MEETING NOTES

JOB TITLE: Ethiopia IAIPs Project
MEETING TITLE: Oromia IAIP - Introductory Community Meeting
PROJECT NUMBER: 48920
DATE: 18 August 2017
CLIENT: UNOPS
VENUE: Oromia IAIP
START TIME: 09h15

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Present:
Jacqui Fincham | JF | WSP | 
Robert Els | RE | WSP | 
Abiy Ferede | AF | UNOPS | 
Tequam Tesfamariam | TT | Local Partner | 
Community Representatives | Community | See attached attendance register |

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1.0 WELCOME & OPENING
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   — It was noted that the federal government have met with the community and discussed the project with them. JF indicated that WSP are not responsible for the design; that was undertaken by the government. WSP are responsible for assessing the proposed design to ensure the project has as little negative impacts on the environment as possible as well as to ensure the social impacts are addressed.
   — Before construction can begin the Ministry of Environment is required to issue a certificate authorising the development. In order to obtain the required certificate a complete ESIA is required to be undertaken.
   — Technical team on site to undertake baseline surveys before construction. The surveys to be undertaken include noise, soil, ground water, surface water (including wetlands) and biodiversity.
   — JF identified that WSP will be working with a local partner who is also responsible for undertaking a social survey of the area as well as air quality sampling. The local partner was noted to be returning to the site to undertake a formal community meeting to provide information on the project and gather any concerns the local community may have about the project.
   — JF indicated that the community could help by providing relevant information to the technical team such as location of wells, water supply areas, other local information etc.
— The technical team was noted to be present on site for the next two days, with the local consultant returning to the site at a later stage to undertake further survey work including the social surveys.
— The purpose of the assessment is to obtain relevant information so as to undertake a comprehensive ESIA for submission to the Ministry of Environment to obtain authorisation for the proposed project.
— JF requested whether the representatives had any concerns that they wanted to share regarding the project.

### 3.0 ISSUES RAISED

#### 3.1
Rep1 welcomed the team and appreciates that there is international and local involvement in the assessment. In the last 3 or 4 months the community had been in discussions with many parties, including compensation. It was noted that the households had received compensation. With regards to the environmental impacts it is up to the team to identify the impacts. But the people want to know that the development will be integrated including roads, health, public infrastructure, etc. Previously told that the Oromia IAIP is to be developed like the Awassa and Bahir Dar areas in which a master plan for the area was to be developed. It was queried whether this has been done.
— JF indicated that this is a wider issue than the project. With regards to integration JF queried what detail had been provided to the community.
Rep1 noted that not much detail of the development had been provided, only that it includes all requirements and aspects required for the success of the industry.
— JF noted that the issue of integration has been identified and that it needs to be addressed, including the placement of social infrastructure whether it is located within the IAIP or outside. This will be included in the assessment.

#### 3.2
Rep2 stated that there is confusion in the local community regarding compensation. The community was told that they would be paid every 10 years as the displacement was permanent but this is not in the compensation detail. He wanted to know what sustainability measures will be included to ensure the longevity of their livelihood.
— JF noted that WSP are trying to get all the details of the compensation (including calculations, agreements etc) as well as the compensation amounts/details issued. As the assessment is being undertaken to international standards we are to assess the compensation and sustainability thereof and advise whether what has been issued is adequate or not.
— JF informed the community that WSP require copies of the compensation agreements to review so that recommendations regarding the fairness of the compensation could be made.

#### 3.3
Rep3 stated that the affected households were promised that they would be given land as part of the compensation and that they would not have to demolish there houses until such time as the new land has been provided. However they are concerned that things are progressing and that their houses are going to be demolished for the project to go ahead.
— JF noted that the ESIA process is not a quick one with the aim of the assessment being completed in December following which authorisation is to be issued as well as detail of relocation to be finalised. Technically the certification should be issued before construction goes ahead.

#### 3.4
Rep4 thanked the team for coming and reiterated that overall the local community support the development however they are concerned about the delay with the relocation process.
— JF acknowledged their concerns regarding delays and noted that based on other sites it is likely that the construction of the boundary wall will commence before relocation of the affected households takes place. But as an independent party we are working to ensure that the relocation process is undertaken in a correct and fair manner and that the project is undertaken correctly.

#### 3.5
JF pointed out that the cattle cross the site to reach the river on the eastern side of the site, she queried what issues will result when the site is walled.
— Rep5 noted that they were told that the first phase of the project would cover about 178 hectares, compensation for this phase has been received. The community would still be able to bring their cattle to the river around this site, however the next phase of the project is supposed to increase to 1000 hectares. Should this happen it will most likely block the way for the cattle. The river is the only water supply for the area and is also used by upstream farms (flower farms etc.), they have noticed that the flow of the river has reduced over the last period of years. It was noted that people come from as far as 20km away to get water. Blocking the way to the river would be a major problem. It is suggested that road access is provided to allow access to the river from the western side of the park. Alternatively that access should be provided to a water supply point on the western side of the park.
JF noted that such issues had been identified and that recommendation would be included in the assessment.

#### 3.6
JF queried the different resettlement options that had been raised (i.e. land vs no land compensation) and whether the affected households would favour moving from the site closer to the town.
Rep6 reiterated that initially they were all told that they would be relocated with the provision of new land, then later it was identified that only 84 households would be provided land. These were the households that had dwellings on the site. The remaining 252 affected farmers would only receive financial compensation. So those who do not currently have a house on the site and want to relocate to the town have to pay a lease to live there.

Rep 7 noted that they were promised 500m2 of land for the head of the household and youth above 18 years were promised 200m2 of land. Compensation has been paid and some of those that did not receive land are already running out of money. They want the project to start so that they can get employment.

JF queried whether they were happy with the land sizes and why farmers would want to move to the town.

Rep8 noted that he is one of the affected farmers (land only) and he does not want to move to the town but he is still upset about not receiving land as they were promised that they would be given land. That promise has been broken as only some received land. They were told that only the 84 would get land due to the scarcity of land availability.

JF queried whether the community were offered priority employment opportunities, training etc.?

Rep10 confirmed that they were promised priority employment, especially the youth. Furthermore the government had provided training for how to manage the compensation and future finances. The training was reportedly undertaken over 15 days. They have not had any skills / technical training but were advised that should affected households purchase vehicles / machinery to provide services to the park they would receive priority. While those without money could get employment within the park.

**LOCAL PARTNER**

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**CLOSING**

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— JF noted that this is an informal introductory meeting to introduce the team and get an idea of the main concerns that the community may have. WSP are not expecting that the processes undertaken by the government have not been undertaken correctly however have to ensure it has been done properly with the assistance of the local community.
— JF requested whether the representatives had any concerns that they wanted to share regarding the project.

3.0 ISSUES RAISED

3.1 Rep1 stated that they want to know more about the project as they have not been provided with project detail.
— JF noted that TT and his team would be hosting a public meeting at a later stage where they will provide further detail regarding the project, design etc.

3.2 Rep2 reiterated the above comment. Noted that there is a general concern of international companies coming into to the country and building factories which pollute the air and environment. They are concerned about what is going to be developed at the site as they do not know details.
— JF explained that the RTC site is to be a collection and primary processing centre where locals can bring their farming produce to. It is not anticipated to result in large pollution issues. The assessment process is to identify suitable management measures that are to be implemented to prevent negative impacts. This will include an air quality management plan for the site to ensure air quality is managed properly to international standards.

3.3 Rep3 agreed that in large they are happy that the project is going ahead and that they are happy with the compensation that they have received. He added that they also support further expansion of the project if it is required in the future.
— JF explained that WSP are excited about the project and the benefits that it can have not only for the country but for the local communities as well. That is why we want to ensure the process is undertaken correctly to provide the best possible opportunity for the project to be a success.

3.4 JF queried the number of households that are affected by the project.
— Rep4 indicated that a total of 35 households were affected. 8 of the members present at the meeting represented affected households.

3.5 JF requested that the people at the meeting spread the work regarding the assessment that is being undertaken as well as that a survey would be undertaken and another public meeting would be held to assist in getting as much information as possible to the consultants.
— The representatives all agreed they were happy to spread the word to the local community.

3.6 JF queried where the community gets potable water form.
— Rep5 indicated that they used to fetch water from the local river however potable water has been provided by the municipality in the form of two standpipes (1 in each village). The farmlands rely on rainwater for irrigation. However water supply was an issue as each standpipe provides water to approximately 1000 households.

3.7 JF queried whether there were any groundwater users in the area.
— Rep6 identified that there are no boreholes or wells in the area.

3.8 JF pointed out the tombstones on the site and queried the importance thereof.
— Rep7 Acknowledged that is a burial site however they as a community do not know who is buried there as it was there before they settled in the area. The community has no attachment to the site and plough through the area.

3.9 JF queried the importance of the road running through the site and what issues would result should the road be cut-off due to the development of the RTC site.
— Rep8 indicated that the road can be cut-off as they can use another road in the area.

3.10 Rep9 noted that they had been told that the affected households and local community will benefit during implementation of the project by means of employment etc. They have not been provided more detail and would like the developer to speak to the local Kebele leader regarding these opportunities. Especially with regards to the youth gaining employment and skills.
— JF noted that it is the intention of the project that the affected households and local community get priority in terms of employment and as service providers, especially for the youth.

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