

REPORT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Lushnje

In accordance with World Bank OP/BP 4.01, the national disclosure of the documents; draft Generic Environmental and Social Management Plan (GESMP), the draft Environmental and Social Framework Document (ESFD), the draft Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and some draft site specific ESMP documents commenced on 25th July 2012, when public consultations were announced by posting notices in the regional drainage board and commune offices (See photo). This notice informed the public that the documents mentioned above were available to view in the board and commune offices. The translated text on the message is shown in Annex 1.

A public announcement on the local television station TV7 (seven) was made on 13th September 2012 inviting the public, authorities and relevant institutions to a meeting to have an insight into the draft GESMP, ESFD, RPF and Site Specific ESMPs for the proposed dam safety rehabilitation and irrigation and drainage schemes to be undertaken in the first year of the Water Resources Irrigation Project (WRIP). No advertisement was made in the local newspaper, the MAFCP favor TV as the best media for sending messages in Albania as it has a wider coverage. The public meeting follows earlier consultation meetings held in Lushnje during 17th May 2012. Notes on this meeting are included as Annex 2 to this report and show the responses from the environmental and social members of the Consultant's team.

Prior to announcement on the television the printed version of the draft GESMP, ESFD, RPF and Site Specific ESMPs have been made publicly available on site, and also placed on MAFCP web site www.mbumk.gov.al/projekte/projekti_i_burimeve_ujore (<http://www.mbumk.gov.al/?p=3106>). This documentation still remains on view.

A printed version of the Draft GESMP, ESFD, RPF and Site Specific ESMPs was also available for examination in the premises of MAFCP Project Office Tirana, on working days (Monday to Friday) between the hours of 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

On the 14th September 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the offices of the Technology Transfer Centre (QTTB) Lushnje – Rruga “Lagjia Çlirimi, Dëshmoret e Lushnjës” (see photos) an open public meeting was held on the public consultation for the:

Draft GESMP, ESFD, RPF and some selected Site Specific ESMPs for the Contract Works "Dam Safety and Irrigation and Drainage Schemes Rehabilitation" implemented as Component A of the World Bank Water Resources Irrigation Project.

The public consultation meeting was opened by Mr Ylli Gjuzi, Director, representing the Lushnje Drainage Board and who was the spokesman for the MAFCP. After a brief greeting, Mr. Gjuzi presented the purpose and plan of the meeting and encouraged all participants to ask questions after the presentations had been made. Mr Gjuzi also informed the meeting that all persons present should sign the form of attendance (see Annex 3).

Presentation on the Draft GESMP, ESFD, RFP and Selected Site Specific ESMPs for the Contract Works "Dam Safety and Irrigation and Drainage Schemes Rehabilitation" was delivered by the Consultants representative – Mr. David Heywood – Environmental Expert with Mr. Bledi Memo –Facilitator and with translator Ms. Erida Qafko from company Centre for Environmental Impact Assessment (CEIA) – COWI Joint Venture who conveyed to the audience the purpose and contents of the GESMP, ESFD, RPF and Site Specific ESMPs that were prepared in accordance with the guidelines of the World Bank, as well as information on the proposed project, its

location, the project alternatives, perceived environmental impact both during pre-construction, construction and operation.

During the presentation, Mr. Heywood paid special attention to the mitigation measures, the scope of monitoring and obligations arising from them that will need to be upheld during the execution of works contract by the Contractor, by the Engineer (the Consultant of Technical Assistance) and by the Beneficiary (also in the operational period after implementation). It was stressed that in the whole period from the publication of the notice of publicity for the documentation, there had been the opportunity for the public to familiarize themselves with this documentation.

After the presentation, Mr. Gjuzi who was leading the meeting informed that within the applicable period that was permitted for questions to be raised on the GESMP, ESFD, RPF and Site Specific ESMPs, no questions had been received.

At the same time Mr. Heywood was pleased that two local TV stations had attended the meeting (TV 7 and 4 Plus). TV7 personnel informed that the news excerpt would also be aired on the national ORA News network at 5pm on Saturday 15th September 2012. Mr Heywood added that he was also pleased that there were a number of women represented at the meeting (some 36% of the attendance were females) 13 women out of 36. Mr. Heywood then asked the audience if they had any questions concerns and comments that need to be clarified, by either voicing them clearly or writing them down on the prepared forms (See Annex 4).

Participants of the public consultation asked the following questions and answers were provided by the representative of the Lushnje Drainage Board and the Environmental Consultants from CEIA/COWI Joint Venture.

| Name of Person | Question | Answer |
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| Andrea Vogli OPU Krutje | Is the consultant considering the future operation of the irrigation reservoirs for hydropower station? | The provision of hydropower is not relevant for every site, but is being considered by the stakeholders at the schemes for Belesova and Murriz Thana. The actual hydropower construction or implementation however is beyond the scope of the dam safety rehabilitation and will need to be taken into consideration among all users within the River Basin Management Plan and the Water Basin Council. |
| Xhemal Haskaj OPU Cukas | Can be the water quality be a reason to jeopardize the project development? | No, the water quality has been monitored in the past and in general is good for irrigation. The only period where quality remains a problem is for Murriz Thana reservoir only during the late summer months when low flow from the Devolli River can lead to irrigation waters with higher salinity that can affect crop productivity. |
| Ferdinand Dervishi Water engineer | Does the project consider isolating the part where the water is polluted by salinity at Murriz Thana? | It will need to be seen, but generally it depends on monitoring and there may be need to regulate more effectively the feeder canal from the Devolli River to Murriz Thana reservoir. Perhaps during the late summer months when high salinity can occur in the Devolli River the feeder canal will need to be more effectively regulated. |
| Ferdinand Dervishi Water engineer | When the project commences, is the World Bank going to consider being involved in rehabilitation of the sewer system? | No, there is no provision under WRIP for rehabilitation of any sewer systems in the scheme areas. |
| Andon Meco Komuna Fier Shegan | Does the project consider damages in infrastructure by project implementation? | Yes, this is one of the main issues and a Resettlement Policy Framework document that has been prepared for this purpose. If anyone is affected by the works then a RAP will need to be prepared providing full details of entitlements and necessary compensation. |
| Vasil Nebreska | Is the Lushnje irrigation branch | The irrigation and drainage component of the WRIP will |

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| | along with members of the WUA going to be considered in the project? | be done after the dam safety rehabilitation works has been completed. The detailed design for Irrigation and drainage will be prepared later on for implementation in 2014. It is planned to rehabilitate the gravity irrigation schemes connected to Murriz Thana reservoir which includes parts of Lushnje. |
| Ardyl Bekuli | Are you going to increase, widen the irrigation surface for the Lushnje area, as this will be very necessary for its full rehabilitation? | Only existing and previously irrigated areas in Lushnje will be rehabilitated. No new land areas will be taken for irrigation. The detailed design to be undertaken later on will provide details on the proposed width of the rehabilitated branches. Again only gravity fed schemes are going to be rehabilitated at Murriz Thana. |
| Mimoza Dijka | Are the roads to Kurjan Reservoir to be included in the rehabilitation project | In general access roads are not included in WRIP. However in some cases such as roads in very poor condition leading to reservoirs will be improved to the sites. In addition, the contractor for dam safety rehabilitation will make good any damage he causes to existing roads and upgrade /strengthen them where it is considered necessary. There are also some Albania Development Fund projects planned in the area for upgrading the local roads and such projects will need to be coordinated with the dam rehabilitation works under WRIP. |

The meeting was closed at 13:00 hours.

Report done by: David Heywood, Environmental Expert for CEIA/COWI Joint Venture

Attachments:

1. Annex 1 – Translation of public notice
2. Annex 2 – Notes from meeting in Lushnje on 17th May 2012
3. Annex 3- The signed attendance list of those present at the meeting on 14th September 2012
4. Annex 4 - Completed question sheet
5. Annex 5 - Photo documentation
6. Annex 6 – Link to DVD of meeting proceeding provided by TV7

ANNEX 1 – TRANSLATED TEXT ON THE POSTED MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer's Protection is preparing a project for rehabilitation of dams and irrigation schemes which will be financed under the World Bank.

This project is planning to rehabilitate the reservoir of _____ and the irrigation canals supplied by this water source.

The possible environmental and social impact that the rehabilitation of such infrastructure is being described in three documents which are deposited at the commune _____ and drainage board _____

The interested persons can also find this information online in the official site of the MAFCP: <http://mbumk.gov.al>

Drainage Board _____

ANNEX 2 – MEETING IN LUSHNJE HELD 17TH MAY 2012

The meeting with Decision Makers of Lushnje

The meeting was organized at 17.05.2012, in the office of water board Director of Lushnje. The participation was very good and acceptance excellent. The talks focused around Murriz Thana reservoir. The road that goes to the dam was in better condition than the roads of other reservoirs considered in this project. In case of road enlargement the electrical cables can be affected. The reservoir is planned to be used also for energy production. The reservoir is used also for fishing purposes, that are administrated from two private entities. One of them is trying to put in operation a fish nursery, about 145m far from the dam. The sewage is discharged into tanks and drinking water is taken from wells. In the peripheral part of the reservoirs, downstream of the dam are two houses, and one people from community has fenced 18000m² of land in surroundings of the dam. The reservoir suffers from the higher salinity between August to the October, when the rains falls and Devolli River discharges increase.

| Name and profession | Summarized questions or suggestions | Answers | Level of acceptance |
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| Ylli Gjuzi Board Director | What is the time frame of the project and when he can be implemented? | We are not sure, but as soon as to be approved the technical design and defined the implementing agency | Good |
| Andrea Vogli OPU Krutje | Is the consultant considering the future operation of the reservoir as hydropower station? | It will be considered in detail in specific ESMP | Satisfied |
| Xhemal Haskaj OPU Cukas | Can be the water quality a reason to jeopardize the project development? | It will be decided during project steps, but it doesn't look like that | Satisfied |
| Ferdinand Dervishi Water engineer | Does the project consider to isolate the part where the water is polluted by salinity | It will be seen, but generally it depends on the cost | Very Good |
| Andon Meco Komuna Fier Shegan | Does the project consider damages in infrastructure by project implementation | Yes, this is one of the main goal of socio-economical parts of the study | Very Good |
| Spartak sinojmeri Environmental consultant | May the board and commune representatives, join the consulting team during field visits to each reservoir and meetings with interested community and decision makers? | Yes, everyone will support the consulting team visits to the field trip investigation and public consultation with community | Very Good |
| Bledi Memo Socio-economic consultant | Do you think that construction and fenced lands close to the dam will be affected by constructions and what is their legal status | It can be decided only with appropriate plans prepared by engineering team for dam and spillway rehabilitation. They were not sure about the legal status of the constructions and lands | Very Good |

The meeting has really usefull outputs and the outcomes were excellent. In the end of the meeting the consultant delivered the Decision makers questionnaires, and agreed with decision makers to get it back already filled on two weeks.

ANNEX 3 - SIGNED ATTENDANCE LIST

| PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / | | KONSULTIM PUBLIK | | Attendance Sheet / | | Listprezenca | |
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| Tape | Comi | D. P. H. D. L. D. | | 0684278369 | | | |
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| Kadri | Crasto | D. B. D. L. D. | | 0682235186 | | | |
| Himret | Sevan | D. B. D. L. D. | | 0692101929 | | | |
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| Harjet | Sollus | TV. 7. L. I. N. T. I. E | | 0674069912 | | | |
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| Anisina | Naska | Fermeri | | 0692124286 | | | |
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ANNEX 4 – COMPLETED QUESTION LIST AT THE MEETING

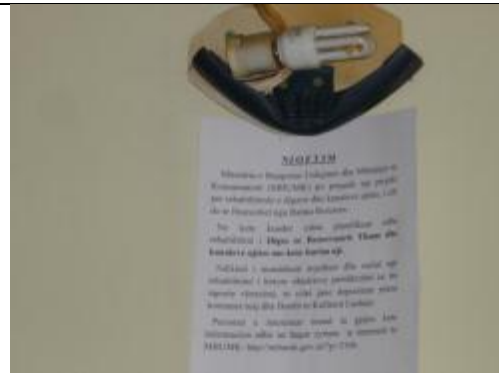
| PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / | KONSULTIM PUBLIK | Question Sheet / | Pyetsor |
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| Name / Emri Zeni Vllas O.P.U. Botimë Kuzhë | Please Write your Question Nestharr kurrë du të ketet projekt idrupast qfarë mund të bëhet me këta arsim e junioret të arsimet | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Name / Emri Ferdinand Jenushi | Please Write your Question Kur mendohet të fillonë zbatimi i projektit dhe a do të futet banka në shtet dhe kullimet në zonën kurse tona | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Name / Emri Vasil Murgu | Please Write your Question A do të merret për projekt edhe në riparimin dhe funksionimin bashkëkohor për vrapat e barashave dhe prave në gjithë hapësirën | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Name / Emri Folbi Bani O.P.U. Lirija | Please Write your Question Kjo e Lirija do të përdoret më në tërë projekt të brendit dhe stabilitet. | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Name / Emri Arday Botimë | Please Write your Question A do të shkohet sipërfaqja e njëzeme në zonën që mbulon depi e shtet dhe cila ka të domosdoshme rrethimin e saj kjo shkoh sipërfaqe në zonën mbas çfarë të shtet qytetmon në qoftë se do të realizohet ky depë. | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |

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| Name / Emri Boris Jota O.P.U. Lirija | Please Write your Question O.P.U. Lirija: Shprehim A. do të fajet me administrim organizator të bashkëkohor të shtet. | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Name / Emri | Please Write your Question | Ja lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
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ANNEX 5 – SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS



Notice posted in commune July 25th 2012



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QTTB Building Lushnje



Public assembling for meeting



TV4 Plus filming at the meeting



TV7 filming at the meeting



Providing interview to TV stations



Providing interview to TV stations

ANNEX 6 – LINK TO TV NEWS ITEM BROADCAST ON 14-15TH SEPTEMBER 2012

This file is too large for transmission, but can be uploaded at:

<http://www.sendspace.com/file/pur49y>