

**MINUTES OF THE CONSITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITEE (CDFC)
CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD AT SIKONGO BOARDING SCHOOL AT 10:00
HOURS ON 30TH AUGUST 2024.**

ITEM 1. MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES PRESENT

1. CWAC
2. WDCs Chairpersons
3. Councillors
4. Council Chair
5. Member of Parliament
6. District Commissioner
7. Heads of Department
8. Religious leaders

ITEM 2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The national anthem was sung.

ITEM 3. OPENING PRAYER

Opening prayer was offered by Malondo Zonal WDC representative Mr. Sydney Simushi Pelekelo.

ITEM 4. OPENING REMARKS

4.1 COUNCIL CHAIR (CC)

In his opening remarks he emphasised the importance of the meeting he perceived not be a political rally but one meant to tackle issues surrounding CDF with the community granted opportunity to interact with their Member of Parliament. He thanked members of the committee for their efforts made to attend such a short noticed meeting who come from far various wards such as Ngumbele, Nengu and Mutala.

4.2 CDC CHAIR

He emphasised to the committee importance of the meeting as one meant to highlight challenges and success of CDF, he therefore, stressed the need for them to express themselves freely pertaining issues of CDF.

4.3 MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP)

He expressed happiness to stand in front of his constituency members from various committees present in the district, members were reminded of CDF increment from 1.6 million to 30.6 million with CDF being the centre point of delivering development at wards of the district, provincial and national level. He informed the committee that since inception of the country there has never been a president who has done such a thing to the community like the current president has done, he pointed projects that the central government has done in the district such as:

1. Construction of ZRA offices
2. Upgrade of Sikongo rural health centre to a mini hospital
3. Water reticulation systems
4. Sikongo Kalabo road with the construction to commerce in January 2025.

He thanked electorates for their support during Mwenyi and Liumena by-elections held in July this year. He informed the committee members that the meeting was held as an interactive meeting where they should exchange ideas, report challenges surrounding delayed in: Community projects in wards like Nengu, Mutala where there are shoddy works by contractors and delays in grants and loans, provide ways on how to tackle them. Further, members were informed of another drought intervention program called **Cash For Work** targeting those left out on Social Cash Transfer.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS FROM HODs

ITEM 5.1 DIRECTOR WORKS PRESENTATIONS

An update on the current number of 2024 CDF Projects and their status was provided on all sectors to be undertaken in the current period under review.

ITEM 5.1.2 DIRECTOR WORKS PLENARY

Members of the committee wanted to know if the Council has intention to work on township roads, and failure to handover CDF projects under health sector this this was made with reference to staff house under Agriculture in Lubuta ward, a clinic under Ngumbele ward, as well as why they deviate projects requested by WDCs. There was another concern with regard to why contractor are not mobilizing on site and why others mobilize on site without informing local community leadership.

In response, with regards to CDF Projects the committee was informed that the agriculture staff house at Lubuta was re-advertised and they await approval from the PGLO. As for Ngumbele Clinic the committee was informed that it Council have allocated funds to the project opened this year. On non-mobilization of contractors on the site, the committee was informed that only contractors that are paid advance payment mobilized on the site as most of them awaits advance payment. However, it was noticed that though contractors are at the centre point of project completion local contractors' ware non-performing and were urged to engage local community leadership when mobilizing on site.

Members wanted to know issues surrounding delays on construction of storage shed as the current alternative is inconveniencing boarding school. Another concern was raised on why projects under health sector were constructed in isolation of staff house and when the mortuary will be opened.

In response, the committee was informed that at the time the project was advertised there were no bidders which prompted them to redesign the project and currently there is progress on the project. Under the reasons for isolation of healthy facilities, the committee was informed that, there is currently a deficit in both health post and staff houses due to inadequacy of funds to finance all projects, hence there is a need to distribute resources equitably in all wards without disadvantaging other wards. The committee was informed on the status of the mortuary that currently works are underway.

Members wanted to know when CDF funds will be used to renovate the Police Camp and if they consider servicing CDF Police vehicle.

In response the committee was informed that, it's the process starts with the WDCs who they should engage on the matter, the committee was informed on servicing of CDF Police vehicle that it's a national outcry and they work with the current policy project guideline.

Members wanted to know they will be assisted with issues to do with EGP as they reported facing challenges with the system as in most cases they have to travel to Mongu to access better internet service.

In response, the committee was informed that, it's currently system government is using for procurement and contractors need to be familiar with or engage someone to help, further, the office of the national assembly has internet facility second to non that can be of help to contractors facing challenges with EGP.

ITEM 5.2 SOCIO ECONOMIC PRESENTATION

The presentation highlighted CDF Projects Components from 2022-upto date

Namely:

a) CDF Budget Breakdown

Under this, various budgets for each CDF component was depicted to the committee.

b) Community Project

Under this, various types of projects that were undertaken by CDF were outlined from various sectors and projects that are undertaken in each sector under period review were namely:

- a. Health – Healthy Post, Maternity Wings, Maternity Annex and Staff House, Mortuary
- b. Education – CRB (1 X 2 and 1 X 3), Staff House
- c. Agriculture – Storage shed, Staff Houses

c) Loans Components

An update was provided to the committee from the year 2022 to date on the number of beneficiaries and the total amount currently been funded under this component.

d) Grants Components

An update was provided to the committee from the year 2022 to date on the number of beneficiaries and the total amount currently been funded under this component. The trend in amount allocated to each beneficiaries was also highlighted.

e) Skills Components

An update was provided to the committee from the year 2022 to date on the number of beneficiaries and the total amount currently been funded under this component. Various types of course that are sponsored were highlighted, including the duration, institutions were applicants can go to were highlighted.

f) Secondary Bursary

An update was provided to the committee from the year 2022 to date on the number of beneficiaries and

the total amount currently been funded under this component. Various types of learners under sponsorship were highlighted, including an update on the advance payment of K130,000 been paid for current term.

ITEM 5.2.1 SOCIO ECONOMIC PLANNER PRENARY

Members wanted to know why amount for grants was reduced from K40,000 to K5,500 and the grant beneficiaries are eligible to apply for loans.

In response, the committee was informed that Clubs that received funds under grants do qualify for loans, and only those that have utilized funds well will be eligible for additional funds.

Members wanted to know the way forward to Salford students who could not complete their courses.

In response the committee was informed that, the matter is under the guidance from Ministry of Local Government and as soon as the ministry avails feedback students will return.

Members wanted to know why CDF Application forms for applicants do miss at Council offices.

In response, an apology was rendered to the committee and was assured that going forth such will not occur and that each applicant will need to provide with the office three copies of each applicants for record keeping.

ITEM 6. CLOSING REMARKS

6.1 MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

In his closing remarks he recognised party members those who have suffered for the party for long time and urged them to embrace defectors and who have come to work together with them, he issued a warning to those insulting the President as they will be left out on any government projects and programs.

He noticed that CDF works implemented in the district have taken the district at national level with CDF performance being ranked eight in the country and third at provincial level.

He appreciated committee members for attending the meeting and assured them that going forth such meeting will be held quarterly to iron out challenges and focus at the progress of CDF implementation in the district. He urged all committees to work together with their member of parliament and he informed them that the Radio station will be named **Tukongote**.

6.2 COUNCIL CHAIR

He thanked members of the various committees for attending the meeting and the organizers of the committee, he urged the committees present to report issues heard from the meeting as reported, he further, assured the committees that he would ensure changes on their concerns going forward.

6.3 CDF CHAIR

He informed the committees that no civil servant will be allowed to drag their feet in government projects and programs. He reported to the committees that the current status of boarding school was escalated at provincial level. He described the meeting as fruitful and one that has tackled a lot of challenges surrounding CDF projects.

ITEM 7. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The national anthem was sung for closing the meeting.

ITEM 8. CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was offered by the volunteer and the meeting come to end at 15:30 Hours.

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Designation: Director Planning

Signature: 

Date: 11/09/2024

Secretariat

Name: **Nyambe Lwandamo**

Designation: CDFC Chairperson

Signature: 

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