



## Godloza Community Shiselweni Region

### Introduction

The agenda is accomplished by the Women and Youth Project which is funded by the European Union, implemented by COSPE in partnership with Gcama Mfati, Luvatsi, Kwakha Indvodza and Swaziland Community multimedia network. This agenda elaboration was conducted in 10 communities within the Lubombo and Shiselweni Regions. This activity was carried out with 10 groups from the 10 communities, a combination of both women and youth participants, all together there were 248 participants.

The agenda elaboration intends to raise issues that the participants deem to be issues of concern in their different communities. Issues that are barriers to their economic and social freedom. Issues that are relevant to rural women and youth, in order to participate and contribute to the development of their communities while reinforcing effective mechanisms for women and youths' rights to promotion, participation and representation at all levels. It is in this context, that the groups were able to elaborate this Agenda on the different major problems that the members (women & youth) face in their communities. Aside from the issues, possible solutions and different actors thought to be implicated in the following up of the agenda are also described in the document.

### 8 Issues identified.

#### 1. Lack of startup capital

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
People have ideas while some are already in small business but they can't grow due to lack of funds	Ask banking institutions to attend community meetings and educate them on how to apply for funding through the bank, and the requirements. Request Inkhundla council to educate them on how to access funding through the Inkhundla	RDF, Inhlanyelo fund, Youth fund, Eswatini bank, Fincorp, Umphakatsi, Inkhundla, World Vision

#### 2. High rate of unemployment

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Perpetuates crime as youth is lying idle due to this under developed and	Create job opportunities by growing existing businesses into bigger businesses.	Business people, SEDCO, Poverty reduction,



poverty stricken community.	Encourage people to engage in business and skills trainings to increase chances of self-employment	Inhlanyelo fund, Umphakatsi
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### 3. Lack of transport for ferrying produce to markets

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Production perish before reaching retailers and or consumers leading to failure to meet market demand.	Buy/rent a truck as business people so they can use it to transport their produce.  Advertise their goods through print, social media, radio and the like so that the consumers come to the community instead	Bank, RDF, Sedco, Umphakatsi, Inkhundla

### 4. Difficulty in obtaining authorization stamp

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Hinders Business development as we cannot access loans from financial institutions and the Youth Fund. Caused by chieftaincy disputes.	Approach Umphakatsi and express-----	Bandlancane, Bucopho, Development committee, Traditional/Swazi courts(Ndabazabantu)



## 5. Lack of clean water and sanitation

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Contaminated with waterborne disease and is not enough for agricultural activities and our piggery businesses	<p>Fence and protect available water resources.</p> <p>Select water project committee ensure that water is brought closer to them, and that water quality and quantity is improved.</p> <p>Community to make contributions towards this project, and funds will be sought from relevant institutions.</p> <p>Approach Ministry of health, water department, to create awareness on water usage and purification</p>	Community, MP, Bucopho, Bandlancane, Rural water, Micro project, World vision

## 6. Inadequate health services

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Women give birth along the way, and a high rate of death on transit.	<p>Advocate for a mobile clinic in the community. To select a committee that will spearhead mobile clinic issue</p> <p>Engage Umphakatsi for the construction of the clinic, and the community members will be hands on in the construction of the hospital, both in contribution of man-power and financial contributions</p>	Home care workers, Umphakatsi, Ministry of health, Bandlancane, Tikhulu, Community, Natives(umsumpe), Mongimhlaba



### 7. Difficulty to obtain business land for youth

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
It is made difficult to access land for business because of age and gender. Residents do not know the contents of the country's Constitution.	Sensitization of the community on the contents of the National Constitution, involving inner council so that everyone is in the same level on land rights	Umphakatsi, Development committee, Inner council, Natives(Umsumpe)

### 8. Lack of business skills

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Actors</u>
Some people do have businesses but then collapse because they lack business skills e.g. Bookkeeping skills	Acquire skills training by asking relevant institutions that do business skills training to provide trainings to small businesses.	Agricultural extension officer(Umlimisi), SEDCO, Cospe, ESWADE