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**M’MBELWA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Site meeting report**

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| **Name of Activity:** | Site Progress Supervision at Wateleka Health Post and Lweya Bridge. |
| **Date of Activity**: | 11/01/2022 | **Type of Activity:** | Field visit |
| **Location:** | Wateleka (Mzimba Solola )Lweya Bridge (Mzimba Hora) |  |  |
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 | **Designation**National Local Government Finance CommitteeNational Local Government Finance CommitteeAg. DPWDLOPublic Works Intern |  |
| **Programme** |
| **Purpose of site visit:**1. To appraise progress of works at the two construction sites
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| **Project status at Lweya Bridge**:* Material samples were tested in Mzuzu for quality assurance
* They have a total workforce of 30 people (26 men and 4 women)
* The bridge is on the final stages but the sign post was yet to be constructed.
* HIV/AIDS sensitization was done among employees and free condoms are available on site
* Occupational safety management and health was observed on the site however environmental management was poor due to the location and condition of the toilet.
* Quality of works is generally good.

**Challenges on the project:*** Steel costly rose sharply during the construction period thus negatively affecting the contractor
* The distance from suppliers of materials is far e.g Mzuzu and Lilongwe

**Observations:*** There were no readily available BoQs, Daily diaries for works progress and not enough safety gear for use on site.

**Project status at Wateleka Health Post**:* The rehabilitation of the health post and completion of staff house is slow
* The interior walls of the staff house are yet to be completed
* The utilities are yet to start however foundation excavation works of the same have been completed
* Timber and iron sheets are yet to be purchased
* There is a total workforce of 9employees where 2 are women for the buildings project
* The electrical installation and borehole drilling has a total of 5 employees where 2 are women
* The thickness of the walls for the water tank was a concern because one line wall for 150mm cement block was used raising stability concerns for the tank.
* There is need for Intel for all internal openings of the staff house

**Challenges on the site:** * Inadequate skilled labor for both contractors
* Erratic community participation and supervision on the projects

**Observation:*** The thickness of the walls for the water tank was a concern because one line wall for 150mm cement block was used raising stability concerns for the tank.
* There is need for Intel for all internal openings of the staff house
* Occupational safety management and health was observed on the site as most employees were not wearing safety gear for both contractors.

**CONCLUSION ON BOTH SITES**1. They should have up to date works progress diaries.
2. Emphasis on occupational healthy, sanitation, safety and environmental management.
3. Regularly conduct HIV/ AIDS awareness campaigns and sensitization to employees.
4. Instruction books should be available and in use in all sites
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