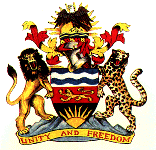
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**M’MBELWA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**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) |  |  |
| **Compiled by:** | * Salome Msango |  |  |
| **Participants** | **Name**   * Jason Mwatsika * Ephraim Gausi * George Gopani * Robert Kanyesi * Salome Msango | **Designation**  National Local Government Finance Committee  National Local Government Finance Committee  Ag. DPW  DLO  Public Works Intern |  |
| **Programme** | | | |
| **Purpose of site visit:**   1. To appraise progress of works at the two construction sites | | | |
| **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 | | | |