

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all the potential Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), that an application for an Environmental Clearance in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) will be made as per the following:

You are hereby invited to a public consultation meeting as per the following:

Proponent: Zambezi Regional Council

Proposed Project: Upearching of Mpukano Combined School Platform

- Date: Friday, 17 September 2021
- Time: 12h00
- Venue: Mpukano School Grounds

I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc will be undertaking the EIA process. Please contact Immanuel Katali: +264818035825, ikatali@inkenviroconsult.com .

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>> Druk op oorvol ICU's neem af

Hospitale darem op die herstelpad – Shangula

Covid-pasiënte mag voortaan een besoek vir 'n halfuur per week van een familielid ontvang.

Toyimo Haidula op Oshakati

Die minister van gesondheid en maatskaplike dienste, dr. Kalumbi Shangula, sê al die hospitaalafdelings oraloor die land wat in Covid-sake omskep is om die toenemende aantal pasiënte te akkommodeer, is minder oorvol en kan weer soos normaalweg gebruik word. Shangula het Woensdag gesê die voorkoms van nuwe gevalle, hospitalisasies en sterftes is voortdurend besig om af te neem.

Hy het die opmerkings gemaak tydens die oorhandiging van 'n toegeruste 40-bed-tentafdeling wat deur die Namibiese Kamer van Koophandel en Nywerheid (NCCD) geborg is. Namibië worstel reeds vir meer as twee maande teen die derde golf, wat binne landse reis vir twee opeenvolgende teryne verbode gemaak het en weer die landgrense aan die einde van Mei vanjaar laat sluit het. Dié maatreëls is genoodsaak deur die nuwe Delta-variant, wat aanvanklik

Kalumbi Shangula

MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID EN MAATSKAPLIKE DIENSTE

“Daar is genoeg ruimte beskikbaar in ons Covid-19-isolasie- en intensiewesorgeenhede (ICU's).”

le se stuwstofbehoefte het die hoogte ingeskiel en die land het daaglik honderde sterftes aangeteken. Shangula sê die mediese dienste wat tydens die derde golf opgeskort is, het intussen hervat. “Daar is genoeg ruimte beskikbaar in ons Covid-19-isolasie- en intensiewesorgeenhede (ICU's).”

“Ek bedank die gesondheidspersoneel vir hul toewyding gedurende die moeilike tyd wat ons pas moes deurmaak. In die lig van die verbeterde Covid-situasie in die land, het die ministerie besluit om besoeke aan Covid-pasiënte deur 'n familielid toe te laat. Die pasiënt is geregtig op een

Elke besoeker sal volledige beskermende persoonlike toerusting (PPE) ontvang om te dra vir die besoek wat hoogstens 30 minute mag duur.

Volgens die minister sal die besoeke aan verskillende pasiënte op verskillende datums en tye versprei word om te verseker dat op geen gegewe tyd 'n toeloop van besoekers in enige Covid-19-saal ontstaan nie.

Shangula het Namibiërs herinner dat elke persoon 'n rol moet speel in die beklaan van die virus.

Hy het 'n beroep op Namibiërs gedoen om ingeënt te word en voldoende natuurlike immuniteit teen Covid-19 op te bou.

Die goewerneur van die Oshana-streek, mnr. Elia Irimari, het die NCCI vir dié skenking bedank en hulle gelooft vir hul patriotisme om die regering in die stryd teen die Covid-19-pandemie te ondersteun. Hy het ander sake vir versoeke om dié voorbeeld te volg om sodoende ernstige siekte en lewensverlies te voorkom.

Die konstruksie van 'n 15-bed-ICU op Keetmanshoop sal na verwagting vandermaand voltooi word, terwyl die uitbreiding van die intensiewesorgeenheid op Katima Mulilo, be-

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APPLICANT:

Zambezi Regional Council (ZRC)

PROJECTS:

1. ZRC's Proposed Construction of an Oxidation Pond and Waste Disposal Site
2. ZRC's Proposed Upgrading of the Embankment on Mjokoro Combined School Platform

NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

ZRC intends on obtaining Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECC) for the construction of the following:
1. An oxidation pond and a waste disposal site - the aims and objectives of the project is to find an alternative solution to the current practice of unregulated and informal disposal of general waste in the Kongola settlement.
2. The upgrading of the embankment on the Mjokoro Combined School Platform in order to allow learners and their parents to relocate to such a higher ground during flood times as a permanent solution to the flooding problem.

LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

1. The proposed pond and waste site is located in Kongola Settlement, approximately 110 km east of Katima Mulilo town, Zambezi Region, Namibia.
2. The embankment project is proposed to be located approximately 120 km east of Katima Mulilo town on approximately 70 km north-south along the road and 120 km north-south along the Zambezi River.

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER:

I.N.K Earth Consultants cc. has been appointed by ZRC to undertake the EIA process for the project. Please contact Immanuel Katoli, P.O. Box 31908, Potchefstroom, Bloemfontein, Tel: +27 51 693 5625, E-mail: immanuelk@gnail.com

Smokkelary met brandstof teister die noorde – Kawana

Toyimo Haidula op Oshakati

Die minister van binne landse sake, dr. Albert Kawana, sê goedkoop brandstof wat uit Angola ingesmokkel word, is 'n groot kopseer vir die Namibiese polisie vanweë die uitwerking op die

Die lang grenslyn maak dit maklik vir mense om dit enige plek oor te steek,” het Kawana gesê.

Ons susterkoerant *Namibian Sun* het vroeër vanjaar die grensdorp besoek en ontdek die brandstof-smokkelaars se



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Eerste besending Sputnik is hier

Henriëtte Langrecht

Die eerste heftige van 'n besending van 30 000 dosisse van die Sputnik-entstof is in Namibië. Die eerste besending van 15 000 dosisse Sputnik wat deur Sierwil geskenk is, het met 'n verkenningsdorrie in die land aangekom. Volgens die hoof van die Namibiese taakspan vir die land se immuniseringsveldtog teen Covid-19, ms. Petronella Masahane, word die entosowe met data-opnemers in die lurrige vervoer wat aandui of dit aan die vereistes vir die koueketting voldoen. "Voordat ons dit in ontvangs neem, kyk ons eers na die temperatuur en teken dit en enige afwykings daarvan aan." Volgens Masahane het die ministerie van gesondheid en maatskaplike dienste se sentrale mediese stoor bevestig die entosowe is deurentyd in die vereiste -18 °C vervoer. Volgens haar gaan die eerste 15 000 dosisse gebruik word as eerste dosis. Die tweede besending van 15 000 word in die land verwag voordat die tweede dosis in 20 dae toegedien moet word. "Die flousies waarin dit is, is ook volgens kleur gekodeer om die onderskeiding tussen die eerste en tweede dosisse te vergemak-

Namibië se huisering van ingoent te word, het hy joul meer en meer minne besef moeteryst die waarde van immunisering teen Covid. "Mense sien dit is veilig en doeltreffend en reken die redes teen dit maak nie sin nie." Hong se dit is egter belangrik om te luiet na die redes waarom mense huisering voel en om dit die hoof te bied. "Ons kan leer van ander lande en ons kan Namibië se sterkpunte soos sterk gemeenskapsbande en wydverspreide kommunikasie-metodes soos radio- en selfoon-netwerke gebruik om te verseker mense ontvang indigting van bronne wat hulle kan vertrou. Dit sluit die Wêreldgesondheidsorganisasie (WHO), CDC asook die ministerie van gesondheid in." Volgens hom is die beste manier om immuniseringskoverse op te stoot onder meer indigtingssessies by werkplekke, om iemand na 'n immuniseringspunt te vervoer en om familie en vriende aan te moedig om ook ingoent te word. "Werkgevers kan ook oorweging skenk daaraan om personeel tydelik af te gee om ingoent te word, terwyl gemeenskapsleiers hul platforms kan gebruik om te verseker hul gemeenskapsleiers ontvang indigting wat hulle kan vertrou.

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ZAMBEZE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UPEARTHING OF THE SCHOOL PLATFORM - MPUKANO

EIA Public Meeting – MPUKANO

**Meeting date | 17 September 2022 | 15:00 Hrs | Meeting location:
Mpukano Combined School**

Project: ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UPEARTHING OF THE MPUKANO COMBINED SCHOOL. **Attendees** See attendance register :

Purpose:

- Present the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process being followed.
- Explain the motivation and overview of the proposed Project.
- Allow interested & affect parties (IAPs) to provide input into the EIA process and Scoping Report.

Facilitator: Mr. Immanuel Katali (IK) the independent Environmental Practitioner

Client: Mr. Castro Mafwila (CM) – Zambezi Regional Council

Minutes

Presenter: Mr. Immanuel Katali (IK)

Presentation:

IK the independent Environmental Practitioner conducting the EIA process welcomed all to the meeting and introduced CM – Zambezi Regional Council, then took the floor for his presentation.

IK presented the project background/motivation as well as the description and location of the proposed project and various project components.

IK also presented the EIA process being followed and explained the potential key social and environmental issues that were identified as part of the initial stages of the EIA process. He ended the presentation by discussing the way forward regarding the EIA process.

Discussion:

Any issues and concerns raised during the meeting have been recorded in Table 1. Where a response was provided the relevant response has also been included in Table 1. Responses were provided by IK and CM.

TABLE 1: RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED AND RESPONSES GIVEN

Issue raised/ comment	Response
This is a good initiative and there is a lot of sand in the surrounding that can be a source of sand for the upliftment of the earth. In the past, the community members have come together to attempt to manually gather sand for the school but as you can see, it has not work, the school still receives too much water on the premises.	Thank you for your comment.
Where will the school learners be accommodated during construction?	There will be temporary structures put up to accommodate the school learners and teachers.
Who is going to do the construction?	When all approvals are in place and all funds are available, the council will put a tender in the newspaper for the construction.
When will you begin the construction?	Currently we are only busy with the EIA. Once and if the EIA Application is approved then a tender will go out to invite various companies for the construction and a suitable one will be selected. At this point we can't be certain as we are not sure when the ECC will be issued.
Is this the only school you are focusing on?	We have the Muzii and Mpukano schools that have already obtained an approval to begin with the construction
Will the villages be included in the upliftment?	The upliftment only aims at the Mpukano school. However, should any other buildings or structure fall within the radius, then automatically it will be upheared too.
Thank you for your time and for sharing this	Thank you for attending sir.

information with us.	
Thank you for this. Our children have long suffered due to this bad flooding. I urge you to speed up this process so that this project can be successfully completed.	Noted.

Close:

IK thanked everyone for attending, encouraged those with more questions to ask them after the meeting or forward them to I.N.K. Enviro Consultants. He closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Attendance Register

See attached attendance register



Public Meeting and Stakeholders Engagement - Mpukano



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UP-EARTHING OF THE EMBANKMENT ON MPUNKANO COMBINED SCHOOL PLATFORM, LOCATED IN THE EASTERN FLOODPLAINS OF ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA.

1. INTRODUCTION

Zambezi Regional Council (hereinafter referred to as ZRC), intends on obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for up-earthing of the embankment on the Mpunkano Combined School Platform, in order to allow learners and their parents to relocate to such a higher ground during flood times as a permanent solution to the flooding problem. Furthermore, raising the embankment aims to raise the platform of the school in order to increase the carrying capacity and prevent damage and disruptions of classrooms due to flooding.

The embankment project is proposed to be located approximately 120 km east of Katima Mulilo town on approximately 70 km earth road during dry season and 120 km river transport on the Zambezi River.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared to inform you:

- about the proposed activities;
- about the EIA process to be followed;
- of possible environmental impacts;
- how you can have input into the EIA process

3. YOUR ROLE

Public involvement is an essential part of the EIA process.

You have been identified as an interested and affected party (IAP) who may want to know about the proposed activities and have input into the EIA process.

All comments will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

Prior to the commencement of the proposed operation activities, an application for environmental clearance will be submitted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) to the MEFT - Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). MEFT - DEA will review the application and relevant reports for a final decision. An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc (I.N.K), is an independent firm of environmental consultants and has been appointed to manage the EIA process for the above-mentioned activities.

4. HOW TO RESPOND

Responses to this document can be submitted by means of the attached comments sheet or through communication with the contact person listed below.

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6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The information in this section is referenced from the Earthworks Investigation Report, conducted in 2014 by Bona Consultants.

6.1 Introduction

The buildings at Mpukano Combined School are built with cement and brick, on an elevated piece of land, next to a stream eastern side. The stream on the eastern side looks to be quite large. At this school, the aprons have also started to collapse and intervention is needed.

6.2 Fill Area

The area where the school is constructed is quite firm but it started to dilapidate and require attention. Considering the service this school provides to the surrounding community, it was decided by the Regional Council to extend the embankment to 200m southwards from the school.

6.3 Quantity

There is sufficient space available for elevation of the site to the southern side of the school. This targeted area is very low and in some places the height of the elevated bank will be 3m. A calculated volume compacted fill of 95220 m³ will be needed to fill the school platform.

6.4 Source Material

The source where the material will be obtained from is north of the school. It is directly accessible without over haul.

6.5 Timing

The construction will commence as soon as all relevant certificates, permits and funds are in place.

7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Potential environmental issues associated with the construction of the up-earthing of Mpukano Combined School Platform include:

- Surface water quantity can be affected through inappropriate up-earthing techniques used. These aspects could cause potential impacts on surface water flow and direction and could potentially cause the flooding situation to be worse if not properly managed.
- Communities near the construction site could potentially be impacted as a result of air pollution posing as a socio-economic and air quality issue.
- Noise from the construction activities could disturb people and animals in the immediate surroundings of the activities.
- Machinery and equipment used on site and refuelling of generators poses an environmental risk due to potential hydrocarbon spills. Hydrocarbon spillages could potentially contaminate the soil and groundwater.
- Waste generated on site has the potential to pollute the environment and cause environmental degradation, if not properly managed.

8. STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

PHASE I – Internal Screening (January)

- EIA project initiation.
- Notify MEFT: DEA..
- Site visit and identify environmental issues.
- Identify key stakeholders.

PHASE II – Combined Scoping & Assessment Phase and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) (February – March)

- Submit Application form to MET
- Notify other regulatory authorities and IAPs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices).
- Conduct public meeting (see details provided) and key stakeholder (focus group) meetings.
- Assess impacts of proposed projects and compile Scoping (including assessment) report and EMP.
- Comment period: Reports will be made available for review and comment by regulatory authorities and registered IAPs.
- Compile final reports (including Issues and Response Report).
- Submit the final reports to MET for their review and decision-making.

9. EIA PROCESS

The EIA process provides information on the proposed project and the environment in which it may be situated; it identifies, in consultation with IAPs, the potential negative and positive environmental aspects and associated impacts of the proposed project; and reports on management measures required to mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels. The likely process steps and timeframes are provided below.

A draft Scoping Report (including an assessment of impacts) and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project will be made available for a 14-day public comment period.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UP-EARTHING OF THE EMBANKMENT ON MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL PLATFORM, LOCATED IN THE EASTERN FLOODPLAINS OF ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA.

Full Name	
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Please Identify Your Interest in the Project:	
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Please write your Comments and Questions here:	
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