



NEWSLETTER

Building Capacity for Urban Development and Effective Land Tenure Management in Lusaka



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TC COMMENDS PROJECT



By Chimuka M. Mbewe

"This project is one of the best the Council has ever had as it is covering the core business of the Council" says Mr Timothy Hakuyu, Town Clerk for Lusaka City Council. The Council has for the past years been delivering services at city level but has not concerted much effort at ward level due to the fact that there are so many wards in City. This project will support the Council to extend and improve the services to all residents of Lusaka, adds Mr Hakuyu, who also is the Project Director.

The project will address service provision at ward level and will support the residents to have better communication and participation.

"The financial situation of the council will be improved and the revenue base will be widened", he said.

The Project will also assist the Council to improve in the areas of need and the Land Tenure Campaign will empower the residents to be able to invest in their property.

THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM



Left to right: Mr. G. H. Hamusonde, Mr. M. E. Longwe, Mrs J. Situmbeko, Mr. M. Mambo and Mr. S. Lundqvist

Mr. George H Hamusonde - national consultant providing advise and support to the current re-valuation project at LCC

Mr. MacDonald E. Longwe - national consultant providing advise and support to the Ward Development Planning process

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Mr. Sören Lundqvist — Team Leader for the consultants' team comprising of International experts from the two Swedish consulting companies SIPU International and Swedesurvey.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

Lusaka City Council has initiated the project 'Building Capacity for Urban Development and Effective Land Tenure Management'.

The overall aim is to contribute to the reduction of urban poverty through improved service delivery by the Council.

The primary objective of the project is to develop the capacities of both the communities and the Council so that they are able to work together as equal partners in the development of the livelihood, especially the Peri-Urban settlements.

The immediate objectives (end of project situation) are:

- ◆ Improved financial, organisational and technical ability of the LCC to effectively and efficiently deliver public services to Lusaka residents and improved transparency of service delivery.
- ◆ Improved ability of WDCs to plan and articulate service and development demands/needs.
- ◆ Physical, community determined, improvements in peri-urban areas.
- ◆ Strengthened land tenure security for all residents of Lusaka including the most vulnerable groups.

The project consists of four different Components:

Component A Public Service Agreement

Component B Property Valuation and Land Tenure Campaign

Component C Land Information Management System

Component D Developing the Institutional Capacity of Lusaka City Council.

LCC is receiving financial support for the Project from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Technical Assistance is provided by a consortium comprising two Swedish consulting companies Swedesurvey and SIPU Int'l.

The Project started 1 February 2007 and the actual implementation 1 June 2007. The completion date is set to 30 September 2009.

LCC has received from Sida dedicated funds to support the current revaluation project.

LCC has also received from Sida funds to support implementation of community determined infrastructure projects. The use of these funds for projects will be followed by an independent monitoring unit Changa Management Services.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Residents participate in a workshop in Chakunkula Ward



Mr Yasini from LCC explaining about the Ward Development Planning process

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WARD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS



Lusaka City Council Introduces the Ward Development Plan

The Ward Development Planning process is based on the following objectives:

- ◆ To improve the quality of plans
- ◆ To improve the quality of services.
- ◆ To improve the community's control over development and also for the community action towards the reduction of dependence syndrome.

In February this year a workshop was held to train trainers in order for them to provide effective guidance to communities as they conduct their workshops.

The facilitators were taught on how to collect information for the preparation of the five ward plans as well as help the communities to determine their own vision, priorities and projects for the improvement of their areas.

In order for the Project to start working with the Ward Development Committees the Council has selected five pilot wards. They are Kanyama, Lima, Chakunkula, Lilayi and Independence Wards.

The objective is to capacitate the residents and engage them into the newly established ward development plan formulation and decision-making processes.

It will also enable them to fight against the scourge of poverty and HIV/AIDS in their own areas.

The communities have welcomed the project and the planning process has started in all the five wards.

To mark the introduction and start of the Ward Development Planning process in the five pilot wards a Launch Meeting will be held on Friday 14th March to inform the Lusaka residents. It is envisaged that the Launch will have a wide media coverage.

UP COMING EVENTS

- 14th March — Launch of Ward Development Planning Process
- 21st March — Good Friday
- 24th March — Easter Monday
- 27th March — Launch of Land Information Management System prototype

The next issue of this Newsletter will bring you more details on the project activities and progress.

This Newsletter is issued by the Project Team in corporation with the LCC Public Relations Manager. The Newsletter is planned to be issued on a regular basis. The information will also be available on the LCC website www.lcc.gov.zm

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FLOODS IN KANYAMA

By Chimuka M. Mbewe

The floods in Kanyama ward were very devastating this year as they left a lot of people homeless and school-going children could not go to school due to flooded roads. Many roads in the ward were impassable until Lusaka City Council in collaboration with the Disaster and Mitigation Management Unit teamed up to meet the challenge.

Due to the proactive work by the Department of Public Health at least diseases like cholera etc, have been avoided.

We only hope that next year everything related to potential flooding will be handled in planned way in beforehand (through the Ward Development Planning process, see article to the left).



Director of Housing and Social Services addressing the Chankunkula Ward Community during the WDP Launch meeting



The logotype for the Ward Development Planning

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