

7 June 2024

Interested and Affected Parties

Dear Stakeholder,

EIA NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS AT Omayanga Village, Okatana Constituency in Oshana Region

This letter of notification serves to inform you that an application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and EIA Regulations published in Government Notice No: 30 of 2012, will be made to the office of the Environmental Commissioner for the the establishment of freshwater aquaculture and horticulture projects.

The proposed developments are aimed at improving food and nutrition security, economic development, skills transfer and mentorship programmes for smallholder farmers, students and community members who intend to engage in Agri-entrepreneurship and integrated farming system.

However, these projects cannot be undertaken without prior consent from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP). As a stakeholder, your involvement in the public participation process is vital to maintain an open and inclusive channel of communication with you. In order to do so, and ensure that you are continually informed of the project developments and the opportunity to give your inputs, raise issues and concerns pertaining to the projects, please register with your name and contact details by returning the provided comment sheet to: Email: armstrong2706@gmail.com or 0812865834.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or comments regarding the proposed projects and EIA process.

Kind regards,



Armstrong Lukubwe
Environmental Assessment Practitioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS AT Omayanga Village, Okatana Constituency in Oshana Region

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However, these projects cannot be undertaken without prior consent from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) as well as obtaining the ECC in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and EIA Regulations (Government Notice No: 30 of 2012).

To achieve these objectives, an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner has been appointed by Green Village to facilitate the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

The proposed developments are aimed at improving food and nutrition security, economic development, skills transfer and mentorship programmes for smallholder farmers, students and community members who intend to engage in Agri-entrepreneurship and integrated farming system.

It is for these reasons that, Interested and Affected Parties, general public, key stakeholders, adjacent landowners and government authorities at local level are hereby invited to attend the public meeting to give their inputs, concerns, comments, suggestions on the envisaged projects.

Proponent: Green Village
Location: Omayanga Village, Okatana Constituency
Date: Saturday, 22 June 2024
Venue: Omayanga
Time: 09h00

To further receive information regarding this development, please register and send your written comments to: Armstrong - Cell: +264 812865834 or Email: armstrong2706@gmail.com on or before **Saturday, 22 June 2024**.

Ministry of Agriculture_DAPEES_Okatana Office



**MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
AND MARINE RESOURCES**



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INLAND AQUACULTURE
CENTRE**

Green Village

NOTICE TO PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, HAS SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTER AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT THE GREEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER, 10000 GREEN VILLAGE DRIVE, PALM BACH, FLORIDA 32909. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011, AT 7:00 AM. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BREVARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 10000 GREEN VILLAGE DRIVE, PALM BACH, FLORIDA 32909. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA PUBLIC HEARING LAW, CHAPTER 218, F.S. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AT (321) 330-2200.

DATE: 5/11/11
BY: [Signature]
TITLE: [Title]

The corkboard displays several documents. On the left, there are four smaller sheets of paper. On the right, a larger poster is pinned, titled "NAMIBIA VOTES 2024" with the subtitle "GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 2024". The poster includes a table with columns for "Party", "Number of Votes", and "Percentage of Votes". The table lists several political parties and their corresponding vote counts and percentages. A white circular light fixture is mounted on the wall above the corkboard.



Okatana Constituency Office



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS AT OMayANGA VILLAGE, OKATANA CONSTITUENCY, OSHANA REGION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)



JUNE 2024

Introduction

Aquaculture is the farming of fish, shellfish, aquatic plants, and other aquatic organisms in ponds, tanks, net enclosures, cages, or raceways.

Horticulture is the branch of plant agriculture dealing with garden crops, generally fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants.

Green Village herein referred to as the proponent plans for the establishment of a vibrant commercial freshwater aquaculture and horticulture project with pioneering agri-food technologies on a 10.2 ha of land. The proposed projects were specifically considered suitable as a potential area of development because of the strategic importance to the national objectives and priorities since the Namibian government through various key players consider the development of aquaculture and horticulture as one of their important growth areas for producing food in an environmentally sustainable manner; generate income; create employment, and the potential to reduce fishing pressure on the river systems.

However, the establishment of freshwater aquaculture and horticulture projects cannot be undertaken without prior consent from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) as well as obtaining the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) since agriculture and aquaculture development are listed activities

Project Location

The property and proposed projects under reference will be established at Omayanga village, Okatana constituency of the Oshana

under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007).

To achieve these objectives, an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner has been appointed by Green Village to facilitate the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in obtaining the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the construction and operation of the proposed development of freshwater aquaculture and horticulture production at Omayanga village, Okatana constituency in Oshana region. This is required in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007), and EIA Regulations (Government Notice No: 30, 2012), as well as the development of Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) for potential negative environmental impacts during construction, operational and decommissioning phases of these projects.

Why the BID?

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a brief description of the project as well as the scoping process that will be followed, and to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) on the issues relating to the proposed developments.

region in Namibia, and it is situated along the Okatana-Ongwediva road, and also accessed via the same road (Okatana-Ongwediva road). GPS Coordinates: -17.745697; 15.724750.



Figure 1: Location of Green Village

Site Selection

Following analysis of the availability and suitability of the area, feasibility study, environmental factors as well as regulatory framework and land tenure issues, the designated site for Green Village was the most appropriate site that is available and was

Proposed Activities: Freshwater Aquaculture and Horticulture

- Based on the feasibility assessment undertaken by Green Village, the proposed aquaculture development will include the establishment of greenhouse type tunnel system in which an intensive system where Three-spotted tilapia will be cultured in tank culture system on land area measuring 1368 m² (floor area).

found suitable for these types of developments and project infrastructures, particularly considering the topographic appraisal and land use pattern. The land area upon which these developments will be established was previously undeveloped and uninhabited as it lies within the Oshanas.

- The establishment is also expected to include facilities for brood stock, hatchery, grow out, processing, nursery, and small support facilities such as laboratory, workshop, guard house, storeroom, and feed store. Other associated infrastructures such as filter system, wastewater treatment or removal, solid waste management and stormwater drainage system will also be established.

- The proposed commercial scale aquaculture development will be farmed in combination with various vegetables and related fruit crops as a mixed-use development on a single parcel of land. This will be based on a sustainable and integrated farming system that combines fish, tomato cultivation, fruit crops and poultry (fish-crop-livestock integration).
- Small-scale horticulture will include a greenhouse-based tomato cultivation system on an area of land measuring 0.2016 ha; employing environmentally friendly, advanced agricultural technologies as well as efficient and controlled tomato cultivation system that ensures year-round production and the utilization of organic farming methods to produce premium-quality tomatoes. This will also ensure the implementation of drip irrigation system which is cost-effective and

sustainable method of water conservation for optimal crop yield.

- Other vegetables and fruits proposed to be grown are cabbage and green pepper as well as about 180 trees of Mango, Orange and Lemon on a land area of 0.3 ha.
- Additionally, waste water from the fish tanks will be treated through mechanical or biological filtration systems, disinfected, stored and be reused for non-potable purposes such as watering the garden and orchard which will provide opportunity for added value and this will really boost food production and improve management of water resources. Further, the sludge generated by aquaculture operations will be treated and used as fertilizer/compost for gardening, thereby reducing cost of manuring of vegetables.

EIA Study Objectives for the Proposed Projects

- To identify potential environmental, economic, social and health impacts that may be associated with the proposed projects.
- To gather views and opinions of the general public, key stakeholders and neighbours on the potential impacts of the proposed projects.
- To evaluate environmental and social concerns, sustainability issues and developing mitigation measures which will minimise any possible and potential environmental impacts.

The Benefits of the Proposed Projects

- To improve the nutritional status, diet and ensured food security to the community of Omayanga village and that of Oshana region by providing source of fish protein through consumption of local fish.
- Horticulture production will play an important role in addressing dietary and nutrition inequities of the local community by promoting high-quality diets.
- The project aims at increasing local production and supply of fruits and vegetables to the local community, and also reduce the overreliance on imported horticulture fresh produce.
- Catching fish from the wild can't always fulfil the consumer's demand. In such cases, Green Village will produce tilapia in order to meet the demands of the domestic fish market.

- The projects will provide employment opportunities to members of the community, particularly those from Omayanga Village. Currently, Green Village employs 5 permanent workers with the possibility of employing more once the projects are in full operation.
- To provide opportunity for added value and integration of fish farming with other farming enterprises for waste recycling, water conservation and energy-efficient systems (fish-crop-livestock integration).
- Apart from contributing to national food security and economic development, the project is committed to community engagement, skills transfer and development and mentorship programmes for smallholder farmers who intend to engage in Agri-entrepreneurship and sustainable food value chains in order to maximize the entrepreneurial potential of the agricultural and aquaculture industry.
- Fish farming helps to preserve aquatic ecosystems as it doesn't require the capture of wild fish thereby depleting natural resource (wild fish).

Anticipated Project Impacts

Potential impacts will be identified for various project phases (construction, operation and decommissioning). These impacts emerge and evolve as the projects develop. Therefore, developing ways of minimising and mitigating the environmental impacts of the proposed projects is key since aquaculture and horticulture activities have the potential to both enhance or undermine social-economic development and ecosystem services.

Environmental Impact Assessment Process

The process consists of project brief submission and registration; environmental screening, scoping and consideration of alternatives; baseline data collection and analysis; public participation process; impact study phase, which includes impact identification and analysis of alternatives; development of mitigation measures; preparation of the EIA reports; submission of the application form; decision-making and authorization; environmental management and monitoring during implementation.

The Public Participation Process

Public participation basically is a fundamental principle of the EIA process which tries to ensure that due consideration is given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to:

- Obtain information about the proposed project;
- Review project documentation;
- Provide inputs and voice any concern(s) for more informed decision-making throughout the process, and
- Make recommendations on issues concerning the proposed project before decisions are made.

Public involvement is a valuable source of information on:

- Key impacts, potential mitigation measures and the identification and selection of alternatives;
- Increase public confidence in the EIA process;
- Reduce conflict through the early identification of contentious issues,
- And ensures that the EIA process is open, transparent and robust, characterized by defensible analysis.

All comments, concerns or suggestions will be recorded, evaluated and considered. These issues will be addressed and included in the EMPr that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner for review. IAPs will also be given the opportunity to comment on the findings of the scoping report.

Participation of I&APs can be done through:

- Site notices.
- Public consultation sessions that will be conducted in the project area.
- Responding to the newspaper adverts.
- Availability of the draft scoping report and EMPr.

Invitation for Comments

Should you wish to express your views, comments, recommendations, and to further receive information regarding this development as the EIA process continues, please register with the contact provided below and send us your written comments **on or before Saturday, 22 June 2024.**

Contact Details:

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Title:	Public Participation Process for the Construction and Operation of Proposed Freshwater Aquaculture and Horticulture Projects
Proponent:	Green Village
Date:	Saturday, 22 June 2024
Venue:	Omayanga village
Time:	09h00

Background

An EIA public meeting was held at Omayanga Village, Okatana Constituency, Oshana region. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the EIA process currently being conducted by the EAP in regard to the Construction and Operation of Proposed Freshwater Aquaculture and Horticulture Projects as well as give the attendees an opportunity to express their views, opinions, comments about the proposed projects.

Attendees (See attached attendance register)

Meeting Minutes

The village headman (Mr. Wenzelaus Mbwere Huumbwa, welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

Mr. Armstrong, the EAP provided the attendees with an overview of the proposed freshwater aquaculture and horticulture developments. And provided them with the background information about the projects in terms of project description and the progress thereof, conceptual layout, purpose, scoping process and potential impacts as well as the need for stakeholders' inputs, comments and suggestions to the projects. During the engagement, both adverse and beneficial impacts were identified for various project phases which include:

Beneficial:

- The proposed projects will bring much needed employment and business opportunities for people of Omayanga village and the surroundings.
- Ensured food and nutritional security as well as economic development.
- The projects will result in skills development in the area as the youths, smallholder farmers will be trained in Agri-entrepreneurship and sustainable food value chains.

Adverse impacts:

Potential user conflict over land and other communal resources, increase in noise and vibration levels, dust generation, storm water and erosion, generation of waste and effluent, public health risks e.g., outbreak and spread of diseases, ground and surface water pollution etc. Therefore, developing ways of minimising and mitigating negative environmental impacts of the proposed projects will be based on their inputs towards developing the management plan.

Issues Raised

Question:	Feedback:
1. Are we allowed to visit the project site?	At the moment permission is needed for entrance into premises because it's still under construction. Entrance at the moment is also a risk as we are trying to avoid possible outbreak of bacteria that visitors might bring, however we anticipate to have sanitizing spray in the future prior to entrance.
2. Where is the water used for the project activities sourced from?	The project currently abstracts water from two (2) earth dams within its premises of which one of them has already dried out. The considered alternative is to source water from the canal and this is still a quest being negotiated with NamWater.
3. What products do you sell at the project?	Green peppers, tomatoes and cabbages are among the produce currently being sold to SPAR and the locals. We look forward to expand our product range in the near future.
4. What type of fertilizer are you using?	Both organic and inorganic fertilizer are used, this is livestock manure from kraals as well as compost from retailers. In addition, we use grass as mulch reducing evaporation rates of water.
5. How safe are the use of inorganic fertilizers on the produce?	We ensure that the fertilizers toxicity is of minimal trace prior to selling and consumers are also generally advised to always wash whatever produce they buy for the safety of their health.
6. Can there be a separate cheaper price for locals because the portion of land taken has reduced our grazing area?	The products we sell are graded and those grades that are not having a long shelf life are sold to locals. The ones sold to locals are a packaged with a 'generous' amount which means further decreasing the price is not profitable of a gesture.

Community member:

As members of this community, we are grateful for this project. It has been proven that agriculture can be done anywhere and not only in already established places like Etunda Irrigation project. The founder has set an exemplary agricultural establishment that has not only brought daily vegetables to our doorsteps but employment opportunities as well. Regardless of water scarcity we can always establish small gardens at home and plant trees in order to contribute to food security.

Representative from Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources:

As custodians of fish breeding in the country, our presence here has enlightened us about the fish project in order to see how we can best provide our extension services. We encourage aquaculture development and wish to ensure Namibians become more active in fish farming.

Closing

After the discussions, the meeting was closed by local headman and he equally thanked everyone for their contributions.



ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR PUBLIC MEETING AT OMAYANGA VILLAGE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

DATE: Saturday, 22 JUNE 2024

TIME: 09h00

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR PUBLIC MEETING AT Omayanga Village

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR PUBLIC MEETING AT Omayanga Village

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

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27th June 2024

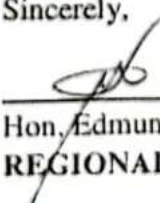
Mr. Armstrong
Project Manager of Green Village Project
Omayanga village
Okatana Constituency

Dear Mr. Armstrong

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE (CDC) MEETING**

1. The Constituency has acknowledged receipt of your request and reference.
2. Therefore, you are hereby invited to attend and make presentation about your Project during the CDC meeting on Thursday 04th July 2024, Okatana Constituency Boardroom at 10H00.
3. Please confirm your attendance, on Wednesday, 03rd July 2024 at the following contact numbers:
Ms Maria Mashimba – 0812136846 or Hon. Edmund Iishuwa - 0812336684.

Sincerely,


Hon. Edmund Iishuwa
REGIONAL COUNCILOR; OKATANA CONSTITUENCY



All official correspondences should be addressed to the Chief Regional Officer



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03rd July 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE ORDINARY CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

CDC/01/2024

VENUE : Okatana Constituency Office Boardroom
DATE : Thursday, 04th July 2024
TIME : 10H00

AGENDA:

1. Opening and Welcoming Remarks
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. **Announcements**
 - 4.1 Presentation on Green village Project: by Mr Armstrong
5. Review and Certification of the Previous Minutes of the Ordinary Constituency Development Committee Meeting [02 February 2024]
6. **Report**
 - 6.1 Minor Capital Projects – Community Shelters and Electricity
 - 6.2 Rural Sanitation
 - 6.3 Okatana – Amutanga – Onanime access road
 - 6.4 Drought Relief Food
 - 6.5 Delimitation of Boundaries of Okatana Constituency
7. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSIONS**
 - 7.1 Celebration of the 34th Independence Anniversary
 - 7.2 Commemoration of the 26th August Heroes Day
 - 7.3 Establishment of a new Growth Centre
 - 7.4 Continuation of electrification of Haimbodi Hamukoto Growth Centre with Minor Capital Project Fund
8. Closure


Hon. Edmund Iishuwa
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR: OKATANA CONSTITUENCY



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS WITH CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC) MEMBERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

PROPONENT GREEN VILLAGE

DATE: THURSDAY, 4TH JULY 2024

VENUE: OKATANA CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

TIME: 10H00



Background

An EIA public meeting was held at Okatana constituency office boardroom, Okatana Constituency, Oshana region. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the EIA process and the public participation process to the Constituency Development Committee (CDC) members which is being conducted by the EAP in regard to the Construction and Operation of Proposed Freshwater Aquaculture and Horticulture Projects as well as give the committee members an opportunity to express their views, opinions, comments about the proposed projects.

CDC is the highest decision-making body in the constituency when it comes to planning and development in the constituency as per the provisions of the Regional Councils Amendment Act of 2002 (Act No. 12 of 2002). It comprises representatives from local and regional government authorities, traditional authorities, community-based organizations, youth groups, farmers' unions and other members of society. They are responsible for participating in the planning and decision-making processes and matters affecting their biophysical and social environment according to the bottom-up approach of land uses and allocation, and ensuring that all activities, such as land use planning, resources utilisation and allocation, agricultural and aquaculture activities, and any other social and economic developments are carefully considered to safeguard their environment.

Attendees (See attached attendance register)

Meeting Minutes

The Regional Councilor of Okatana Constituency who is also the chairperson of the CDC, Hon. Edmund Ilishuwa, welcomed everyone to the CDC meeting, and gave the EAP an opportunity to give the presentation regarding proposed projects of Green Village.

Mr. Armstrong, the EAP, as invited by the chairperson of the CDC for Okatana constituency, and also the regional councilor for Okatana constituency, Hon. Edmund Ilishuwa to the CDC meeting provided the members of the CDC with an overview of the proposed freshwater aquaculture and horticulture developments. These included the background information about the projects in terms of project description, location and the progress thereof, conceptual layout, the purpose of the environmental impact assessment, scoping process and potential impacts as well as the need for stakeholders' inputs, comments and suggestions to the projects. During the engagement, CDC members were given opportunity to ask questions, give comments and inputs. Both adverse and beneficial impacts were identified for various project phases which include:

Beneficial:

- The proposed projects will bring much needed employment and business opportunities for people of Omayanga village and the surroundings.
- Ensured food and nutritional security as well as economic development.
- The projects will result in skills development in the area as the youths, smallholder farmers will be trained in Agri-entrepreneurship and sustainable food value chains.

Adverse impacts:

Potential user conflict over land and other communal resources, increase in noise and vibration levels, dust generation, storm water and erosion, generation of waste and effluent, public health risks e.g., outbreak and spread of diseases, ground and surface water pollution etc. Ways of minimising and mitigating negative environmental impacts of the proposed projects were also discussed based on their inputs towards the development of the management plan.

Issues raised

Question:	Feedback:
1. How many youths are currently employed by Green Village? And how many are females? And how is the structure of the company in terms of management?	Currently there are 7 permanent employees and 5 temporary workers plus some who are working as construction workers on site. For permanent ones, there are 4 females and 3 males. And the youths are 6.
2. There seem to be limitation in terms of land availability, why can't you expand the area?	The expansion can only go as far as the demarcated area allocated within the 10.2 hectares of land as per the customary land rights certificate unless new application is lodged.
3. Was that the only land you could find, since the area seem to be located in the low-lying land?	The land was allocated based on the customary land rights through the local headman, Oshana regional land board and the ministry of lands.
4. Where is the water used for the project sourced from?	The project currently abstracts water from two (2) earth dams within its premises of which one of them has already dried out. The considered alternative is to source water from the canal and this is still a quest being negotiated with NamWater.
5. What produce and products do you sell at the project? Where do you sell your produce? Is your produce well marketed?	Currently, the produce are green peppers, tomatoes and cabbages which are currently being sold to local supermarkets and to the general public or through booking for bulk buyers.
6. Have you ever tried to plant oval and cherry tomatoes since they are not available in local shops around the north?	We tried to plant them but it looks like customers are not really interested in them. The demand seems to be low.
7. How are you coping with soil type for potatoes?	It's still a trial to see how they will cope, and only then shall we see how to improve then soils.
8. Can there be a separate cheaper price for those buying in bulk?	Yes. Clients buying in bulk are given a much cheaper price. Most of the clients prepare to book in advance for collection.

The representative of Green Village, Ms. Christina Iita, took along 20 heads of cabbages to the CDC meeting as a demonstration of the produce being sort after, and all 20 cabbages were sold out to members of the CDC on the spot, and this proves that if the produce are well marketed, there can be a much bigger market for the produce around the region.

Closing message from the Hon. Councilor: 'As members of the CDC, we are pleased and appreciative of what you are trying to achieve in terms of food security and employment creation especially for the youth in the region'. The Hon. Councilor also encouraged the management of Green village to improve on marketing strategies so that more people in Okatana constituency and Oshana region to be aware of the project since only a handful of people were aware of what was happening at the project. The project should also seek for assistance where possible and to explore more on the issue of water availability.

Closing

After the presentation by the EAP, the EAP was released from the CDC meeting for them to go ahead with their meeting at around 12h00.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE AND HORTICULTURE PROJECTS

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