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COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION FOR THE APOINTMENT OF THE NANDONI SOCIAL FACILITATOR

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Problem Statement

The recommendations by the Office of the Public Protector informed by the complaints lodged by the 14 villages affected by the construction of Nandoni dam have not been adequately addressed by the Department

Background

 The construction of Nandoni Dam which is a major component of the Luvuvhu River Government Water Scheme (LRGWS) commenced in 1998 and was completed in 2005. The social facilitation project is premised on the objective among others to provide economic empowerment opportunities to the communities living around Vhembe District Municipality, Venda, **Limpopo** Province

Background continues

The affected communities lodged complaints with the Office of the Public Protector (OPP) maintaining that certain issues were not resolved during the implementation of the relocation action plan. The Office of the Public Protector conducted public hearings which led to the investigation of the complaints. Subsequently, the OPP produced a report (No.4 of 2009/10). The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee in November 2014 recommended that the Nandoni dam relocation action plan must be reviewed and an action plan to this effect should be presented or submitted to the Portfolio Committee. According to the OPP report, only 14 villages are affected instead of 32 villages

Introduction

- The Department of Water and Sanitation had a stakeholder engagement sessions dated 24 and 26 The stakeholder engagement sessions were attended by the Department, Vhembe District, Councillors, Local Chiefs and 14 affected villages' representatives at the District's Council Chambers
- They adopted among others the resolutions to resuscitate the task team, establish the project technical committee, integrate social facilitation with water reticulation project

Terms of Reference

- The proposed resolutions were presented to Top Management for adoption and endorsement
- The terms of reference for the appointment of the social facilitator have the following key deliverables namely validated list of concerns, project plan, repair structural defects, socioeconomic survey and socio economic development master plan

Affected villages

- The duration of the contract is 15 months
- The list of the 14 affected villages is as follows
 Mutoti, Budeli, Mulenzhe, Tshilungoma,
 Dididi, Tshitomboni, Mphego, Tshaulu, Tswinga,
 Manini, Dovheni, Khakhanwa, Tambaulate and
 Hasani
- Additional villages subject to approval are Muledane, Xikundu, Mashawana and Maphefeni

In Conclusion

The Social Facilitator must be able to speak the local languages



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