

MOKEMA PROJECT

PREPARATION

The project started in and was completed in 1983 before Construction started 7 members of VWC was elected Mainly to organize labour during construction

At the early stage, of construction people participation was high but as time goes some people started giving excuses and community participation decreased, there were some people who never participated with labour until the completion of the system

THE PROJECT DESIGN

The project is meant to serve total population of 1100 people.

The project has the gravity system with 3 spring catchments 2 tanks and 21 collection points Out of this 21 taps 7 are working and 14 are not working. There is one (1) private connection in the Chiefs yard which is also working (the gravity system serves the upper part of the village). There is also pumping system which serves the lower part of the village

The pumping system has (13) thirteen collection points out of which (2) are private connections, and eleven (11) public connections.

We were told that during times of operation only one (1) tap does not work while 12 works well.

There are also 4 handpumps drilled by DRWS, 3 of them are working well while one (1) is not working. Again there are (9) nine self private drilled handpumps which were reported to be working very well

BASIC DESCRIPTION ON HOW O+M IS PRESENTLY MANAGED & OPERATED

After realising that the gravity system could not give enough water the DRWS decided to provide a pumping system for the lower part of the village. The Water Committee decided with people to contribute M1.00 per household for diesel fund and the tap minders were also elected. (Mokema)

To run the system villagers agreed to pay M1.00 per household towards diesel fund so that VWC could be able to buy diesel for pumping

Tap minders were given the list of people who have paid so as to check against this list when people go to draw water. People were issued with receipts to produce to Tap minders when going to draw water

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The Water Minder used to pump for eight hrs after every two days (2) days i.e he would start pumping in the morning at eight (8.00) to 12.00 midnight and from 2 00 to 6.00 in the afternoon, skip one day and start pumping on the same hours the following day.

Where did people get water from?

This system did not have any problem infact it was working quite well until those people who were in old VDC and others who refused to work during construction, started fusses and refused to pay for diesel This created conflicts between those people who were paying diesel every month and those denying to pay. They claimed that they worked during construction, therefore they will not pay for diesel.

Some people are suspicious that the brake downs are caused by the people who are refused to draw water from the system . Some old VDC members openly told us that they will never pay for diesel because they worked during construction. *→ since they did not pay about*

MAINTENANCE

At the time of visit the diesel pumping system was not working, not because the engine was broken but because the engine had been removed from the pump house by the VWC. The VWC reported that they have taken it for safekeeping because there was no diesel to run the engine . The water committee told me that they have kept the engine since January 1996 because in December 1995 they received a bill amounting to M331.00 from DRWS after the engine was serviced . The VWC asked the Chief to call a pitso whose purpose was to show the bill to the villagers also to explain the problem of the engine which was not been used because no body was paying for diesel . No body turned up for a pitso .

Some VDC members told me that, at that time some people claimed that they don't need water from the system anymore because it was a rainy season and they could still survive using the rain water.

Several pitsos were called from November to December 1995 . but no body bothered to attend this pitsos so it is the VDCs and VWCs decision to take the engine to the water minders place for its safekeeping.

Why no turn up and chief Mark?

CONCLUSION

The VDCs opinion is that people who did not work during construction must be taken before the law and charged according to what their bye-law say.

They feel that the new VWCs suggestion to forget this non participants and to start afresh with the pumping system is not ideal. They believe non participants must pay and the people who does not pay for diesel also must be refused to draw water from the system

One Ntate, from VDC say the law must be exercised on people who have broken it He thinks, there is no justice to exercise law to some people and forgive others. If this is allowed. The sabotage of the system will increase each day.

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He feels the VDC must take action against people who did not work and those who refuse to pay for diesel. There are (2) newly elected VDCs from the this village, an old VWC whose worked during construction of the gravity system and a newly elected VWC which is responsible for the pumping system.

The 2 VDCs are both under the Principal Chief of Ha Maama Morena Mohale Seeiso and are also under the Chief of Ha Rampoetsi (Morena Molapo Maama).

MOKEMA HA MOLAPO - MORENA MOHALE SEISO MAAMA

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| - LIPHAPANG CHAKA | - CHAIRMAN |
| - MOEKETSI TOLOANE | - TREASURER |
| - MAKHUBA MARUPING | - MONGOLI |
| - BERNET NKOME | - SETHO |
| - MAPAKA NKOME | - SETHO |
| - KOAELA TSOSANE | - SETHO |
| (JOSEPHA MOLAPO MAAMA) | - SEBAKA |

MOKEMA HA RAPOETSI (RAMOTSE)

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| - BERN MOSEHLE | - MOLULA SETULO |
| - MOTSABI LEPHOTO | - MONGOLI |
| - MASILO (THIBELLO) | - RAMATLOTLO |
| - ANDREAS TLALI | - SETHO |
| - MOJI MABEA | - SETHO |
| - JOEL MOSOBO | - SETHO |
| - MAPEETE MOSOATSI | - SETHO |

VWC

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| LEKHOA PHETE | - CHAIRMAN |
| MAKALO SULU | - VICE |
| BARTHOLOMI MAHANYE | - MONGOLI |
| TEMA NYOOKO | - RAMATLOTLO |
| JOELE MOSOBO | - SETHO |
| LIPHAPANG CHAACA | - SETHO |

WATER MINDER

- **POKANE MOERANE**
- **MALEFANE MOTHIBE**

INFORMATION VERIFICATION SHEET

PROGRAMME NO.: Mokema

REF. NO.:

TYPE OF SYTEM	NUMBER	NO. OF CP	CP WORKING	AGE	NO. OF PC	NO. OF PS	VILLAGE
GRAVITY	1	21	7	APW 1983	1	20	
Pumping	1	13	12	1982	2	11	
HP	1	4	3		-	4	
Self Drilled HP	1	-	9		9	-	

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 Population..... 1100

