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ON THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (TWG-I)



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A) ATTENDANCE.

The members represented seven Cooperatives. These were:

1. **Tiyende Pamodzi**
2. **New Kanakantapa Multipurpose**
3. **Kanakantapa Young Women**
4. **Valtop Multipurpose**
5. **Kanakantapa Women**
6. **Healthy Foods**
7. **Tuzenje**

B) DELIBERATIONS.

The Chairperson, Mr Lwiindi, called the meeting to order at 11.05 hrs welcomed the members and requested Ms Nature Michelo to open in a word of prayer. After that he asked all members to introduce themselves. He emphasized the importance of working together to ensure that projects were not only discussed but implemented.

He requested the Secretary to make available the minutes of the previous meeting for correction and adoption. The Secretary reported that the minutes were not ready but he went ahead to highlight some of the salient points that made the agenda of the previous meeting.

The Technical Working Group on Infrastructure (TWG-I) representatives from various cooperatives met on the 14th December, 2025 in Chongwe at Kanakantapa Resettlement Scheme to plan the acquisition of agricultural Infrastructure and assets to support increasing productivity in Kanakantapa Resettlement Scheme by their membership of each of the 10 cooperatives represented.



Among the items discussed by the six members who were present included the following:

- The role of the TWG - Infrastructure
- Conduct/ Analyze Need Assessments from other TWGs
- Identify and make recommendation for the mobilisation of resources to acquire various assets.
- There was a request for representation from Schweizer Agriculture to aid in answering some of the team members questions.



C) THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

That **ZANACO** had offered to sink five **Commercial Boreholes** around the reservoir to supply water to the storage reservoir which will feed into the hydrants for **flood irrigation**.

Out of the five, two 110 metre deep each commercial boreholes were sunk in December 2024 and the water being pumped is already being used to **test the reservoir** for leakages. The tests were on going. He further reported that the remaining three boreholes would be sunk in the **first quarter of 2025**.



Date: 5th December, 2024.

Mr. Nakaala Lwiindi

Chairperson, TWG-I and Scheme Manager, Kanakantapa Resettlement Scheme, Chongwe District giving a report at the office of the Vice President on Kafue on Technical Working Group on Infrastructure (TWG-I).





D) SCHWEIZER AGRICULTURE'S REPORT.

This report has been submitted by **Oasis Asset and Fund Managers**, a specialized unit under Schweizer Agriculture. It's focus is on **promoting the adoption** of environmentally smart technologies, agricultural mechanization, and infrastructure development, leveraging local, regional, and Development Finance Institution (DFI) resources - **Mr. Everisto Mwansa, Associate Partner - Copperbelt Key Account Person.**

Mr. Everisto Bwalya Mwansa
Associate Partner
Oasis Asset and Fund Managers



His report covered the following:

- 01** He informed the meeting that Mr Joas Chihangu was supposed to be in the meeting, however, due to another pressing matter, he didn't make it and therefore he asked Mr Mwansa to represent him.

- 02** He implored members to take seriously the role the group was entrusted with - to crystalize and ensure the implementation of the many infrastructure projects that had been discussed from the time Schweizer Agriculture Ltd and it's partners had started programs following the signing of the MOU with the Office of the Vice President under the Resettlement schemes. He encouraged members to attend future meetings that would be called and to ensure that all resolutions were implemented without fail. He further indicated that subject to the availability of resources and and the commitment from members, it was envisaged that the meeting were scheduled to be held on a monthly basis.

- 03 In line with one of the purposes of the group, Mr Mwansa encouraged members to identify gaps in the existing infrastrure to support programs such as the drip irrigation systems and the mechanisation of farms.
- 04 He requested the Scheme Manager Mr Nabala Lwiindi to help farmers with land where group hands - on training can be done. He emphasized the importance of communal land as it would be easier for partners and other cooperating organizations to come on board to assist cooperatives. The other major benefit was that members would replicate on their individual farms what they would learn as groups.
- 05 On the source of funds, he informed the meeting that in collaboration with the Technical Working Group - Access to finance, those who would be interested could be linked to Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC) and Constituency Development Funds (CDF) through the local leadership riding on the fact that a lot of settlers had already benefitted from the various training programs undertaken by Schweizer Agriculture Ltd and it's partners. The other sources of funds would be commercial entities such as ABSA a bank which some of the farmers from Kanakantapa had visited with the Support of Schweizer Agriculture,Natsave and Zambia Industrial Commercial Bank (ZICB)
- 06 Finally, he requested all members present to ensure that they collected the two forms namely Social Economic Impact assessment and Producer/Cooperative data survey sheets for the year 2025.





E) AMIRAN'S COMMENTS



The statement was made by Mr Oclay Siabowa.

- He started by mentioning that he was grateful to be working with the team at Kanakantapa Resettlement scheme.
- He explained that his firm was a one - stop - shop covering a wide range of agricultural products and services such as chemicals/fertilizers, seeds, seedlings, crops and irrigation solutions for both small holders and commercial farmers alike, supporting open fields and closed farming (Green houses).
- He mentioned that what made Amiran special was its after sale service initiatives where they don't just sell and abandon the farmer/s but they delight in creating long term relationships that are aimed at making small holder farmers grow to Commercial farmer status.
- He stated that since some boreholes had already been sunk, it would be necessary to acquire the services of an independent professional person to test the two boreholes and submit a report. The said report would be the basis upon which the size of the pump and solar panels would be recommended.



GENERAL COMMENTS



- The scheme Manager indicated that a total of 30 hectares of land was available for the Cooperatives to use as they wished.
- Tuzenje representative informed the meeting that they had already secured 4.5 hectares of land where they wished to do a banana plantation and fish farming.
- Col Sikuta asked whether it was possible for individual farmers to benefit from the programs and what structure the loans would take? In response, Mr Everisto Mwansa, Ms Charity Phiri and Mr Kobi Mwansa explained that, both groups and individuals were eligible and that some individual farmers had already benefitted from the program. On the structure, Ms Phiri stated that the TWG-Access to finance would come up with the details and those who lacked the knowledge in filing the documents would be assisted.
- Mr Steven Mushimbeyi, on behalf of New Kanakantapa Cooperative wanted to know when would fulfil their pledge of a lima of banana plantation as was donated by Amiran in 2024. Mr Siabowa from Amiran assured the meeting that he would consult further from his employer and a feedback provided in due course.

Flashback to July 2024:

Mr. Nakaala Lwiindi,

Scheme Manager for Kanakantapa Resettlement Scheme and Chairperson of TWG-I, reviews the design for a 3ha solar irrigation unit, expertly crafted by Green2000, in Chongwe district, Lusaka.

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NEXT STEPS AND RESOLUTION

- 01 By Friday 24th January 2025, a team comprising officers from Amiran, Resettlement Scheme and Schweizer should visit Tuzenje cooperative land to assess the suitability of the area for various proposed projects and recommend the best activities.
- 02 The team to further visit the site of the two boreholes for the expert to come up a quotation for borehole reports.
- 03 The same team to visit the field where the hydrants are located to ascertain whether to continue using them or to change the irrigation method.
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- 05 Tuzenje was tasked to identify the suitable infrastructure required depending on the farming activities that would be agreed upon.
People responsible - Mr Siabowa, Mr Mwansa, Mr Lwiindi and Mr Sichilongo
- 06 Based on the independent report, Amiran would recommend the suitable pump and solar panels to use.

The recommendation would be submitted to TWG - Access to Finance for further consideration.
- 07 The Resettlement scheme management
 - a) to get a quotation for the fencing of the two boreholes.
 - b) to engage ZANACO for the three remaining boreholes.
- 08 Schweizer Agriculture was tasked to identify a company or individual that can conduct soil testing on the 30 hectares.



Ms Colida Mwanda

TWG-I Co Chairperson

*Ministry of Community Development
and Social Services*

Chongwe District, Zambia



THE ASSESSMENT FORMS

Below is the list of representatives who obtained the two forms submission on or before 22nd January 2025.

COOPERATIVE.	NAME	CONTACT
1. Tiyende pamodzi	O. Kalusa	0971549638
2. New Kanakantapa	Mushimbeyi	0976306916
3. Kanakantapa	Y.W Michelo	0972500408
4. Valtop.	Col Sikuta.	0977784123
5. Kanakantapa	W B. Banda	0979183272
6. Healthy Foods	Chinyeka.	0977601272
7. Tuzenje	Mwansa.	0977184191



Mr Kobi Mwansa was tasked to share the forms with the four remaining Cooperatives and ensure that they too beat the deadline.

**The purpose of the assessment forms is to upgrade the details of our incumbent partners for 2025.*

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