

REPORT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Kukes-Tropoje

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. 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 radio station "Kukes Radio" 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 Kukes- Tropoje during 25th 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 11:00am in the Meeting Room of the Kukes Water Board, in Kukes city, Ish Parku I Ri, (photos attached) 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.Bujar Shehu tel 0672032245, Director of the Water Board, representing the Kukes Drainage Board and who was the spokesman for the MAFCP. After a brief greeting, Mr.Shehu presented the purpose and plan of the meeting and encouraged all participants to ask questions after the presentations had been made. Mr Shehu 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.Spartak Sinojmeri – Environmental and social Expert with Mr. Bardhi Qilimi - agricultural and environmental expert – 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.Sinojmeri and Mr.Qilimi 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. Shehu 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.

The “Radio Kukes” journalist attended the meeting and after its conclusion he then interviewed Mr. Sinojmeri, consultant representative and Mr. Shehu, Water Board Director. The Radio Kukes journalist explained that after the elaboration of the information of the meeting and interviews the material will be broadcast on the “Radio Kukes”, on Sunday 16 October 2012. Mr. Sinojmeri added that he was also pleased that there were some women represented at the meeting (13% of the meeting were female). Mr. Sinojmeri 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 Kukes Drainage Board and the Environmental Consultants from CEIA/COWI Joint Venture.

| Name of Person | Questions/Suggestions | Answer |
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| Mr.Syl Mazreku | Is this project covering rehabilitation of draining channels because there are already damaged? | The first part of this project is for dam safety rehabilitation which is due for tender in 2013. This is followed by rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage systems which is likely to commence in 2014. |
| | In the Vranisht 2 reservoir is it predicted for safety reasons the removal of the iron pipe that passes up to the dam, however destroying it can negatively affect the neighbouring villages? | The detailed design of Vranisht 2 dam which is now underway will consider pipeline safety in its technical design. The issue of the neighbouring villages will be assessed during final design. |
| | How many phases of investment will be in respect of project plans for each reservoir | As mentioned before, the dam and spillway rehabilitation will be started after detailed design with construction likely in 2013, followed afterwards by the I&D rehabilitation likely in 2014. |
| Hysni Hoxha | Is predicted the commencement of investment in such a way that will not delay or jeopardise irrigation in the common year | There are mitigation measures given in the GESMP and on site specific ESMP for each reservoir. The construction schedule for the dam safety rehabilitation will take into consideration the irrigation. In any case, mitigation measures are proposed to minimize negative effects of dam rehabilitation during irrigation season |
| Gani Cenalia | Have the local Water Board specialists been consulted before the Design Rehabilitation project, was approved? | Consultations between the MAFCP, the drainage board, the dam safety design consultants and other stakeholders have been on-going throughout the project process. For the ESFD, Generic and Site Specific ESMPs and RPF this consultation was considered as a crucial project step, and the ESIA Consultant believes that the national and local authority, as |

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| | | well as the consultant, considers consultation of detailed design with local experts an important step to reach the optimum of project implementation and effectiveness |
| Rakip Cela | Why are specialists of the Regional Water Board of Kukes not been included in the rehabilitation of the design projects? | In the case of the ESIA undertaken for Dam safety rehabilitation, consultation with the local experts has occurred and has included the experts indirect participation in the project, and their opinions are considered as very important. The Kukes water board experts have been presents during all field trips made by the ESIA Consultant and have benefited from, shared ideas and opinions at more than 3 round tables meetings. Furthermore, the opinions from the specialists have been collected by asking questions raised during the project, questionnaires etc. We also believe that information obtained through the MAFCP, has considered the opinions, thoughts and technical information from these Water Boards specialists. The ESIA Consultants cannot speak for the other consultants involved with the detailed design, but it is the ESIA Consultant's firm belief that local experts have been adequately. |
| Feride Elezi | Where will be disposed the solid waste/debris remained from rehabilitation of the dam | This will be considered and specified in the detailed design, but still, in collaboration with local community and the Water Board expertise, places will be proposed (using state owned land for operational works). The ESIA consultants have specified that the solid wastes (the remains from the construction as well as other wastes, waste waters etc. should be managed in respect of Albanian legislation and disposal approved by the Regional Environmental Agency according to WB requirements. The mitigation measures in the ESMPs include detailed specifications regarding waste management, health and safety measures, traffic and risk management etc |
| Hane Allazaj | Are the silt traps on the reservoirs to be restored or constructed? | The site specific ESMPs require that the existing silt traps are maintained both during the construction and operational stages of the project. Any new silt traps to be constructed will be included in the detailed design being prepared by the dam safety rehabilitation consultant. |

The meeting was closed at 13:00 hours.

Report done by: Spartak Sinojmeri, Environmental Expert for CEIA/COWI Joint Venture

Attachments:

1. Annex 1 – Translation of public notice
2. Annex 2 – Notes from meeting in Kukes - Tropoje on 25th 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

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 KUKES HELD 25TH MAY 2012

The Meeting with Decision Makers in Kukës/Tropoja

The meeting was realized at Water Board offices Kukës, in date 25/05/2012 and participate the water board authorities and engineers, the representatives of Tropoja, community representatives etc.

| Name and profession | Summarized questions or suggestions | Answers | Level of acceptance |
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| Bujar Shehu Director of Water Board | Comments changes on cultivation of crops during last year because of missing irrigation waters | As soon as it is possible, the situation will be ameliorated | Good |
| Hasan Cuka Fierze commune | Emergency needs for irrigation justify its efforts to fulfil any of project demands regarding community and Fierze commune? | Appreciation on such support and presentation of how the community can be support project development | Very Good |
| Qemal Memish Regional directorate of Agriculture | What is the time frame for project implementation? | The EIA should be finished in three months. Not sure for the other project, but MAFCP, WB and donators are interested that the implementation will be ASAP | Very Good |
| Hamit Ferizolli Fajze | Does the project need the support of Fajza commune for Tregtan and Vranisht reservoirs | Sure, in all project phases will be needed the community support. In our phase we are constructing the project transparency and than we will get useful data from the community in relation with their demands and pretends, issues etc. regarding the project implementation | Very Good |
| Bardh Qilimi environmental consultant | Needs for support of the water board and community representatives on public consultation and field surveys | Fully agreed on collaboration | Very good |
| Bledi Memo Socio-economic consultant | Do you think the enlargement of the road, using of the space for car movement etc, will get constrains by community, land owners or users | In this stage doesn't looks any complains or not satisfactory reaction. Everyone is interested on irrigation | Very good |

In the end, the consultant delivered the questionnaires for decision makers and agreed with participants to distribute it, fill it in and give back within 2 weeks. After the meeting, the engineers and director, joined the team on field trip for a general view on reservoirs under the study.

ANNEX 3 – SIGNED ATTENDANCE LIST

| PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / | KONSULTIM PUBLIK | Attendance Sheet / | Listpresence |
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| Name / Nama | Address / Alamat | Telephone number / Nomor / Telepon | Signature / Menandatangani |
| Spartak Sinajaya | Rt. Nazi Dena 15 | 0673046617 | [Signature] |
| Pidana Emilia Parhata | Lqj. No. 2 Pakk 62 Kubi | 0622072464 | [Signature] |
| Tamash Hoxley | Jep. Bappa Kubi | 0684072706 | [Signature] |
| Mazoni Elgi | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0696300332 | [Signature] |
| Haji Almas | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692508431 | [Signature] |
| Fandi Cag | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692331590 | [Signature] |
| Arif Hutamaja | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0693281133 | [Signature] |
| Rahil Selo | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692352203 | [Signature] |
| Hysun Haxha | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692520945 | [Signature] |
| Gam Cassala | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692611487 | [Signature] |
| Dykim Baly | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0684064946 | [Signature] |
| Amir Skla | Bendi Kullimat Kubi | 0692003110 | [Signature] |
| Alf Mozroky | Sindogrom Kambi Pafan | | [Signature] |
| Udhan Suka | Rt. Bussun Kambisi Sira | 0672031198 | [Signature] |
| Rashid Shihun | Rt. Alhoh Kambisi Sira | 0694034522 | [Signature] |
| Leo Bui Miamata | Banore Trepa | | [Signature] |
| Ramita Canga | Banore Vranisht | | [Signature] |
| Bujan Shean | Drejtori Gordit | | [Signature] |
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ANNEX 4 – COMPLETED QUESTION LIST AT THE MEETING

| PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / | KONSULTIM PUBLIK | Question Sheet / | Pyetsor |
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| Syl Kogneta | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Syl Kogneta | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Hymi Hoxha | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Gani Cenalia | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / | KONSULTIM PUBLIK | Question Sheet / | Pyetsor |
| Rafiq Selja | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Fotide Elazi | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
| Kamr Ally | Please Write your Question | Ju lutem shkruani pyetjen tuaj | |
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ANNEX 5 – SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS



Director Drainage Board opens meeting



Public meeting in progress



ESIA Specialist presenting ESMP



Public listening to ESMP presentation



Public listening to ESMP presentation



Giving interview to Radio Kukes