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## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND WATER RESOURCES,









## **URBAN WATER SECURITY PROJECT (P509890)**

## PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS: EVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, RESETTLEMENT POLICE FRAMEWORK AND OTHERS (ESCP, SEP AND LMP)

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING REPORT – SEDE DE MOAMBA

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The Urban Water Security Project (UWSP, Project No. P509890) is a Government of Mozambique initiative, to be implemented by the Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources through its closer agencies namely and the Water Supply Investment and Asset Fund (FIPAG), National Directorate for Water Supply and Sanitation (DNAAS), Water Southern Regional Administration (ARA-Sul) and Water Regulatory Authority (AURA). It aims to increase access to improved water supply services and improve service delivery capacity in selected cities. The project investments will target the Southern Region of Mozambique, covering three of the country's provinces most affected by water scarcity and droughts, namely Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane, and the Greater Maputo Metropolitan Region (GMMR).

The project supports the 2016 National Water Policy's goal of providing safely managed water for all, focusing on strengthening infrastructure, improving utility performance, and enabling private sector participation. UWSP integrates environmental and social safeguards from the outset. Key instruments under preparation — such as the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and Labor Management Procedures (LMP) — ensure that the project addresses risks, protects vulnerable groups, and promotes inclusive development.

The purpose of the public consultation was to promote inclusive, transparent, and meaningful dialogue between the Urban Water Security Project team and stakeholders potentially affected by or interested in the project. The session aimed to:

- Present the project's objectives, scope, and planned activities;
- Share and explain the environmental and social safeguard instruments under preparation, including the ESMF, RPF, SEP, LMP, ESCP and others;
- Collect feedback, concerns, and suggestions from stakeholders to inform the finalization of these instruments and guide implementation in a socially inclusive and environmentally responsible manner;
- Ensure that the perspectives of women, youth, and vulnerable groups are meaningfully considered in project planning;
- Clarify the available grievance mechanisms and how community members can stay engaged throughout the project lifecycle.

The consultation was held on March 22, 2025, at the Zunguza Complex in Moamba Sede, with the participation of 82 stakeholders. Attendees included residents, government officials, civil society representatives, and members of the private sector. Participants came from several localities, including Moamba Sede, Pessene, and Tenga.

Table 1: Number of participants segregated by gender and other meeting details

Date 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025			
Venue   Zunguza Complex in Moamba Sede			
Time	8:30 – 13:00		
Total attendance	82		
No of Men	39		
No of Women	43		

 Table 2: Categorization of Comments and Concerns

Category	Description	Relevant Quote	Source / Reference
Technical Aspects	Concerns about alignment of pipeline with existing energy infrastructure, poor	"There is a lot of water wastage because people use inappropriate piping to crossroads, and heavy trucks break them."	Public Consultation Participant, Moamba
	material quality, damaged piping, and inactive public fountains.	"There are many inactive fountains that could at least serve communities until tap water arrives."	Participant from Pessene
Economic Impacts	High cost of water from private vendors, risk of exclusion of low-income	"Even if private operators join the project, poor communities will not benefit if they can't afford the water."	Civil Society Representative
	households, and theft of materials delaying completion.	"In a similar project, much material was stolen. This caused the work to stop before it was finished."	Community Member, Tenga
Environmental Concerns	Need for clarity on affected areas to enable proper assessment and mitigation of environmental risks.	"We need clear information on the affected zones so we can assess environmental risks."	Provincial Environment Official
Social Inclusion & Equity	Exclusion of vulnerable populations such as the elderly, geographic	"People vandalize water pipelines because they see water flowing past them but get none. It's deeply unfair."	Participant from Moamba Sede
	exclusion of some neighborhoods, and unfair community prioritization.	"In the past, the elderly were prioritized for access. With privatization, they are excluded."	Private Provider from Pessene
Employment & Labor	Lack of local hiring compliance, non-transparent recruitment,	"Even with specific recommendations and lists of local artisans, contractors do not comply."	Resident from Moamba
	and underuse of local artisans and workers.	"There needs to be a clear and transparent rule for hiring local workers."	Youth Representative, Pessene
Governance & Transparency	Past project failures, unresolved resettlement claims, and lack of	"We must feel like owners of the project—not just observers." "Some were included in the	Community Leader, Tenga  Participant referring to
	information and follow- up creating distrust.	resettlement list but were never contacted again."	Participant referring to ARA-Sul
Service Delivery	Doubts over project completion, inconsistent access despite visible	"Many water projects start but are never completed. Will this one be different?"	Elder from Pessene
	infrastructure, and unclear prioritization of service areas.	"There's a pipeline going through our area, but we don't have access to water. This is unfair."	Resident from Moamba Secondary School area
Community Engagement	Emphasis on the need for participatory methods, local	"Consultants must work with local communities. We must feel like owners of the project."	Community Member, Tenga

involvement,	and	"The lack of water is holding back our	Chief of Post, Pessene
transparent	decision-	development, and it's driving people	
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### Proposed Adjustments to Project Instruments and Incorporation of Stakeholder Contributions

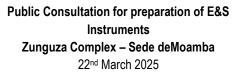
The table below outlines key adjustments to project instruments based on public consultation feedback. It also details how specific stakeholder concerns will be incorporated into the project's decision-making process, ensuring transparency, fairness, and accountability.

Table 3: Proposed Adjustments to Project Instruments and Incorporation of Stakeholder Contributions

Project Instrument	Stakeholder Concern	Project Response	Rationale for Incorporation
Procedures for Labor Management (PGMO)	Community members expressed dissatisfaction with the current labor recruitment process, citing non-compliance with local hiring commitments and a lack of transparency. Many recommended a lottery-based selection process to prevent favoritism and ensure fair employment opportunities.	The project will require contractors to use transparent and community-monitored recruitment mechanisms. A monitoring system will be put in place to ensure compliance.	Ensuring fair and transparent hiring aligns with international labor best practices and the project's commitment to social inclusion.
Stakeholder Engagement Plan (PEPI), including Grievance Redress Mechanism (MRR)	Many participants expressed frustration that water pipelines pass through their communities, but they do not receive water access. There were demands for a clearer prioritization strategy and consideration of geographic coverage expansion.	The plan will be revised to include community consultations on service coverage priorities. Additionally, FIPAG will develop a phased expansion plan based on community needs and technical feasibility.	Expanding water coverage aligns with the project's objective of increasing equitable access, but technical constraints must also be considered. A prioritization framework will be developed to address areas most in need while ensuring financial and operational feasibility.
Environmental and Social Management Framework (QGAS), including Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), and Sexual Harassment (SH)	Participants expressed concerns that water supplied through private operators would be too expensive for vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly and low-income households.	The framework will be updated to include a social tariff evaluation for vulnerable groups. Additionally, private operators partnering with FIPAG will be required to adhere to fair pricing policies to ensure affordability for all community members.	Ensuring affordability is key to achieving the project's goals of equitable water access. However, financial sustainability must also be considered, and pricing structures will be reviewed accordingly.

Stakeholder Engagement Plan (PEPI), including Grievance Redress Mechanism (MRR)	Many participants linked vandalism of water infrastructure to frustration over lack of access and perceived injustices in water distribution.	The plan will be enhanced to include community awareness campaigns on the importance of protecting infrastructure. Additionally, FIPAG will work with local leaders to establish community monitoring groups responsible for reporting and preventing vandalism.	Strengthening community ownership reduces the likelihood of vandalism and fosters long-term sustainability.
Environmental and Social Management Framework (QGAS) and Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (PCAS)	Government representatives requested clearer information about the environmental impacts of the project and measures to mitigate risks.	The framework will be expanded to include site-specific impact assessments for affected areas. The Environmental and Social Commitment Plan will outline specific risk mitigation strategies, including water resource protection measures.	Integrating environmental considerations aligns with regulatory requirements and international environmental standards.
Resettlement Policy Framework (QPR)	Concerns were raised regarding unresolved past resettlement cases. Some households were included in resettlement lists but never contacted or compensated.	The policy will incorporate a follow-up mechanism to ensure affected households are properly informed about compensation and relocation procedures.	Addressing past resettlement issues will help rebuild community trust and ensure that resettlement commitments are fulfilled transparently.









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