

VILLAGE INITIAL CONTACTS

LO: 824 LS00

FINDINGS

MOTLOHELOA V.W PROJECT

PREPARATION:-

In preparation for the Construction of the project a VWC was elected and each household was requested to pay M2.00 as Seabo household contribution fee. A bank account was opened with Lesotho Bank and 3 members of the Committee was responsible for Depositing and withdrawing money from the bank account their signatures were taken for specimen by the bank.

DURING CONSTRUCTION:-

Why some not participated
 Construction started in 1982 and completed in 1984 Everybody was expected to provide free labour, there were some people who did not participate during construction and some never participated though out the whole period.

THE PROJECT DESIGN

The project is a diesel pumping system serving 1,450 people. There are four villages. Each sub village have its own village head men under the village chieftains Faleria Maphika the Cheftainess for Motlohelo village who is responsible to the Principal Chief of Thaba Bosiu, Morena Khoabane Theko.

The sub villages are:

Ha Tsiki
 Ha Tlopo
 Ha Metso
 Hloahloeng

There are three tanks, and fifteen standpipes scattered in all four villages.

There is also one (1) hand pump which was drilled by DRWS in 1975.

Eight (8) individuals in this village also have private hand pump systems and there are (3) three handpumps supplied by asparagus farm which is exclusively for asparagus producing people and (2) two for the whole village.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION ON HOW THE PROJECT IS PRESENTLY OPERATED AND MANAGED

There is one pump minder responsible for starting and stopping the engine he is also responsible for filling oil, changing of filters is done by DRWS when servicing the engine.

The pump minder pumps six hrs every day three (3) hrs in the morning from 6.30 to 9.30 he also pumps from 2 - 500 p.m in the afternoon.

Each time the pump minder pumps he serves one part of the village. i.e he would pump in the morning for Ha Tsiki people and in the afternoon for Ha Tlopo people.

When he pumps he informs the tap minder for that part of the village to open taps for his people. There are two (2) tap minders and a VWC in each village. The work of this VWC is to collect diesel contribution of M1.00 per household per month.

The villagers from one village pays their monthly contributions to either the secretary or the treasurer of the Village Water Committee who would issue him/her with the receipt to produce whenever he goes to draw water.

The Water Minder is given the list of people who have paid for each month diesel to check against it whenever people goes to draw water. Each time when it is a village turn to draw water one member of the VWC and one tap minder are there in each tap to ration water.

We were told by villagers themselves that they collect four (4) 20l or 25l buckets every day per household regardless of how big or small the family is (i.e no of people living in one household family).

There is one (1) coordinating VWC which the small (village) VWCs reports to. The responsibility of the ~~the pump minder who of this committee~~ ^{the coordinating VWC} is to pay the pump minder who is paid M150.00 per month. Also to arrange funds for buying diesel. We were told that each week i.e after 8th day one VWC (coordinating) member goes to Maseru to buy diesel of 20l. which pumps for these (8) eight days.

The money which is used to buy diesel is those M1.00 collected every month but sometimes people would delay to contribute until the 10th day so the coordinating VWC would go to withdraw money from villagers bank account.

According to their bye-laws villagers are given 7 days to contribute for diesel that is from the 1st to 7th day of each month.

was changing of committee normal
or due to problems

The problem they still have is that the bank account is still in the name of the former VWC which was re elected in -----
? and the former VWC has never made any handover to the new VWC and signatures in the bank account are those from the old VWC. This sometimes gives them a problem because the old VWC member would sometimes not be available to withdraw funds.

Why?

MAINTENANCE / BRAKE DOWNS

The recent brake down occurred in May 1996, but it started in February 1996, The engine was due for service and as usual villagers reported it since they ~~said~~ they request service after every (3) three months. DRWS delayed to respond until oil in the machine got thick and the machine could not pump anymore this was somewhere in March. DRWS went to fix the engine but could not manage until they decided to take the engine back with them to Maseru they fixed it and returned it sometime in May. When they started it the ball broke and they had to take the engine back to Maseru again with them.

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In July 1996 they returned the engine fixed and working properly again. Since then the village had been without water for (6) Six months. The villagers reported that they used to pay M62.00 for the engine service but with the last service they were not issued with the bill yet. So they do not know how much that service/repair would cost.

Usually they pay bills by withdrawing money from their bank account or pay by the balance left when they buy diesel. There are again two (2) taps which are not working not because they are broken but the Maint. Supervisor Dan Tjabane thinks they have silted up so he advised the VWC, VDC and WM to search for washout to clean them up. The problem is that this people say they don't understand what he mean and they find it difficult to trace for washout so they have ask the map for the project and I promised to give them the map. -

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There is the newly elected VDC (coordinating) in the village and there is the coordinating VWC as well in each village there is also 7 members of the VWC and (2) tap minders.

There is only (1) one pump minder. The relationship between the VDC and the VWC were told is not very good however we still have to investigate more on this.

Relationship

time

Who said they should pump and why?

CONCLUSION

To conclude our discussion the VDC and VWC requested an extension of the system since they believes their population have increased to 3000 as against the initial population, they believe if a bigger tank could be build and handpump by DRWS repaired they would have enough water.

4 In our discussion we told them that another alternative would be to pump 3 times a day instead of two times so that water does not overflow during the night as we were told. *even though*

However this also would have its own implication of maybe contributing more for diesel i.e M2.00 instead of M1.00 so that they can buy more diesel and pump more days also to pay more to the pump minder because he would be working more hrs.

This was not the conclusion or the solution to the problem. They decided that maybe we should meet with people who use more water i.e big families who could not wait for four days before they could draw water again and see how much they are in shortage of water.

We agree to come back to arrange meeting for these people again.

MOTLOHELOA

VILLAGE & POP. NO	VDC		VWC		WM	CHIEF	
	NAME	FUNCTION	NAME	FUNCTION	NAME	NAME	NAME OF PRINCIPAL CHIEF
1,450							
KHOTSO 1 500	RAPHEFIA MOLISE	CHAIRMAN	THABO MOTLOHELOA	CHAIRMAN	TANKISO MOLEKO	FALERIA MAPHIKA	KHOABANE THEKO
	KHEKHE NTLALOE	SECRETARY	MAKOATSA TSEPO	MCE CHAIRMAN			
	TSATSI SEKOERE	TREASURER	SEKOATI LEosome	MEMBER			
	MANONE NENA	MEMBER	TELO SEBATANE	SECRETARY			
	TSELISO MAKANYANE	MEMBER	JOJO PEPENENE	VICE SECRETARY			
	NKATSE KOMA	MEMBER	TOTANG MPHO	TREASURER			
	TSELISO PITSO	MEMBER	TANKISO MOLEKO	MEMBER			
	FALERIA MAPHIKA	CHIEFTAIN ESS					

INFORMATION VERIFICATION SHEET

PROGRAMME NO. : HA MOTLOHELOA

REF. NO.: MAS 52

TYPE OF SYSTEM	NO.	NO. OF CP	CP WORKING	AGE	NO. OF PC	NO. OF PS	VILLAGE
DIESEL PUMP	1	15	13		0	15	HA TSIKI (5) HA TLOPO (5) HA METSO (3) HLOAHLOENG (2)
HAND PUMP	1	1	0	1975	0	1	HA TLOPO (1)
SELF. PRIV. C	1	8	6				
ASPARAGUS	1	4	2		1 YARD CONNECTED	3	

Distribution from Main Road: 0

Population: 1,450 people