

MPULUNGU TOWN COUNCIL
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON 2025
BUDGET PREPARATION
HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2024 AT VYAMBA
PRIMARY SCHOOL, VYAMBA WARD



ATTENDANCE LIST:

1. JOSEPH SIMUCHENJE : WDC CHAIRPERSON -VYAMBA WDC
2. JAMES NG'ANDU :WARD SECRETARY
3. DARIA MULAYAMBA
4. VINCENT SIMUCHENJE
5. ISACC SIKAZWE
6. ELIAM SIMUYOLA
7. ROBY SIMUCHENJE
8. KENNEDY CHOMBA SIKAZWE
9. JANE NAKALUMBI
10. JENNIFER CHANGALA
11. CHIELSHE SIKAZWE
12. PETER KASITU
13. BERNARD MUSAMPA
14. EMMANUEL SIKAZWE : WDC SECRETARY
15. EDINA MAZIMBA
16. EGRIN NANKONDE
17. AGNESS NAMUNYOLA
18. LYDIA NAMBAO
19. ANNA NSAMA
20. GLORIA KAOMA
21. ENESS NACHIVULA
22. CHISHA NAMUKWANTA
23. JAMES MBAO
24. ANGELA KAITTE
25. FELDA NAMUNYOLA
26. RODAH KANYANTA
27. PETER SIKANYIKA
28. CHAYAULI SIKAZWE : VYAMBA WARD CHAIRPERSON
29. PHYLLIS ACHIUME :MTC
30. CHRISTINE KABASO : MTC
31. JAMES CHILUFYA :MTC

1.0 Meeting Opening

The meeting commenced at **10:00 hours** with an opening prayer led by **Isaac Sikazwe** from Sindano Village, Vyamba Ward.

The agenda was as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Remarks / Introductions
- Main Business (Presentation and Discussion)
- Open Discussion for Project Proposals
- Closing Remarks
- Closing Prayer

2.0 Welcome and Purpose

Mr. James Chilufya, the Council Social Economic Planner, welcomed all stakeholders and emphasized the importance of their full participation. He explained that this engagement was a crucial preparatory step for developing the **2025 Council Budget**, allowing community stakeholders to propose vital development projects.

3.0 Main Business: District Development Overview

Mr. Chilufya provided a comprehensive presentation on the district's development progress, highlighting key information:

3.1 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Update

Mr. Chilufya reported significant progress on the **Integrated Development Plan (IDP)**, a guiding document for the district's operations from 2019-2031. He confirmed that the IDP has been **approved by the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development** and its official launch is imminent. The plan was formulated through extensive consultations across all 85 zones of Mpulungu.

3.2 Mpulungu District Demographics

According to Zamstats (2022), the population of Mpulungu District stands at **153,564**, with 75,467 males and 78,097 females. The population distribution by ward is detailed below:

S/N	Ward Name	Kilometer Squared	Activity	Population
1	Chibulula	379	Fishing	8,365
2	Chilumba	27	Fishing and Tourism	7,782
3	Chisha	2265	Farming	7,719
4	Chitimbwa	543	Farming	5,974
5	Isoko	151	Farming	8,290
6	Isunga	566	Farming	5,006
7	Itimbwe	1050	Farming	2,855
8	Iyendwe	1499	Farming and Tourism	5,625
9	Kapembwa	1415	Farming and Tourism	6,378
10	Lwambazi	669	Farming	6,692
11	Mankonga	135	Farming	8,395
12	Mpulungu Central	146	Trade	31,514
13	Mumila	555	Farming	2,731
14	Musengezi	440	Farming	7,706
15	Namukale	135	Fishing and Tourism	7,037
16	Tanganyika	6	Fishing and Trade	23,772
17	Vyamba	200	Farming	7,723
	Total			153,564

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3.3 Mpulungu District Vision and Strategic Goals

Mpulungu's vision is to become **"A WEALTHY AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE DISTRICT BY 2034."** The district's competitive advantages, supporting this vision, include:

1. Abundant arable land for farming.
2. Lake access for fish trade.
3. Strategic geographic position facilitating trade with neighboring countries.
4. Tourism potential from the lake.

These advantages inform the following strategic goals:

1. Diversifying the economy from capturing fish to aquaculture and agriculture.
2. Improving the tourism sector.
3. Enhancing the transport sector through better road networks.
4. Promoting lifelong education by establishing a skills center and college.
5. Establishing a first-level hospital.
6. Reducing poverty and vulnerability through inclusiveness.
7. Enhancing natural resource management.

3.4 Key Challenges Faced by the District

Despite its advantages, Mpulungu District faces several challenges:

1. **Solid waste management:** Littering in drainages leads to blockages.
2. **Lack of a gazetted burial site.**
3. **Limited health facilities.**
4. **Limited staff accommodation** for extension officers (Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, etc.).
5. **Limited educational facilities.**
6. **Shortage of school desks.**
7. **Poor feeder road network.**
8. **Limited communication networks.**

3.5 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Project Achievements

Mr. Chilufya shared the significant projects delivered by Mpulungu Town Council in 2024 using CDF:

1. Construction of Chipote Health Post in Iyendwe Ward.
2. Construction of Katulo 1x2 Classroom Block in Vyamba Ward.
3. Construction of Yamwela 1x3 Classroom Block in Chisha Ward.
4. Construction of Kavumbu Science Laboratory in Lwambazi Ward.
5. Construction of Sondwa Health Post in Mpulungu Central Ward.
6. Construction of Mbete, Chitimbwa, and Kanzombo health facilities.
7. Procurement of a cutter and compactor for the ongoing road patching project.
8. Construction of Kabamba 1x2 Classroom Block.
9. Commencement of rehabilitation of Mbita Rest House and the Urban Clinic.
10. Procurement of 4,725 desks.

3.2 Open Discussion: Community Project Proposals

Following the presentation, stakeholders expressed appreciation for ongoing development projects, particularly those in the plateau area, including:

- Road works on the GT-power road (rehabilitated to gravel by the Local Authority using newly procured equipment).
- Various CDF-funded construction projects:
 - 1x2 Classroom Block at Luzango Community School.
 - Kazombo Health Post.
 - Bulking center in Chinakila area, Chisha Ward.
 - 1x2 Classroom Block at Musenkele Primary School in Itimbwe Ward.
 - 1x2 Classroom Block at Chomba Wakasaba Primary School in Iyendwe Ward.
- Various CDF Grants and Loans, as well as skills development bursaries.
- Social Cash Empowerments (under the Department of Social Welfare).
- Free education for pupils in Government Schools.

Mr. Chilufya then opened the floor for stakeholders to propose critical projects for the **2025 Council Budget**. The proposed projects were:

1. **Construction of a Mini Hospital at Vyamba:** Advocated as centrally located for the plateau area.
2. **Construction of a Classroom Block and Science Laboratory at Vyamba Secondary School:** The school has limited capacity for learners, including boarders.
3. **Construction of an Ablution Block at Vyamba Market:** Lack of toilets poses a risk of waterborne diseases.
4. **Installation of Road Signs and Humps on Vyamba Roads:** To improve road safety and prevent accidents.
5. **Extension of Radio Waves:** To improve communication in the area.
6. **Construction of a Furrow from Mululwe to Vyamba:** Proposed by irrigation farmers for enhanced irrigation.
7. **Installation of Boreholes with Tanks:** To address the issue of residents fetching water from distant sources.
8. **Prioritization of a Borehole at Vyamba Health Center.**
9. **Connection of Power/Electricity in Vyamba Area:** Currently, only a few houses have electricity.
10. **Continued Road Works on Feeder Roads in the Plateau Area:** Specifically mentioned Vyamba-Mululwe and Chibote, critical for the district's "bread basket" region.
11. **Construction of a Police Post in Vyamba:** To address increasing criminal activities due to lack of police presence.
12. **Equal Disbursement of CDF across all Wards:** Stakeholders perceived unequal distribution favoring wards in the valley.

13. **Continuous Stakeholder Engagement:** Between political leaders and the electorate for amicable discussion and agreement on development matters.
14. **Proposal for District Delimitation:** To divide Mpulungu into two constituencies, citing its vastness and uneven development.

4.0 Closing Remarks

Mr. Chilufya thanked all attendees for their valuable time and contributions to national development. He encouraged continued collaboration among stakeholders for the socio-economic development of the district.

The meeting concluded at **12:30 hours** with a closing prayer by **Kennedy Chomba Sikazwe** from Jekapu Village.

5.0 Pictorial Analysis







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