

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT (CRR)



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CONSTRUCTION OF DR3604 (OSHAANGO-EPEMBE) ACCESS GRAVEL ROAD OKAMBUMBU SCHOOL- OKANAYIMBULA SCHOOL- OMISHE SCHOOL, OHANGWENA REGION

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1. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

1.1 EIA Regulations

Section 21 of the EIA regulation outlines the Public Participation Process (PPP). PPP is an important process, because it gives members of the public and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), an opportunity to comment or raise concerns that may affect the socio-economic or general environment because of the project.

1.2 Newspaper Adverts

Section 21 (c) stipulates that ECC applications should be advertised once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers that are widely circulated in Namibia.

The ECC application was advertised in the Namibian and New Era Newspapers (Appendix 1-4).

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Adverts were placed in the newspapers as follows:

- 1st Advert - The Namibian: 13th March 2025
- 2nd Advert - The Namibian: 17th March 2025

- 1st Advert - New Era: 13th March 2025
- 2nd Advert - New Era: 17th March 2025

1.3 Consultation meetings

Tortoise Environment Consultants (TEC) did a power presentation outlining the following (Presentation attached – **Appendix 6**):

- a) Project scope proposed construction of the Solar and Electrolysis Plants
- b) EIA framework and ECC application process
- c) Environmental and Social aspects to be assessed
- d) National socio-economic benefits
- e) Envisaged community benefits

1.3.1 Authority Consultation

Consultations were done with the Ohangwena Regional Council during the EIA field assessment exercise on the 20th March 2025, through which due information and documentation were provided to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).

1.3.2 Public Meetings

Section 21 (5,6) requires that public meeting/s should be held near the project site to inform the public about the project and subsequent submission of the ECC application to the Environmental Commissioner.

Type of meeting		Date	Venue
1 st Meeting	Public	18 th March 2025	Okambumbu Primary School, Ohangwena Region
2 nd Meeting	Public	18 th March 2025	Omishe Combined School, Ohangwena Region

2. STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

2.1 Comments from the community meeting (18th March 2025)

No.	Question / Comment	Description	Response (Consultant / Developer / Investor)	Relevant ESMP Section
1.	Water Source	Community members asked about the water source for the project and suggested for drilling boreholes.	Studies are to be done on where the boreholes can be drilled and water quality analysis are to be conducted to determine whether to leave the boreholes for community use or fill them up.	Socio-Economic Development and Labour
2.	Borrow Pits	Community members urged contractors to leave the borrow pits in a good and safe condition for human and livestock consumption.	Borrow pits are to be fenced off and be dug with a 20° decline.	Environmental Impact
3.	Usage of Old Borrow Pits	Community members asked on whether the contractors can use the old borrow pits that were used for the Onamundidi-Epembe-Okankolo road for sand mining	Studies are to be done whether it will be practical using these borrow pits.	Environmental Impact
4.	Late informing of project commencement	Community members raised a concern on them being informed late on the exact commencement of the road construction	Contractors will be urged to inform the community members on time about the exact commencement of the road.	Socio-Economic Development and Labour



Figure 1: Community Meeting held at Omishe Village, Omishe Village 18 March 2025.

3. APPENDICES

APPENDIX (1):

Newspaper advert 1 – The Namibian

14 THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025

ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS & LIFESTYLE

THE NAMIBIAN

Events this weekend and beyond

... Windhoek Karneval and other March highlights

• ANNE HAMBUDA

THE year seems to be flying by. How are we almost in the middle of March, going to training, celebrating Irish holidays, learning how to better manage our lives and unwinding at our favourite spots like we always do? If you thought things were a bit quiet, I can confidently say we are in the thick of 2025 and there's so much to do.

Today

This evening is the book launch for Loide Kali's 'A Widow Like You' at the National Library from 17h00. Entry will cost N\$450 at the door and the book is going for N\$350. You can also have your copy signed.

This Weekend

On Friday, RuralRise Community Development is hosting a dialogue and documentary

screening for the From The Ground Up initiative to empower rural youth for development. It will take place at the Mercure Hotel in Windhoek from 08h00 to 14h00. Entry is free to the public.

On Saturday, join in on the Lifestyle DIY Day at Megabuild Lifestyle in Windhoek. There will be a garden talk from 09h00 to 10h00, DIY demonstrations from 10h00 to 11h00, all about cooking from 12h00 to 13h00, live music by Vaughn Ahrens between 11h00 and 14h00, and an interior decor class from 14h00 to 15h00, with children's craft classes running between 09h00 and 15h00. This is a day of inspiration, creativity and fun.

Blissful Psychology is hosting The Career Guidance Workshop, a counselling programme designed to help students choose careers that align with their interests, personalities and abilities.



Peter Wackel will perform live at the Windhoek Karneval.

The workshop will take place this Saturday from 08h30 to 12h00 at 3777

Osler Street, Windhoek North, with an online option also available.

Celebrate St Patrick's Day and World Pangolin Day with The Ells on 15 March at Eagles in Windhoek. Starting at 06h30, there will be a 5km run and walk, family fun activities between 09h00 and 14h00 and live music from 14h30. This pet friendly event will also include a silent auction and a costume contest. Tickets are N\$100 in advance and N\$75 for children under 18.

Jonno's Bistro is going green for St Paddy's Day on Saturday as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. There will be music, food and drinks from 18h00 and a prize for the person best dressed according to the theme.

Next Week

Agra ProVision is hosting a pig production course next Wednesday and Thursday at Tsumeb. The cost is N\$1 700. More details will be provided upon registration.

Recurring

The Speakeasy at Liliencon Street hosts ladies' night every Wednesday, with 50% off all cocktails and meal options available.

Every Friday is Whiskey and Wines at Windhoek Sky Restaurant on the fourth floor of the Independence Memorial Museum from 17h30 to 19h30. Come through for a 20% discount on any whiskey and wine.

Beyond

The Family Thyme Conference in Windhoek will take place from 25 to 27 March at NG Kerk Suiderhof Hall, featuring inspirational and practical sessions for women, couples and parents in Afrikaans. The event,

hosted by Gretha Wied, kicks off on Tuesday with a session for women and girls, age 13 or older, titled: 'You Are More Than Enough'. This will cost N\$180 per person.

On Wednesday, a humorous and insightful talk, 'Put the VA-VA-VOOM back in your marriage', will offer practical relationship advice, with live music by Midlife. This will be N\$30.

On the final day there will be a parenting session: 'New Times, New Challenges', aimed at helping parents understand and support their children, for N\$180, with nursery care available.

Windhoek Karneval (Wika) is back at SKW and will include the Prunksitzung on 28 March, with doors opening at 18h30. Tickets are N\$350.

On 29 March, the NBL Wika Beerfest will take place from noon, with tickets costing N\$20 for children and N\$50 for adults. On 4 April is the second International Evening from 19h30 for N\$350. Tickets are available at the door.

— Anne Hambuda is a poet, writer, and social commentator. Follow her online or email her at annehambuda@gmail.com for more.



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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to all Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) Technicians

TRAINING ON SAFE HANDLING OF HYDROCARBONS DURING INSTALLATION, SERVICING AND DECOMMISSION OF SPLIT AIR CONDITIONS (ACs)

The Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, through the National Ozone Unit and with the support of Cooling Programme for Southern Africa (CooPSA), wishes to invite the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning technicians, to a training session on safe handling of hydrocarbons (R290 refrigerant) during installation, servicing and decommission of split ACs.

The increasing demand for cooling due to climate change has led to the growing need for more ACs. CooPSA is working on creating and increasing the demand and supply of Green ACs running with the natural refrigerant R290 in Namibia. The programme is therefore working on introducing Green ACs on the Namibian market and managing the end-of-life for old ACs. However, due to complex systems and higher environmental, energy and safety standards around cooling with Green ACs, RAC technicians must be well trained. It is important that technicians have practical skills on how to safely install and maintain Green AC units. This is also a prerequisite for smooth supply and demand of Green ACs in Namibia.

The 5-day training courses are aimed at improving technicians' skills in the safe handling of R290 ACs

TRAINING DATES	WHERE	REGION	TOWN
24 – 28 MARCH 2025	Windhoek Vocational Training Centre (WVTC)	Karas	Windhoek
31 MARCH – 4 APRIL 2025	Gobabis Vocational Training Centre (GVTC)	Omaheke	Gobabis

*Further training dates/venues will follow

TRAINING FEE : Free

PLEASE NOTE:

- Spaces are limited and "first come, first served" applies;
- Participants are expected to be qualified RAC technicians, please indicate your level of qualification(s);
- Female technicians are encouraged to participate;
- Training materials and meals will be provided;
- Participants are encouraged to bring along their (PPE) safety clothes and boots.

Kindly confirm your attendance by sending your name, contact details, name of institution/company and preferred training location to coopseam@giz.de

For inquiries, please contact National Ozone Office at Flidia.Goagoses@mit.gov.na Tel: 061-2837307

Due Date: 14 March 2025



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the namibian

mOshiwambo

Tuma etumwalaka lyoye efupi nenge "sms" konomola ndji 99902, omanga inoo shanga etumwalaka lyoye, tameka noshitya Oshi opo ihe to landulithako "osms" yoye. Osms kehe ota yi gu NSI.

Otendela yopate yoRCC kai li paveta

OMUKULUNHUWILIKI wehngano lokuwilika eendjila ledina Road Authority (RA) Conrad Lutombi okwa ti etokolo lehangano lokulonga eendjila laNamibia ledina Roads Contractors Company (RCC) lokuyandja otendela yopate yongushu yemilioniya N\$6 kelolo lopamufyuululwakalo laUkwanyama nolaNdonga – nande omalelo aeshe aa kee na oitongifo nowino – kali li paveta.

Lutombi okwa lombwela oThe Namibian Etivali loshivike sha dja ko kutya omakonakono kombinga yoshikumungu eshi okwa tameka.

"Paveta oshinima eshi inashi pitikwa, RCC ita dula okuyandja oitongela kehangano lihe na oitongifo nowino. Paveta RCC ota dula okuyandja po oitongela kehangano keshe. Ashike nee, RA oku na okukoleka oshinima osho," Osho a ti ngaho.

Ehangano lokuwilika eendjila olo omuyakulwa wotete wotendela ei yokuleweya eendjila domamanga kOndangwa nokOshakati, odo va yandja po koRCC. Ashike nee, Lutombi okwa ti, kave na eshiivo kutya omwa ya omalelo opamufyuululwakalo.

"Ashike nee, ohatu ka tameka omakonakono kombinga yoshikumungu eshi. Ngece otwa mono kutya RCC okwa yandja po oitongela pube na omadinimo na pumbiwa, eenghatu da pumbiwa otadi ka kufwa ngaashi eudafanoitongela tali ti," Osho a ti ngaho.

Oshinima eshi osho ya konima omukuluwulwili woRCC Danius Nelumbu a koleka kutya okwa yandja otendela komalelo avali opamufyuululwakalo

ongevatelo lopanghalafano okuyambidida omalelo aa noshwana shavo. Omalelo aa avali kee na owino yokulonga oitongela ei yokuwapaleka opate nokonima okwa yandja po oitongela komahangano amwe.

Elelo lopamufyuululwakalo laNdonga ola yandja po oitongela kehangano ledina Joto Investimente, tali kwa telwa komesho kuJonathan Amupolo omanga elelo lopamufyuululwakalo laUkwanyama oitongela le i yandja po kehangano ledina Kongom Group (Pty) Ltd. la kalelwa po komunangeshefa Kongo Mokaxwa.

Otendela oyokuwapaleka eendjila momalelo opamufyuululwakalo aa, laNdonga nolaUkwanyama.

Oshivike shinya sha dile ko oThe Namibian okwa li ya lopota kutya omikanda oda holoka kutya Nelumbu okwa yandja otendela yee mwene kelelo lopamufyuululwakalo laNdonga nolaUkwanyama. Omukanda wa nyolwa momafiku 10 Juli 2024 okwa ulika kutya hamushanga welelo lopamufyuululwakalo laNdonga Frans Enkali okwa li oye a tambula ko otendela.

"Omukanda owa hala okupopya kutya elelo lopamufyuululwakalo laNdonga ola tambula ko oitongela ei yokuwapaleka opate nepandulo line. Oya holola vali kutya elelo lopamufyuululwakalo ola holola ehangano ledina Joto Investimente, ongeshefa ishona, oyo i longo po oitongela ei, ponhele yelelo lopamufyuululwakalo laNdonga. Pakuweda po, eyandjo lotendela ei ola kundafanwa noJoto Investimente, oyoyatambula ko oitongela ei," Omukanda osho wa ti ngaho.

Enkali, momukanda, okwa ti otendela

otai ka eta oitongela moshitopolwa nosh oyo "ekufepo loluhepo la nyayika mokati kovakwashiwana".

Omukanda ukwao, wanyolwamomafiku 12 Auguste 2024, owa holola RCC ta koleke kutya Kongom Group oye ta ka longa oitongela yelelo lopamufyuululwakalo laUkwanyama yokuwapaleka ondjila.

Andrew Naikaku, omupolitiko welelo lopamufyuululwakalo laUkwanyama, okwa lombwela oThe Namibian i ye kuFritz Ngiishilwa, hamushanga wohamba yaUkwanyama Qeen Nelumbu.

Omikanda odo da monika koThe Namibian oda ti, Nelumbu okwa li a talela po omalelo avali opamufyuululwakalo odula yadja ko opo a ka yandje omukanda wotendela kohamba yaUkwanyama Qeen Nelumbu nolaNdonga, Fillemong Nangolo, momafiku 05 Juli 2024.

"Longekida olweendo lange okuya konooli tali tameke Etitano, 05 Juli 2024 nohandi ka shuna kombala yaUkwanyama momafiku 10 Juli 2024 nokombala yaNdonga momafiku 09 Juli 2024.

"Eshi nashi kale shi li melandulafano. Omikanda adishe oda yandjwa peke kohamba yaUkwanyama nolaNdonga." Nelumbu osho a ti ngaho moimaila yomafiku 03 Juli odula ya dja ko. "Eshi kwa li handi yandje omikanda okwa li ndi li novanailonga vavali voRCC oyo ve li ovatali veehele." Osho a ti ngaho.

EKOLEKO LANELUMBU

Nelumbu oshivike shinya sha dile ko okwa li a popila eyandjo loitongela ei



Conrad Lutombi

komalelo opamufyuululwakalo, tatiela-lakano okwa li okuyambidida nokung-honoepa oshiwana shomoiopolwa oyo RCC e na ceproyeka deendjila.

"Omalelo opamufyuululwakalo ohaa mono keshe ongeshefa tali linyenge moitopolwa yao noha di kumu ovanhu vavo meyukililo.

"Etomono laashi ole li kutya oshotashi di meeproyeka omu ohashi vatele yoo omalelo opamufyuululwakalo a yakule oshiwana nawa," Osho a ti ngaho.

"Handi yandje ceproyeka, onilandu dopamuhanga domeni odo hadi ningi oshinima osho. Edi eenghendabala dopamuhanga dewiliko, ndee kashi shi nande etokolo lomunhu umwe. Elelo lopamufyuululwakalo kali li nande pamufika

wange ile woye ndee nali fimanekwe keshe efimbo," Osho a ti ngaho.

Oshivike sha dja ko ewilikongudu loRCC ola ekelashi celopota domafiku aa doikundaneke kombinga yotendela yokulanda omahooli ongushu yomilioniya oshinghanyu nhano nokuyandja otendela komalelo opamufyuululwakalo.

RCC okwa ti celopota edi eenghendabala ashike dokukakeka ondjonona yaDanus Nelumbu.

Omukanda odo wa tumina okundaneke komunashipundi ewilikongudu Lea Namoloh owa popya kutya okukonga oipumbiwa ya finana ngaashi omahooli oshinima sha pumbiwa kukwashiilipalekwe kutya oitongela inai katekwa.

Eeproyeka depangelo dimwe oda mwena po manga oule weedula 13

OKOMITIYE yopaliamente oya holola omalimbilo kombinga yekateko lokumanifa Opuwo Industrial Park, oyo ya kala nokutunga okudja momodu 2012. Natango ove na yoo omalimbilo nomakete okumanifa oproyekayokOpuwo yokapale keedila kashona, oyo ya tamekwa momodu 2012.

Okomitiye oyati, omaketeke ahapu ceproyeka edi okwa li a etwa kokutula oimilwa yeeeproyeka ile yoshitopolwahoololo moimilwa imwe ili.

Okomitiye oya holola omalimbilo kombinga yetulomoiilonga la ngundipala, ewiliko la puka nokuba longela kumwe meeproyeka odo da ningilwa omafaneko kepengelo moitopolwahoololo ihapu moshilongo.

Olopota oyo ya dja kokomitiye yopaliamente i na sha nomaxupilo nonuwilikoiilonga yepangelo oya holola kutya ceproyeka dihapu odo kwa li da tulwa momutengenekefwafaneko womodu 2021/22 fiyo 2023/24 dimwe inadi tulwa moilonga omanga dimwe etulomoiilonga lado la ngundipala ile da manifa ashike inadi longilwa sha.

Omakonakono odo kwa li a ningwa kokomitiye muJuli naAuguste odula ya dja ko oya eta omayeulece peendodo dopaitopolwahoololo kombinga yomutengenekefwafaneko woyamambulepo wa kolekwa kopaliamente shaashi omalelo amwe novanambel-ewa vopaitopolwahoololo kakwa li ve na eshiivo kombinga yeeeproyeka odo da fanekwa.

"Okuwatya womutengenekefwafaneko woyamambulepo ceproyeka momutengenekefwafaneko woshilongo

ashike otai i moshipala okuyandja omayakulo ndee osha eta oitopolwahoololo i kale konima nokuya komesho neeproyeka nokuyandja omayakulo," Okomitiye osho ya ti ngaho.

Omatalapo aa okwa li a ningwa koitopolwahoololo ngaashi Kunene, Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Zambesi, Kavango Uninginino, Kavango Ushilo nOJojoondjupa.

"Pakulufu kokomisi yokuninga omafaneko opashiwana, okwa li kwa pulwa kunghonopalekwe nokutalulula ekufombinga lovanambel-ewa vopaitopolwahoololo, ovaviliki vopaitopolwahoololo nosh oyo ovanambelwa vakula vepangelo okudja koitopolwahoololo pondodo yokotafamo ceproyeka," Okomitiye osho ya ti ngaho. Eeproyeka dikwa odo di li metifa omwa kwatelwa ondjila yaSwakopmund - Henties Bay - Kamanjab, oyo kwa teelika i ka yambule po ekwatafano moshitopolwahoololo, nokutunga ongalashe yepangelo, oyo natango i pondodo yopetameko lela.

Moshitopolwahoololo shaMusati oproyeka ashike imwe yomeeproyeka nhatu i li koshi yoministeli yokuwafabulika kwa li ya manifa, omanga di li mbali natango inadi tulwa moilonga. Ongeshefa ishona yomoshitopolwa tai longo omindjalo dofoloka kai wete onhele ya wana yoo oi na ashike oitongifo ya tekauka.

Eeproyeka mbali da fanekwa di li koshi yoministeli yoiilonga noyendefo, mbali okwa li da manifa, imwe okwa li ya kalekwa naimwe kakwa li ya tulwa moilonga. "Ovanambel-ewa ova pula okomitiye opo i vatele

mshikumungu shomeva inaa wana moshitopolwahoololo nava opa ngeno ku ningwe cembola nosh oyo okanala vaalushe."

Ovanambelwa natango ova holola omalimbilo eshi oitopolwahoololo inai kwatelwa mo momafaneko ceproyeka, okupale ketanga inaka manifa kokotuti, omewa inaa wana nosh oyo oproyeka yokutunga odolongo yeyulungalo yaUti opo ya kalekwa moitopolwahoololo lihe shi liwa. Neeproyeka nee dikwa dihapu koitopolwahoololo imwe. Omunawino moimilwa ya pamba omamaxupilo Omu Kakujaha-Matundu okwa ti etulomoiilonga la ngundipala ceproyeka edi ola etwa koinima ya yooloka, oyo ya kwatela mo ceproyeka da fanekwa papuko, ceproyeka da nyika opolitika nosh oyo omutengenekefwafaneko inau wana.

"Omu na oyo eshiivo lokutula moilonga meembelewa depangelo, meeministeli nomomahangano. Oungundi wetulomoiilonga opo u li. Eshi okombinga yowino momafaneko nomatulomoiilonga ceproyeka, tashi di nga komadeulo a ngundipala okoiptudilo, okuhena owino momafaneko, omatulomoiilong nokuwilika ceproyeka," Kakujaha-Matundu osho a ti ngaho. Okwa ti ovanambelwa oyo ve na oshinakuwanifa mwa kwatelwa eeminista, ihava pewa omahandukilo ngeve da dopa okutula moilonga ceproyeka edi. Okwa weda po kutya opo ceproyeka edi di tulwa nawa moilonga, epangelo nali ninge omafaneko opamufika ceproyeka, ewiliko netulomoiilonga nde tali toto po osystema yokuyandja olupand nehandukilo.




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Most Ukrainians doubt Russian ceasefire

KRAMATORSK - For Ukrainian soldiers holding the frontline in the war-battered east of the country, the prospect of a 30-day ceasefire with Russia brought little relief – only distrust and suspicion.

Senior Ukrainian and US officials walked away from high-stakes talks in Saudi Arabia late Tuesday agreeing to present Russia with a proposal to halt more than three years of fighting for several weeks.

But in eastern Ukraine, there was little hope that even if Moscow agreed to a pause, the Kremlin would make good on promises to keep attacking.

A 44-year-old serviceman with the call sign "Malchik" ("Boy") said Russia would claim to adhere to a ceasefire, and then find ways to keep attacking.

"They'll say in public that there's no fighting and no shelling. But this scum has always harassed us, and it will continue to," he told AFP in the frontline city of Kramatorsk. "They need to be pushed down, broken on the battlefield," he added, referring to Russian forces.

Ukrainian officials have warned throughout the full-scale invasion launched by Moscow in February 2022 that Russia is unlikely to hold up any peace agreements.

They have cited failed peace talks at the beginning of Russia's invasion and a Black Sea grain exports deal



War-battered... A damaged apartment building following a drone attack in Moscow on Tuesday. Photo: Nampa/AFP

-- brokered by the United Nations and Turkey -- that Russia scrapped. Maksym Taranenko, a 28-year-

old Ukrainian soldier, said a 30-day pause in fighting would suit Russian forces very well.

"You can bring tanks to the front line without anybody shooting at them," he said.

He said it was unlikely that Ukrainian forces would enjoy the same strategic benefits since any observers overseeing such a halt would not allow Kyiv to do the same.

Predictions that Moscow would trash any deal have been fuelled in Ukraine by fighting that broke out with Kremlin-supported separatists in eastern Ukraine in 2014.

A Western-brokered halt to that fighting, which was punctuated by bouts of fatal attacks and monitored by the OSCE, ultimately led the Kremlin to invade.

Taranenko said a ceasefire could be effective if foreign troops are deployed to enforce it. The Kremlin has ruled out deployments of European troops in Ukraine.

"But without this, in fact, everything would remain as it was," he added, saying that like during the separatist conflict, there would be a pause and fighting would start again.

The Kremlin said yesterday it was waiting to see details of the proposal from Washington.

Similar scepticism was echoed in the capital Kyiv, which is hundreds of kilometres from the front, but still subjected to routine Russian drone and missile attacks at night.

Roman Dunayevsky, 56, a

resident of the capital, said a ceasefire was a "good idea," but came with one crucial caveat.

"I think Russia will never do it. It has always violated all agreements. I think it will break them soon. I think even on the second or third day," he told AFP.

A lasting peace in Ukraine could only be achieved one way, he added.

"Peace will come when Putin dies. That's the only way. When the dictator is gone, then peace will come," he said.

Oleg, who declined to give his last name to AFP, had a similar assessment. Russian officials, he said, "never adhere to the terms of any negotiations."

"But I believe that peace is needed, and I really hope that it will come soon," he said. Oksana Yevsiukova, an academic, did not see any light on the horizon.

"I think that this 30-day truce is unlikely to contribute to any kind of agreement towards peace," she said.

She suggested any halt in fighting would give Moscow and Washington an opportunity to develop their ties and continue their direct talks in a way that would ultimately end badly for Ukraine.

"Of course, for the guys who are now on the battlefield, I don't know if 30 days will help them rest, somehow reset, but within the interests of the state, I think it's a bad idea," she added. -- Nampa/AFP

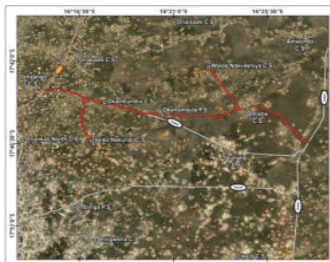


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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Over 1 300 civilians killed in Syria violence

BEIRUT - At least 1,383 civilians, the vast majority of them Alawites, were killed in a wave of violence that gripped Syria's Mediterranean coast, a war monitor said yesterday.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the civilians were killed in "executions by security forces and allied groups", after a wave of violence broke out last week in the coastal heartland of the Alawite minority to which toppled president Bashar al-Assad belonged.

The Britain-based Observatory added that even as the violence subsided, the toll was still rising as bodies continued to be discovered, many on farmland or in their homes.

The latest deaths were recorded in the coastal provinces of Latakia and Tartus and in the neighbouring central province of Hama, it said.

It accused the security forces and allied groups of participating in "field executions, forced displacement and burning of homes, with no legal deterrent".

The violence erupted on Thursday when clashes broke out after gunmen loyal to Assad staged attacks on the new security forces.

At least 231 security personnel were killed in the ensuing clashes, according to their official toll. The Observatory said 250 pro-Assad fighters were killed.

The UN Human Rights Office said it had documented "summary executions" that appeared "to have been carried out on a sectarian basis".

Interim president Ahmad al-Sharaa, who led the Sunni Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) that toppled Assad, has vowed to prosecute those behind the "bloodshed of civilians" and set up a fact-finding committee.

The spokesman for the committee, Yasser al-Farhan, has said Syria is determined to "prevent unlawful revenge and guarantee that there is no impunity".

The authorities have also announced the arrest of at least seven individuals since Monday on suspicion of "violations" against civilians.

HTS, an offshoot of the former Syrian branch of Al-Qaeda, is still proscribed as a terrorist organisation by several governments including the United States.

Since Assad was toppled in December, many Alawites have lived in fear of reprisals for his brutal rule.

-- Nampa/AFP

Navachab constructs mortuary for Otjimbingwe

■ Eveline de Klerk

OTJIMBINGWE – For years, the community of Otjimbingwe, situated about 60 kilometres from Karibib, struggled without a mortuary.

While a mortuary may not seem like a priority to many, for this community, it has been a constant challenge to give their loved ones a dignified burial.

Home to approximately 4 000 residents, Otjimbingwe has a small health facility with three registered nurses, two enrolled nurses and one administrative officer.

However, the absence of a mortuary

meant that families had to find transport to take their deceased relatives to Karibib, Swakopmund, Omaruru or as far as Okahandja when the other facilities were full.

Maria Goagus, a retired teacher and church elder, narrated the difficulties they faced.

“When someone died, I had the difficult task of ensuring they were declared dead. Some families did not have the means to transport their loved ones. Those who did had to pay N\$500 just to get them to another town. It was heartbreaking,” she said.



Investment... Health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula inspects the new mortuary in Otjimbingwe. Photo: Eveline de Klerk

Anastacia Tjitavia, another resident, said “We struggled a lot. Some people simply could not afford transport, which made a painful situation even worse. We are very happy that our needs have finally been met. I hope we keep the mortuary clean and well-maintained.”

Tsoaxu Daman chief Joshua Seibebm, who leads the community of Otjimbingwe, expressed gratitude for the new facility.

“Our community can attest to how much we struggled without a mortuary. We must hold hands to ensure our wishes are fulfilled. We recently received a maternity ward. Now, we have this mortuary. Our people have also benefitted from funding through the Golden Egg project and the Karakul project.

“We acknowledge the investments and support

Otjimbingwe has received from QKR Namibia Navachab Gold Mine and other stakeholders. This mortuary may seem insignificant to some – but for us, it brings much-needed relief. Without transport, burials became a nightmare. We are thankful that Navachab heard our pleas,” he said.

Navachab, through its corporate social responsibility programme, funded the construction of the mortuary at a cost of N\$4.5 million. The facility includes three storage cabinets with space for expansion to six, an office, a storeroom and an incinerator for medical waste disposal. It also has a generator to ensure uninterrupted power supply during outages.

Managing director of the mine George Botshiwe stressed the importance of community-driven initiatives.

He said they believe that communities around Navachab should benefit from their presence.

Their philosophy is centred on a consultative and collaborative approach, which is why they engage with local communities to understand their critical needs.

“What we see today is the result of these engagements, which started in 2022. The community of Otjimbingwe identified the mortuary as a priority. We understood the importance of dignified burials.

“Our community projects include investments in education, health, electricity infrastructure and social upliftment. We want to leave a lasting impact and ensure that our initiatives align with the needs of the people,” Botshiwe stated.

Health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula commended Navachab for its contribution.

He said the mortuary is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships in addressing critical needs.

“The public health system must provide a full continuum of services – from birth to the last breath. This includes mortuary services, which have been a challenge for this community. With the inauguration of this mortuary, we ease these burdens by ensuring immediate access to dignified care for the deceased,” Shangula said.

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Briefing Meeting:

Wednesday, 05th March 2025 by 10H00

TENDER NO: MTC13-25-O

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF 1X AUTOMATIC WRAPPING MACHINE FOR MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED (MTC)

Briefing Meeting:

Thursday, 06th March 2025 by 10H00

TENDER NO: MTC07-25-O

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 19 X VEHICLES FOR MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED (MTC)

Briefing Meeting:

Thursday, 06th March 2025 by 11H00

Briefing Meeting Venue:

Microsoft Teams, the link will be on MTC's website.

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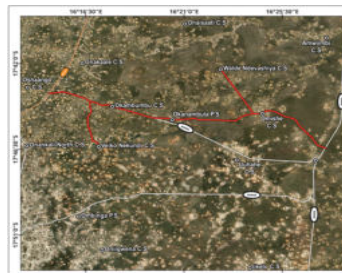
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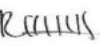



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APPENDIX (5): Attendance Register – Public Consultation Meeting with community

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

TITLE: Public Participation Process

DATE: 18/03/2025 VENUE: Omishe Village TIME: 14:00

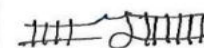
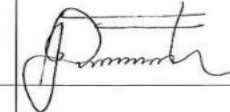
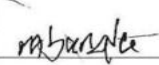
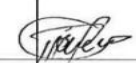


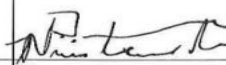

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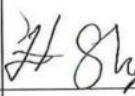
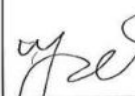
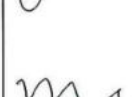

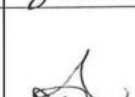
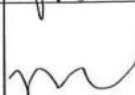
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS (PPP)

CONSTRUCTION OF DR3604 (OSHAANGO-EPEMBE) ACCESS GRAVEL ROAD OKAMBUMBU SCHOOL- OKANAYIMBULA SCHOOL-OMISHE SCHOOL OHANGWENA REGION



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Presentation Outline

- 1) Stakeholder engagement Objective
- 2) Legal Requirements
- 3) ESIA Objectives
- 4) ESIA Process
- 5) Project Description
- 6) Key Environmental & Social Issues
- 7) Questions / Comments

Stakeholder Engagement Objectives

- Provide a brief **description** of the **proposed Development** (road construction)
- Highlight **Key Environmental and Social issues** associated with the proposed road construction
- Obtain inputs / comments from stakeholders
- Outline the **ESIA Process** – way forward

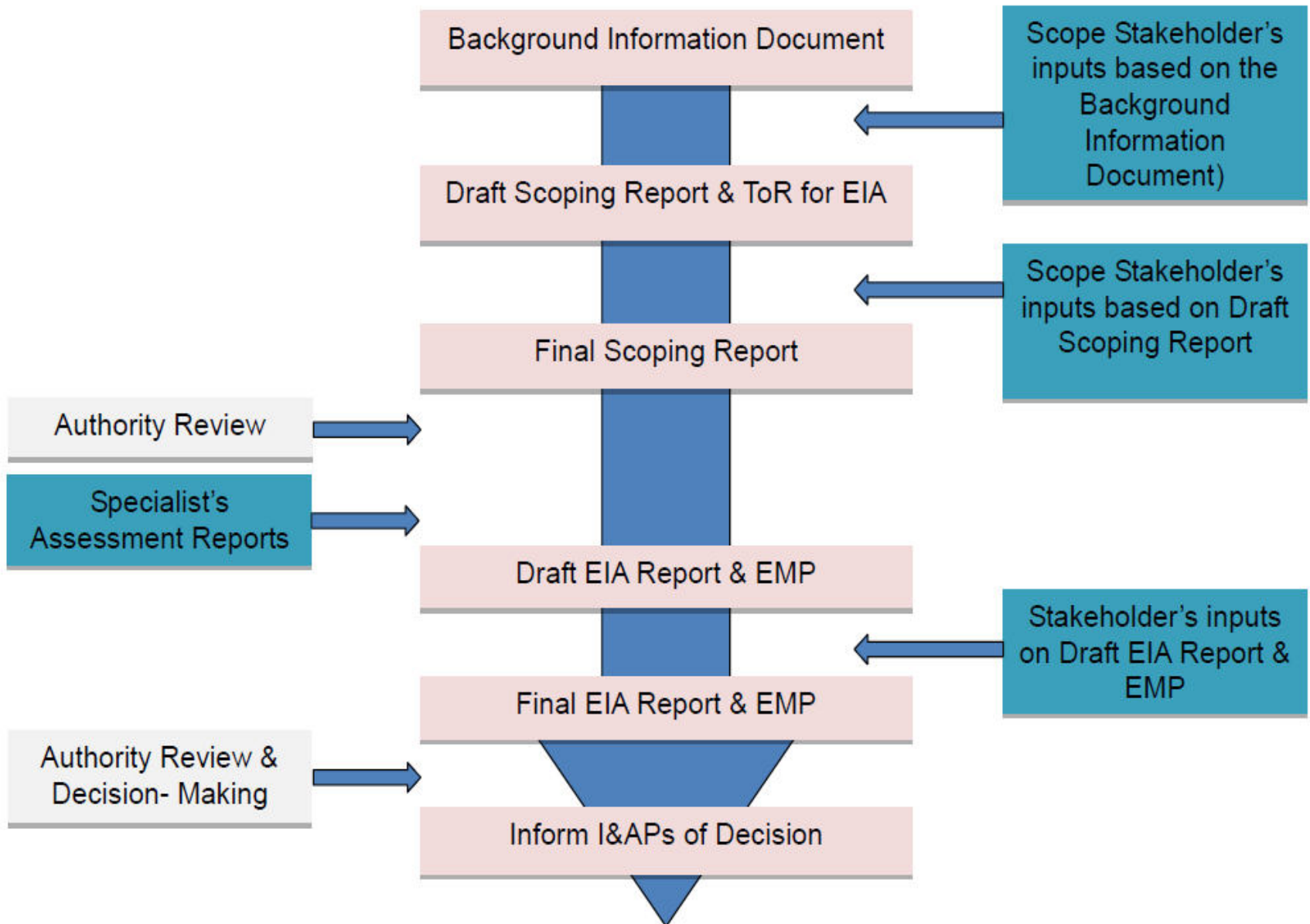
Legal Framework

- The Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and ESIA Regulations of 2012, prescribes Listed activities
- Listed activities, are activities that may not be conducted without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)
- **Road Construction is a listed Activity**, thus an ECC is requirement
- Therefore, Tortoise Environmental Consultants (TEC) has been appointed to undertake the ESIA process and apply for the ECC from the Environmental Commissioner

ESIA Objectives

- To identify **potential environmental and social impacts**
- To offer the **public** an opportunity to **comment** on the proposed activity
- Document all issues of concern
- Identify and recommend measures to **mitigate (avoid / minimise) negative impacts & maximise positive impacts**

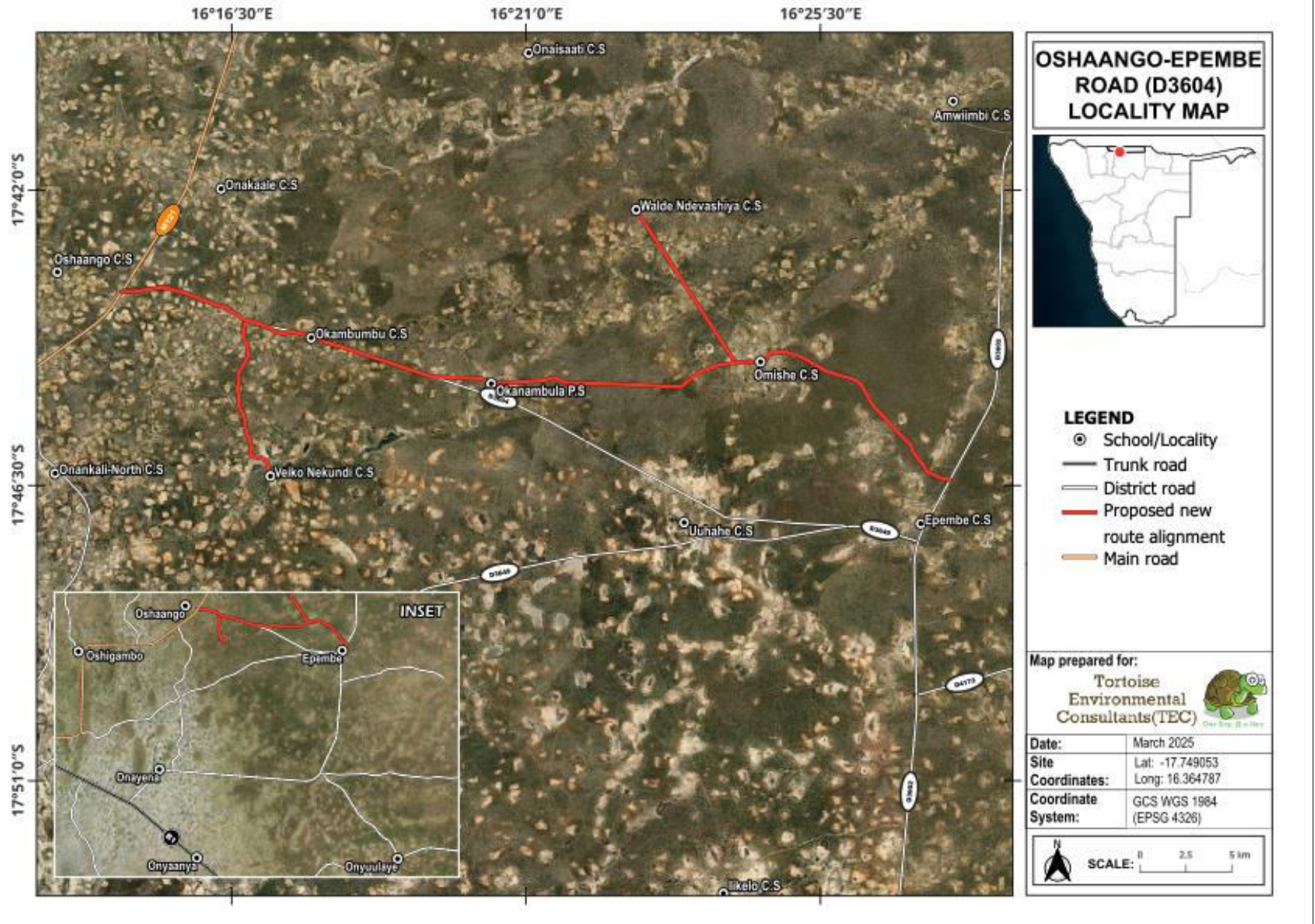
EIA PROCESS



Need for road construction

- The road is of high priority in the Road Master Plan for Ohangwena Region.
- The road is connecting Okambumbu Combined School, Okanaimbula Primary School, a proposed clinic at Okanaimbula village, and Omishe Combined School
- The proposal is to upgrade the existing earth road to gravel standards and where there are sharp curves in the current road, the road will be re-aligned.
- Improve connectivity and access to services (Hospitals, schools, supermarkets, church, etc)

Project Location



Key Environmental & Social Issues_1

Aspect	Potential Impact / Risks
Displacement of People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is an earth road that already exist, thus the potential displacement of people may not really be an issue.• However, some crops fields or cuca shops may be encroaching within the 60 meters road reserve (30 meters from the centreline)
Sand / Gravel Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road construction require significant amounts of gravel• The strategy is to re-use most of the old borrow pits and explore possibility of new borrow pits – if necessary• Borrow pits presenst safety risk to people and livestock (e.g sand collapse on children playing in the borrow pits, drowning, animals getting stuck in the mud, etc)• Borrow pits should be protected with a fence and Security• Engineer's Geo-studies will provide a list of identified gravel pits

Key Environmental & Social Issues_2

Aspect	Potential Impact / Risks
Water Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road construction requires a lot of water• A combination of water sources is being explored (earth dams, old boreholes that can be re-installed, Namwater)• Important to ensure that identified water sources should not have negative impacts to the community (both in the short and long-term)• Engineer's assessment will provide details of the identified water sources
HIV / AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At construction stage, in-migration of people from other areas may expose young girls to unplanned pregnancies and associated health risks (e.g HIV/AIDS)

Way Forward

- Compile ESIA Report (Assessment and Findings)
- Develop the **Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)** – Action Plan
- Circulate the draft reports to stakeholders (Interested & Affected Parties – I&APs)
- Incorporate stakeholder comments and develop the **Comments and Response Report (CRR)**
- Submit the application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to the Environmental Commissioner

Questions / Comments



APPENDIX (6): Presentation