

**MINUTES OF MSC/IFC STAKEHOLDERS MEETING HELD AT THE MAGADI
SPORTS CLUB ON 13TH OCTOBER 2005 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT

1.	James Mathenge	Managing Director, MSC (Chairing)
2.	Sammy Chepkwony	Director of Human Resources, MSC
3.	Lemarron Kaanto	Community Dev Officer, MSC
4.	Jim Steele	Project Director, MSC
5.	F.Kahindi Kazungu	District Officer, Magadi
6.	Christopher Davy	Regional Director, ITDG
7.	Sharon Looremata	Project Officer, ITDG
8.	Isaac Oenga	Team Leader, ITDG
9.	Joel Sayianka	Snr Chief, Magadi Location
10.	Mainka Sakaya	Assistant Chief, Magadi Sublocation
11.	Phillip Nkaka	Chief Oldonyonyokie Location
12.	Julius Saiboku	Chairman, Magadi Multipurpose Coop Ltd
13.	Joseph Kayioni	Chairman, Oldonyonyokie Group Ranch
14.	Elijah Sereu	Chief, Olkiramatian Location
15.	Solomon Liarash	Councillor, Magadi Ward
16.	Daniel Saibulu	Councillor, Olkiramatian Ward
17.	Joseph Lorkinyiei	Chief, Shompole Location
18.	Lakhdeep Babra	IFC, Nairobi
19.	Leyla Day	IFC, Washington

AGENDA

1. Presentation on Magadi Soda's Community Involvement and Consultation.
2. Presentation by Community Leaders.
3. Presentation by the ITDG on the Community Development Plan (see attached summary).
4. Presentation by Mr. Ole Simel and others.
5. Meeting open for discussions, questions and answers.
6. Comments and wrap up by IFC.

Introduction

The Managing Director, James Mathenge welcomed all members to Magadi.

The Chairman stated that the main purpose of the meeting was for stakeholders to get an update of community development activities from Magadi Soda, an update on the Community Development Plan (CDP) and for stakeholders (including Government, Local Leadership, NGOs, the MSC and the IFC) to exchange views in an open and transparent manner. The Chair also stated that while MSC was hosting the meeting and an agenda

had been prepared, this was an open meeting and attendees were free to raise any issues or questions or otherwise add to the agenda. Attendees then introduced themselves and it was agreed to follow the proposed Agenda.

Min 1/05: Presentation on Magadi Soda's Community Involvement and Consultation.

The Chair gave a presentation on Magadi Soda's Community involvement and stakeholder engagement and consultation process. The presentation covered the following;

- MSC's Corporate vision, mission and values
- History of MSC
- Magadi Concession area lease and Railway lease
- Soda ash production, historical sales trends & markets
- Challenges to sustainability
- Strategic response to challenges
- The premium Ash project
- Corporate Social Responsibility (principles, focus area, salient features)
- Community Relations Policy & Framework
- Engagement process (Community, other publics, employees & stakeholders)
- Statutory compliance & environmental conservation
- Social interventions (education, health, water, microbusiness/employment; transport & infrastructure)
- Recognitions and Awards

Min2/05: Presentation by Community Leaders.

On behalf of the community, one of the leaders Councillor Solomon Liarash, gave a presentation on the SWOT engagement process. He pointed out to the roles and functions of SWOT since it was started in 1999/2000. The key areas it prioritised were: education, water, health, business/employment and transport. The SWOT Committee, which was born out of these extensive consultations, has been meeting at least once a month. Its membership includes all leaders in the group ranches, women and youth representatives, Magadi Soda Company representatives, Government officers and NGO/CBO representatives. The larger SWOT meets twice a year. The SWOT has various task force committees viz - education, health, railway and natural resources.

Community leaders summarized that they viewed the CDP as a positive tool for change in the area and gave several examples of changes that had already occurred. These include: establishment of a secondary school with community and MSC funds; reduction of resource mobilisation duplication through the engagement of all stakeholders, mobilization of citizens under a common objective; and community willingness to fund various initiatives with their own resources (e.g., water supply). In a nutshell, the CDP had

already at this stage moved towards the desired objective of empowering the community.

Min3/05: Presentation by the ITDG on the Community Development Plan .

Sharon Looremata of ITDG gave a presentation on the Community Development Plan. She stated that the objective of the CDP was to enhance Magadi Soda's support to the local community through a broad based stakeholder engagement process and focus on strategic and more sustainable initiatives.

The consulting team, in pursuit of this objective, employed the following approaches and methodologies;

- **Logical Framework Approach (LFA);** This involved a situation analysis, an impact assessment, problem identification and problem analysis, opportunities and solution analysis, the project strategy and preparation of CDP Logical Framework Matrix.
- **Livelihood Frameworks:** was used in the the planning process, to analyse the dimension of poverty by defining the assets which people need in life.
- **Participatory techniques:** e.g. SWOT and Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRA) were also utilized for information gathering.

The team visited all the four group ranches in Magadi Division, where they held meetings in ten out of thirteen sub locations. Discussions in these meetings centred on water, health, education, transport & infrastructure, agriculture and livestock development.

The team met key stakeholders in the district, namely Magadi Soda, Olkejuado County Council, Provincial Administration and other government departments, local leaders and school children.

The team also met national and other agencies such as:

- Aid Agencies such as USAID, GTZ, RDE,SNV, UNDP and WFP
- Financial Organizations; IFC
- Government departments and ministries
- Technical assistance agencies: ILRI, ICIPE, KWS and Ketri.
- Implementation agencies: Oxfam, Maji na Ufanisi, ITDG, Dupoto E Maa, AMREF, ECDP and ACC.

The CDP fits into a policy framework that is relevant to the pastoral community in Magadi. Main themes and strategies looked at, were:

- National development and poverty reduction.
- Livestock development
- Water
- Local Government

The team identified the major constraint to Community development as the relative absence of government in the area in terms of provision of services. The vacuum is then filled by private sector players such as Magadi Soda Co. Ltd which provides a range of services to the surrounding community.

Min 4/05: Presentation by Mr. Ole Simel and others.

On the anticipated presentation by Ole Simel and others, the Chair noted that unfortunately this group did not attend the meeting despite having confirmed their attendance. He said that the door was always open for them to raise issues and MSC would be willing to organize a follow-up meeting with IFC and other stakeholders as necessary.

Min 5/05: Meeting opens for discussions, questions and answers.

ITDG asked IFC what they expected from the CDP now that the CDP document was complete. IFC responded that the CDP was already showing results, based on feedback from the Community Leaders as outlined above. IFC's stated that its main expectation was to put all stakeholders on the same page with respect to priorities and to ensure all stakeholders (communities, citizens/residents of the area, NGOs, Government (local/central), Donors and Private Sector) were aware of their respective responsibilities and to then empower them, through the CDP, to work together. IFC also stated that the CDP is a live document which could, and should change, based on shifting priorities and objectives of the stakeholders.

Min 6/05: Comments and wrap up by IFC.

IFC in conclusion stated that they were grateful to MSC for hosting the meeting and thanked Community Leaders and other stakeholders for taking the time to attend the meeting. IFC stated that the next steps should focus on the official launch of the CDP and the Secretariat.

The Chair then concluded the meeting by thanking all for participating and taking a keen interest in community development matters and accepting and owning the CDP as a document they contributed and facilitated to guide future development planning for the Division.

He also said that Magadi Soda will be organising for the launch of the CDP in the coming months. He then invited everyone to lunch.

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