**M’MBELWA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2022/2023 PBG2 (GESD) PROJECTS AS AT 19TH MAY, 2023.**

M’mbelwa District Council was allocated MK 882,478,654.00 for the implementation of the 2022/2023 GESD projects and MK 197,512,447.00 for the implementation of DDF projects. The projects were obtained from the 2022/2023 Annual Investment Plan presented to the Development Service Committee for prioritization then to the Full Council for approval. Seventeen projects were earmarked for implementation under GESD while five were earmarked for implementation under DDF. However, during the bidding process, it was observed that prices offered by the bidders were far much higher than the estimated costs of each project. This forced the council to slash down the number of projects to be implemented from 17 to 11.The re-prioritization was done by a Joint Committee of Finance, Development and Works Committees.

All the eleven (11) projects commenced though one project namely Luweya Bridge project has started late because the contractor was waiting for water levels in the river to reduce to manageable volumes.

Below is the status of Implementation of the 2022/2023 GESD and DDF projects as at 19th May, 2023:

**Project implementation Status and Contract details for the awarded Contracts for 2022/2023 GESD (PBG 2) Projects**

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| **No** | **Project Name** | **Contract Amount (MK)** | **Contractor’s Name** | **Implemention Status** |
| 1 | Construction of a staff house at Kamwe Health centre  | 36,182,190.21 | Kanthunkako Building Contractors | The project is at Finishes level. Progress can be rated to be at 60 percent. |
| 2 | Construction of Maternity wing at Njuyu | 130,346,984.16 | Cardworks Infrastructure | The Maternity Wing is at Finishes Level. Progress can be rated to be at 70 percent. |
| 3 | Construction of a Classroom Block at Chipho | 43,371,919.47 | Glasasi Civil and Building Contractors | The project is at roofing level and progress can be rated to be at 60 percent. |
| 4 | Construction of a Bridge at Lweya | 74,713,275.00 | S.K. Construction | The project is at foundation level. Progress can be rated to be at 5 percent. |
| 5 | Construction of a Water Supply system at Makilindeni |  22,000,000 | Masa Contruction | Borehole drilling, installation of submersible solar powered pump, installation of solar panels, construction of tank stand, supply of water storage tanks, construction of conveyance pipe lines from the intake (Borehole) to the CDSS, primary school and teachers’ houses and Construction of valve chamber,borehole manhole and wash basin is completed. The project is at 90% completion. |
| 6 | Construction of a School Block at Kavukula | 64,209,450,74 | TAM construction | The project is at Finishes level and progress can be rated to be at 85 percent. |
| 7 | Construction of a Police Unit at Kanjuchi | 63,035,278,09 | SOLIAM Investment | The project is at Finishes level and progress can be rated to be at 90 percent. |
| 8 | Construction of a Matenity Wing at Luwerezi | 124,237,098.88 | Yewo Construction | The project is at Finishes level and progress can be rated to be at 85 percent. |
| 9 | Construction of a Health Post at Mtuzuzu | 77,027,021.85 | Sandstone Building Contractors | The project is at Finishes level and progress is rated to be at 90 percent |
| 10 | Construction of a laboratory at Milala CDSS | 86,596,270.75 | Chisanga Construction | The project is at gable level ready for roofing stage. Progress can be rated to be at 55 percent. |
| 11 | Construction of a Police Unit at Ekwendeni Trading Centre | 63,042,539.21 | Kanthunkako Building Contractors | The project is at Finishes level and progress can be rated to be at 65 percent. |

**2022/2023 DDF Projects**

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| **No** | **Project Name** | **Contract Amount (MK)** | **Contractor’s Name** | **Implemention Status** |
| 1 | Mzimba Boma Street lights  |  47,761,202 | Yewo Logistical Solutions | 87 Street lights Installed  |
| 2 | Car park  |  30,000,000  | Chudako Building Contractors | Concrete Slab completed. |
| 3 | Mbalachanda bridge | 80,000,000 | For RA | Taken up by Roads Authority. Funds for the bridge to be used for roads and drainage improvement works at Jenda Market and Bus depot |
| 4 | Jenda Market Access Road | 20,000,000 | - | Consultations with community on route for outlet drainage channels underway. Preparation of designs for improvement works in progress. |
| 5 | Abolution Block at Mzimba Market |  11,629,809  | Mojolume Construction | Ablution block completed. |

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS**

All projects were subjected to both desk and field appraisal and environmental and social screening to determine whether they were feasible and ready for implementation. The Environmental and Social Management Plans were formulated for each project earmarked for implementation.

Successful contractors were also instructed to submit to the council an Implementation plan for all interventions included under environmental and Social Safeguards.Contractors have submitted the implementation plans to the council.

**CHALLENGES**

* Bid prices were higher than the estimated project costs resulting in reduced number of projects to be implemented from 17 to 11.
* Late commencement of Luweya Bridge.
* Some contractors using reeds or poles for making a construction hoarding fence as it presents a negative environmental connotation.
* Some blocks used for construction are of poor quality
* Poor workmanship at Njuyu maternity project
* Procurement process delayed resulting in late commencement of projects
* Acceptance of flagship projects by politicians is a challenge
* Contractor for Chipho Classroom Project was attacked by armed robbers and robbed him of the entire payment as he was coming back from the bank leading to financial challenges to fund the project. This has slowed progress of the works.

**PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

* It was resolved that the 6 left out projects should be included in the 2023/2024 AIP for implementation.
* Contractors were advised to use/ replace the hoarding fence with materials that do not encourage people to destroy trees and other vegetative cover
* Contractors advised to buy blocks from certified manufacturers
* The contractor was asked to demolish all defective areas and reconstruct them with recommended materials and mix ratios.