

## SIKONGO TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING STAKEHOLDER MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AT SIPOPA HALL, KING LEWANIKA, MAALA WARD –SIKONGO DISTRICT.

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#### AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. National Anthem
3. Any Apologies
4. Opening Remarks
5. Presentations
6. Plenary
7. Closing Remarks
8. National Anthem
9. Closing Prayer

#### **BHSM /01/06/10/2025- Opening Prayer**

An opening prayer was given by Matakala Nosiku

#### **BHSM /02/06/10/2025-National Anthem**

The national anthem was sung

#### **BHSM /03/06/10/2025-Any Apologies**

The Council Secretary Dr. Felistus Shimwanga was out on official duties

## BHSM /04/06/10/2025-Opening Remarks

The chairperson thanked everyone for coming and informed the house that the task ahead was of great importance to all the communities within Sikongo District.

## BHSM /05/06/10/2025-Budget Hearing Presentation

The budget was presented and total approved budget was K66,912,059 .  
The budget was broken down into the following parts

### INCOME

S/N	Category	Amount
1	Local taxes	K15,000.00
2	Fees and Charges	K161,250.00
3	Licenses	K8,400.00
4	Levies	K140,652.00
5	Permits	K9,700.00
6	Charges	K801,000.00
7	Other licenses	K70,200.00
8	National Support	K65,705,857.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>K66,912,059.00</b>

### EXPENDITURE

S/N	Category	Amount
1	Constituency Development fund	K36,058,151.00
2	Local Governance	K1,551,688.00
3	Integrated Development Planning	K485,573.00
4	Economic and Business Development	K34,100.00
5	Public Health and Environmental Protection	K734,367.00
6	Housing and Community Amenities	K3,451,127.00
7	Recreation, Culture and Religion	K259,052.00
8	Education and Skills Development	K19,241.00
9	Public Order and Safety	K735,326.00

10	Management and Support Services	K9,549,693.00
11	Resource Mobilization and Management	K182,014.00
12	District Health Services	K1,989,548.00
13	Agricultural Services	K506,000.00
14	Fisheries and Livestock	K503,176.00
15	Social Protection and Community Development	K10,853,005.00
	TOTAL	K66,912,059.00

## **BHSM /06/06/10/2025-Plenary**

### ***Duration of the Budget***

Question:

A member asked how long the 2026 budget would run.

Response:

It was clarified that the budget covers one financial year, running from 1st January to 31st December 2026 but projections are for 3 years.

### ***Major Projects Prioritized for 2026***

Question:

A member requested information on major projects planned for implementation in 2026.

Response:

The Local Authority explained that project prioritization was guided by the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The following projects were identified as top priorities:

1. Construction of Classroom Blocks
2. Construction of Health Facilities
3. Construction of Water Points

These were selected based on service gaps and community developmental needs.

### ***Issuance of Plots in 2026***

Question:

Members wanted to know whether plots would be issued during the year 2026.

Response:

The Director of Planning confirmed that plot issuance will be conducted in 2026, ensuring that community members benefit from the land development initiatives.

### ***Increase in Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Allocation***

Question:

A member asked if the CDF allocation for 2026 was expected to increase.

Response:

The Local Authority stated that there is a possibility of an increase, but the exact figure has not yet been communicated by the Central Government.

### ***Attendance of Full Council Meetings***

Question:

A member wanted clarification on whether the public is allowed to attend Full Council Meetings.

Response:

The Local Authority indicated that Full Council Meetings are open to the public, as they are community-focused platforms that uphold transparency and citizen participation.

### ***Zambia Devolution Support Programme (ZDSP) Updates***

Question:

A member referred to a recent community meeting held to select projects under ZDSP and sought clarification on the program's continuity.

Response:

The Director of Planning stated that the ZDSP is ongoing and here to stay.

- A water supply project is currently under implementation in Sikongo Maala Ward.
- Based on community voting patterns, the next approved project under ZDSP will be the construction of a Play Park.

### ***Use of Funds for Traditional Ceremonies***

Question:

A member asked how funds allocated for traditional ceremonies are utilized.

Response:

It was explained that funds dedicated to traditional ceremonies are used to support tradition-related activities, whether they occur within or outside Sikongo District.

### ***Revenue Generation by Local Authorities***

Question:

A member asked how the council generates revenue for its operations.

Response:

The Local Authority explained that:

- Councils operate under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development,
- They are empowered by the Local Government Act to perform revenue-generating functions (licenses, fees, levies, rates, etc.).
- Additionally, Sikongo Town Council receives grants from Central Government to support effective service delivery.

### ***Extension of Garbage Collection to Households***

Question:

A member requested that garbage collection services be extended to individual homes.

Response:

The Local Authority agreed that this is a valuable proposal, but emphasized that fees must be agreed upon since the service entails costs such as transportation, fuel, and waste handling.

**BHSM /07/06/10/2025:**

### **Closing Remarks**

In closing the plenary session on the 2026 Budget, the Chairperson expressed sincere appreciation to all council members, Ward Development Committee representatives, traditional leaders, stakeholders, and members of the public who participated in the meeting. The Chairperson emphasized that the active engagement demonstrated throughout the session reflects the community's growing commitment to participatory governance and inclusive development.

The Chairperson noted that the discussions held during the meeting were productive, insightful, and essential in shaping a realistic and people-centered budget for Sikongo Town Council. Particular appreciation was extended to members who raised critical questions on project priorities, revenue generation, land issuance, resource allocation, and service

delivery. These contributions were acknowledged as vital inputs that help the Council align its planning processes with the needs and aspirations of the community.

Furthermore, the Chairperson reaffirmed that the Local Authority remains committed to transparency, accountability, and equitable distribution of resources. The Council will continue working closely with the community to ensure successful implementation of the key projects highlighted for 2026, including the construction of education and health infrastructure, water points, and other developmental initiatives guided by the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Regarding the Zambia Devolution Support Programme (ZDSP), the Chairperson stressed that the ongoing projects, such as the water supply project in Sikongo Maala Ward and the forthcoming Play Park, demonstrate the impact of decentralization reforms in transforming local communities. The Chairperson encouraged members to continue supporting and participating in future ZDSP engagements.

The Chairperson also assured all present that the Council will provide timely updates on the anticipated Constituency Development Fund (CDF) allocation and the planned issuance of land plots in 2026. Members were encouraged to continue attending Full Council meetings and to freely share their views, as public participation is a cornerstone of effective local governance.

In closing, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their time, cooperation, and constructive contributions. The Chairperson urged stakeholders to remain united, proactive, and committed to the shared goal of improving service delivery and fostering sustainable development in Sikongo District. With these remarks, the Chairperson declared the meeting officially adjourned and wished all participants safe travel back to their homes.

**BHSM /08/06/10/2025: National Anthem**

The national anthem was sung and the Closing Prayer was given by one of the volunteers

There being no further business for discussion, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 16:30 hours.

**READ AND ENDORSED**



Chairperson:..... Date : 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Secretary:..... Date : 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025







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2026 BUDGET HEARING - SIPOPA HALL

DATE 06.10.2025

ATTENDANCE LIST

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MARKETTER

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BUILDINGS OFFICER

CONTRACTOR



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WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SHARE OWNER

COMMUNITY MEMBER

COMMUNITY MEMBER



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04	STEPHEN SINMATHUSA	205407/28/1	0957031462		COUNCIL



SIKONGO TOWN COUNCIL

2026 BUDGET HEARING - SIPOPA HALL

DATE 28.10.25

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Community Member

Contractor

Community Member

Teacher