shi Lotti was now charging those road side traders by his place.

- The Deputy Council Treasurer said that the structure at Mupata would be replanned and Shi Lotti be engaged stop charging the traders.

2. Stakeholders expressed concerned if Council had engaged the Community over the low compliance level in payments of property rates and other fees.

- The Deputy Council Treasurer said that arrangements were already done for a meeting to address the matter.

3. Stakeholders proposed to the Council to construct stands for revenue collection purposes to easy collection by the revenue collector.

- The proposal was noted.

4. Stakeholders requested to know if the Land for the Dump site and Cemetery was found.

- The Land was found and just waiting to conclude the process and Community would be informed.

5. Stakeholders proposed for the renovation of the People with disability shop.

- The proposal was noted.

6. Stakeholders raised concern that the main market had no toilet while other markets had.

- The stakeholders were guided that an ablution block was given to them were they rejected where site construction identified.

7. Stakeholders raised concern why motor bike riders were not been charge by the Council.

- The stakeholders were guided that the current Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) regulations did not permit motor bikes as a mode of transport and this was a National wide

matters, in addition the Ministry of Transport was in the process of amending the regulations. Thus currently arrangements have been done to engage the riders on safety of motor bikes operations with their passengers and a meeting would be held.

8. Stakeholders were concerned with Mango infection in the District and no authority had come on board, on how to manage it especially the Health department.
 - The concern was noted.

MD/BP/ST/04/09/23:

SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2024

At this point in time stakeholders were invited to submit projects that they felt would enhance development the District. The Deputy Council Treasurer guided the stakeholders that all submission should be done through the Ward Development Committees (WDC) and the Constituency Development Fund Committee (CDFC) approve projects according to the resource bucket available when a technical appraisal had been done by Officers and implement them, they should also bear in mind that this was a process if not implemented after application a project would still be considered in the coming year.

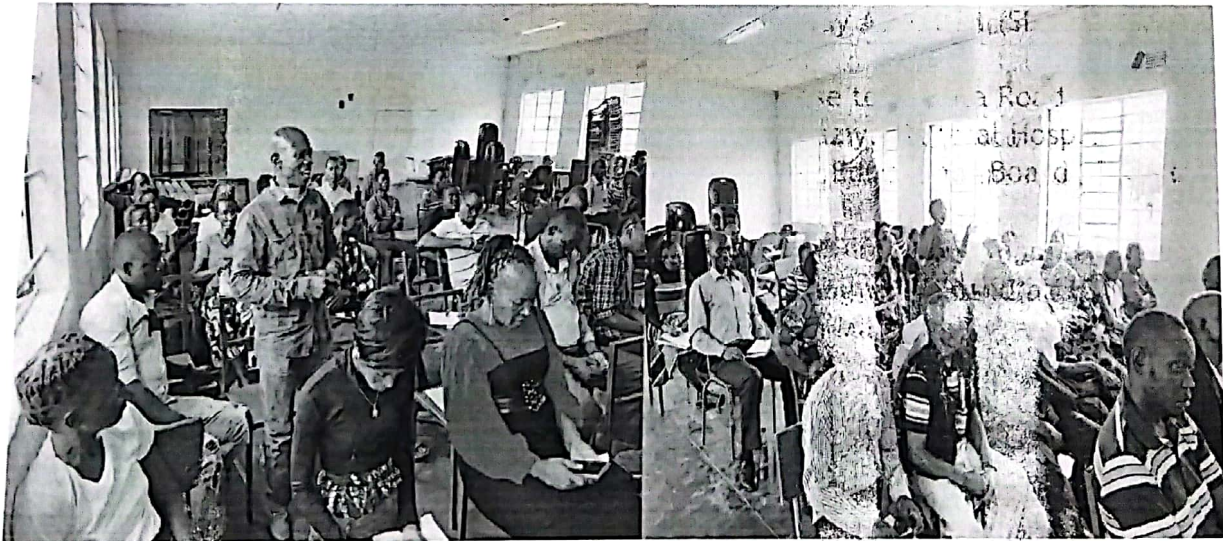
Stakeholders submitted the following;

1. Restructuring of Muzabwela football ground.
2. Construction of a correctional facility. (DC)
3. Purchase of machine and equipments for the Youths Skills Centre.
4. Rehabilitation of Twiza toilets.
5. Inclusion of facilities to accommodate People with Disabilities in all ablution blocks.
6. Renovations of the People with Disabilities shops.
7. Paving of the Civic Centre to easy access for People with Disabilities.
8. Creation of a taxi rank.
9. Construction of fish and kapenta stands and shelter at Ngwenya Market.
10. Purchase of machinery and equipments for the Mango juice plants in Mankonga.
11. Purchase of equipments for the new community radio station.

12. Construction of a classroom block at Makai Community School.
13. Construction of a classroom block at Mbete.
14. Opening up access road to Mbete falls enhancing Tourism.
15. Renovations of Kabatwe Community School.
16. Construction of more shops at the main market where timber was been sold.
17. Completion of the market shelter main market.
18. Installation of submissive pump and tank in boreholes in the District.
19. Installation of solar street lights from Mupata to Harbour.
20. Rehabilitation of Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) to Mupata Road.
21. Rehabilitation of Lesawapose to Mupata Road.
22. Rehabilitation of Joint to Kaziya General Hospital.
23. Rehabilitation of District Education Board Secretary (DEBS) to Kasasa Road.

There being no any other business to transact, the meeting was closed at 13:52 hours after a prayer by Mr. Alfred Sikazwe - Vice Chairman Main Market.

Pictures Taken during the meeting.



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For

COUNCIL SECRETARY

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DATE 7 SEP 2023

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