**M’MBELWA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2022/2023 PBG2 (GESD) PROJECTS**

M’mbelwa District Council is allocated MK 882,478,654.00 for the implementation of the 2022/2023 GESD 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. However, the outcome of the bidding process which resulted in bid prices for projects being higher than the planned estimated costs, 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. Of the eleven (11) projects, 10 commenced while one project namely Luweya Bridge project has not started because the contractor is waiting for water level in the river to reduce to manageable volumes.

Below is the status of Implementation of the 2022/2023 GESD projects as 28th February, 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 Slab has been cast ready for superstructure. |
| 2 | Construction of Maternity wing at Njuyu | 130,346,984.16 | Cardworks Infrastructure | The project is at Superstructure wall level |
| 3 | Construction of a Classroom Block at Chipho | 43,371,919.47 | Glasasi Civil and Building Contractors | The project is at Superstructure wall level |
| 4 | Construction of a Bridge at Lweya | 74,713,275.00 | S.K. Construction | Not started.Contractor has not Mobilised on site fearing possibility of increased water levels in the river.The contractor wrote the council asking for the delayed commencement of works to allow for reduced volume of water in the river |
| 5 | Construction of a Water Supply system at Makilindeni |  22,000,000 | Masa Contraction | Borehole drilled. Contractor to start building a tank stand |
| 6 | Construction of a School Block at Kavukula | 64,209,450,74 | TAM construction | The project is at slab level |
| 7 | Construction of a Police Unit at Kanjuchi | 63,035,278,09 | SOLIAM Investment | The project is at Superstructure wall level |
| 8 | Construction of a Matenity Wing at Luwerezi | 124,237,098.88 | Yewo Construction | Started. Project at Slab level |
| 9 | Construction of a Health Post at Mtuzuzu | 77,027,021.85 | Sandstone Building Contractors | Started.project at Foundation level |
| 10 | Construction of a laboratory at Milala CDSS | 86,596,270.75 | Chisanga Construction | Substructure walls completed ready for casting concrete slab. |
| 11 | Construction of a Police Unit at Ekwendeni Trading Centre | 63,042,539.21 | Kanthunkako Building Contractors | Project is at Foundation excavation level.The project started late due to community disagreement on project site. |

**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.

**CHALLENGES**

* Bid prices were higher than the estimated project costs resulting in reduced number of projects to be implemented from 17 to 11.
* Community disagreements on the choice of project site resulting in delayed commencement of the project
* 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
* Procurement process delayed resulting in late commencement of projects
* Acceptance of flagship projects by politicians is a challenge

**PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

* It was resolved that the 6 left out projects should be included in the 2023/2024 AIP for implementation.
* Local leaders were requested to resolve the issue of project site quickly to avoid further delays
* 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