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STAKEHOLDER /COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT.

FOR THE PROPOSED KISUMU – MUSAGA 220kV TRANSMISSION LINE.

***Abstract:** -This report highlights the stakeholder and community engagement process for the proposed Kisumu- Kakamega – Musaga 220kV transmission line, a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project. Engagement efforts sensitized stakeholders on project requirements and asset compensation within the PPP framework, facilitating the identification of key concerns and valuable recommendations crucial for successful project implementation and community acceptance.*

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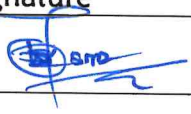
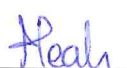
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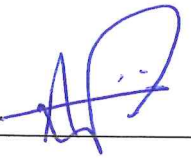
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Government of Kenya (Gok) has been promoting private sector participation in Kenya's electricity subsector to accelerate sector development and reduce reliance on exchequer financing. In this regard, the Ministry of Energy and the National Treasury, GoK, has mandated Africa50 and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID) to develop, structure, finance, and build a set of high-priority transmission lines on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

GoK has designated Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) as the Contracting Authority to facilitate the development of the 220kV Kisumu – Kakamega – Musaga Transmission line using the PPP model. The project will be implemented by a Africa50 in partnership with POWERGRID in line with Gok's Least Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP). The proposed 220 kV transmission system will be designed, developed, financed, built, owned, and operated as privately owned transmission assets in accordance with the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Act, 2021.

As part of the project development process, a Consultation and Public Participation exercise was undertaken from 3rd March to 15th March 2025 to engage relevant stakeholders and affected communities in Kisumu, Nandi, Vihiga and Kakamega Counties.

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EXERCISE

The objectives of this exercise were:

- a) To disseminate comprehensive information regarding the proposed 220kV Kisumu-Musaga Transmission Line project to all relevant stakeholders and affected communities. The aim was to ensure that all relevant parties are fully aware of the project and its potential implications
- b) To collect public and key stakeholder views/input, including feedback, concerns, and suggestions, to ensure the project reflects community needs. Gathering feedback, concerns, and suggestions from the public and key stakeholders.
- c) Ensuring compliance with national regulatory requirements and international best practices, which will guide project execution, minimizing adverse impacts.
- d) To ensure the project is committed to enhancing transparency and fostering public trust through open communication and accountability.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

The project is committed to a fair public participation process that is both inclusive and effective, recognizing its crucial role in project success and community ownership. The methodology adopted was designed to ensure that all stakeholders, especially those directly affected, have ample opportunity to contribute to the project's planning and decision-making. The methodology adopted comprised the following.

- a) **Courtesy Calls to Key Government Offices:** Formal courtesy calls were conducted with County Commissioners and Governors in the relevant counties. These visits served to:
 - i. Introduce the project formally, clearly outlining its objectives, scope, and intended outcomes.
 - ii. Seek their understanding, support, and active facilitation of the public participation process.
 - iii. Establish open lines of communication and build strong working relationships with key government officials.
 - iv. Provide high-level briefings on the project's potential impacts and benefits to the county.
 - v. Address any initial concerns or questions from county leadership.

The rationale for these initial engagements is essential to secure high-level administrative and political support, to foster collaboration, and to align the project with local development agendas. They also facilitated the legitimizing of the public participation process and ensured its credibility to all stakeholders.

- b) **Scheduling Dedicated meetings with leaders:**

Through the above-mentioned offices, dedicated meetings were scheduled with key stakeholders, including Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of County Assembly (MCAs), relevant local government officials, and influential community leaders/Gate keepers.

- c) **Scheduling Public participation Forums in the four (4) affected counties: -**

Open public forums were scheduled and held at accessible locations within the project area to offer a platform for the project team to share project information, and participants were encouraged to express their opinions and raise any concerns regarding the project implementation.

- d) **Localized Community Meetings: -**

Localized community meetings with the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) were held to ensure that all directly affected persons, including landowners, farmers, and vulnerable groups were adequately consulted. Localized community meetings were conducted in consultation with local leaders, including area location chiefs.

- e) **Documentation:**

Documentation was also undertaken to analyze all feedback and input received from the community and PAPs throughout the engagement process. Preparation of a comprehensive report summarizing key findings of the engagement exercise was also part of the methodology adopted.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Table 1: Public participation/Stakeholder engagement Schedule.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 400kV LESSOS LOOSUK TL				Number of participants		
DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE	Male	Female	Total
03.03.2025	Monday	Leaders Meeting in Kisumu County	Mama Grace Onyango Social Hall	34	8	42
		Leader's meeting in Vihiga County	County Commissioners Hall	39	13	52
04.03.2025	Tuesday	Public Participation in Vihiga County	Vihiga Community Hall	102	51	153
05.03.2025	Wednesday	Leader's meeting in Kakamega County	Baaz Hotel Hall	56	20	76
06.03.2025	Thursday	Public participation in Kakamega County	Sigalagala Art Center	54	26	80
07.03.2025	Friday	Banja Location	Museywa	16	17	33
		Gisambai Location	Chiefs Office	15	16	31
08.03.2025	Saturday	Chavakali	Chiefs Office	13	1	14
		West Maragoli /West Sabbatia	Chiefs Office	23	8	31
10.03.2025	Monday	Kajulu East/West Location	Palos Community Hall	27	15	42
		Tambua Location	Ivola Sublocation Office	33	10	43
		Isava Location	Chiefs Office	26	11	37
		North Maragoli	Chiefs Office	7	3	10
		Nandi County	County Commissioners Office	3	1	4
11.03.2025	Tuesday	Kapkerer Location-Nandi South	Israel Church-Kapkerer	22	15	37
		Eregi Location	Idakho south	11	5	16
		Shirumba Location	Idakho Central	18	11	29
		Ilesi Location	Chiefs Office	35	20	55
12.03.2025	Wednesday	Central Butsotso	Christ Evangelism Church Centre	25	10	35
		Burundu Location	St Patrick's Bukhakunga Catholic Church	60	12	72
13.03.2025	Thursday	West Butsotso	Ebutenje PAG Church	32	21	53
		Bunyala Central	Chiefs Office	19	12	31
		Lukume Location	Mayuge Dispensary	15	3	18
		Sivilie	Musaga Friends Church	25	15	40
14.03.2025	Friday	Nambacha Location	Assistant Chiefs Office-Matoi	19	8	27
		Ivonda Location	Lusui Market	22	9	31
15.03.2025	Saturday			751	341	1092
	Total					

5.0 THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The following KETRACO staff members carried out the consultation and public participation exercise:

Table 2:Stakeholder engagement team.

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6.0 KEY OBSERVATIONS/OUTCOMES/SUGGESTIONS OF THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

- i) **Oversight for Stakeholder engagement in some locations by the consultants during: -**
Deficiencies in consultant-led stakeholder engagement were identified, resulting in residents in some areas remaining uninformed about the proposed project. In these locations, residents indicated they were only asked to submit lists of vulnerable individuals. The KETRACO team's subsequent meetings proved crucial in educating residents about the project, particularly in Burundu, West Sabatia, and Ivonda, sub-locations.

- ii) **Failure to adequately engage with some key stakeholders by the consultants During their stakeholder engagements: -**

Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) in Kakamega voiced dissatisfaction over the consultant's limited engagement with political stakeholders during project discussions. They called for localized consultations to guarantee that all entitled beneficiaries receive prompt and legal compensation before the project proceeds. To enhance communication and address local concerns, they suggested Africa50/Power Grid establish project-specific local offices. The consultant may need to clearly identify all key stakeholders within the project area of the three (3) counties of Kisumu, Vihiga and Kakamega and re-engage them adequately to facilitate a smooth implementation of the project.

- iii) **Public perception of potential health hazards from electromagnetic field emissions.**

Communities within the project area express widespread apprehension regarding the potential health and safety impacts of electromagnetic fields (EMFs) generated by electricity transmission infrastructure. To address these concerns, a comprehensive sensitization

program, led by health and safety experts, is essential. These fears were consistently documented across all visited locations.

iv) Succession Issues.

Land parcels are largely registered under ancestral names, hindering timely compensation due to required succession processes. This poses a risk of project delays as compensation is contingent on titleholder status.

v) River crossings

The proposed transmission line crosses several streams and rivers including River Yala. It is evident from the line routing/mapping that the transmission line runs for some distance along rivers before subsequent crossing (s). This potentially increases the impact on the riparian environment.

This finding was further confirmed during the stakeholder engagement forums. The proponent should therefore realign river crossings with single crossing as opposed to running along riparian/river areas.

vi) Local Content

Community leaders and affected persons voiced their appeal for consideration in job opportunities and participation in the implementation of the project for the youth and qualified persons from within their areas.

vii) Timely Implementation of the project

There was concern that previous projects in various sectors of such magnitude took a long time to be implemented. This delay in some cases caused some destabilization of the affected persons as they were not able to enjoy the benefits of the project in good time and/or loss of business and personal development.

viii) Wayleave Compensation

Persons who are likely to be affected by the project raised various concerns such as wayleave compensation such as delayed compensation payments, how to identify the persons affected by the project and clear wayleave corridor, compensation of PDPs, the marginalized and vulnerable people, and how social amenities such as schools and hospitals were to be compensated for.

ix) Project Costs

There was concern on what is the financial implication of this project to the Kenyan economy, what are the pass thru costs to the consumers and the element of forex adjustment on the overall project costs in the long term. There was also concern on debt repayment.

x) Corporate Social Responsibility

Communities within the project areas through their leaders sought to know what benefit would accrue to them in the way of CSR.

xi) Project Agreement

There were concerns of the partners adherence to the set guidelines, policies, regulations and framework all the while ensuring that they do not default on the Project Agreement and delivery of the Project.

7.0 OUTCOMES

7.1: Outcome for Leader's/Public participation meetings

Table 3:Stakeholder/Public participation outcomes.

Date	Meeting/ Venue	Outcome/ views/ suggestions
03.03.2025	Leaders Meeting in Kisumu Venue: - County-Grace Onyango Social Hall	✓ Enhanced community participation: -The leaders emphasized for a more inclusive participation in the project – they specifically requested for the participation of village elders and community leaders to ensure comprehensive participation and facilitate a smoother engagement process at the grassroots level. ✓ Project support and advancement: -They stated this was a good initiative, requested for more transmission lines to cater to the high demand for stable power in the region. ✓ Engagement of PAPs and Wayleave clarity: - Requested for more involvement for project affected persons (PAPs), clear wayleave trace and clarification of the wayleave acquisition process. ✓ Overall Project cost and consumer Impacts: - Issue of cost came up and what was the overall impact of the project cost on the consumers electricity bills. ✓ Stakeholder collaboration: - They asked how other stakeholders in the energy sector were involved in the project implementation process and how this project would translate to power reach at consumer level. ✓ Consideration of Green Energy: - The issue of green energy and why the investment was not directed towards integrating solar energy as part of the grid. ✓ Emphasis on fair and prompt compensation: - The leaders emphasized on the need for a fair and timely compensation project affected persons. They pointed out that this would be very crucial in fostering strong community relations, thus ensuring a smoother and successful implementation of the project.
	Courtesy Call -Vihiga Governor	✓ The Deputy Governor welcomed us to Vihiga County on behalf of the Governor who was away on official duty. ✓ A comprehensive briefing of the project and its anticipated benefits to the people and to the greater Western region was presented to the Deputy Governor and other county leaders in attendance. The briefing highlighted the key benefits of the project, such as increased access to reliable electricity, economic opportunities and infrastructural development.

		✓ He committed to facilitating smooth project implementation by engaging with community leaders and their respective communities, particularly within the areas potentially affected by the project. ✓ During the engagement, one of the county officials raised a concern about the potential health effects associated with electricity transmission lines and a request to do a white paper and research on the potential effects of electromagnetic emissions from the transmission line infrastructure.
	Leader's meeting in Vihiga County Venue: County Commissioners Hall	✓ Leaders raised a major concern in regard to lack of proper documentation for land compensation. ✓ They sought to know if the company could help the PAPs to undertake succession to fast track the compensation exercise. ✓ The need to clarify the cut-off date was raised- the date would be made public once the consultant is through and the RAP reports are made available to the public in two weeks' time. ✓ The leaders sought to know how fully affected parcels will be compensated. ✓ Mining of gold was presented as one of the livelihood sources around Iyeto and Isava areas and leaders sought to know how this would be compensated. ✓ The idea of having special compensation for the tower foundation was also raised but the team clearly state that compensation is done for the wayleave corridor irrespective of whether there is a tower or not. ✓ Leaders wanted to know how long it would take to start implementing the project – The team explained to the leaders that negotiations between the government and the financiers were ongoing and are expected to conclude before the next financial year (FY 2025/26). The Project Financial Agreement will be submitted to the government through the Attorney General for review and execution. ✓ Leaders sought to know what benefits to the locals- will there be job opportunities, what CSR projects would be considered and how the youth would be involved during the project lifecycle. ✓ Health and safety concerns related to the project implementation were also raised mostly on EMFs, falling towers and electrocution. The team explained how studies have been done to ensure the transmission line complied to all the required standards of safety.
04.03.2025	Public Participation in Vihiga County Venue: Vihiga community Hall	✓ The public participation meeting in Vihiga gave the KETRACO team the avenue to elaborate on the specifics of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model that will be used for the Kisumu-Musaga transmission project. It also provided an avenue for explaining how the PPP initiative will be

		implemented, address the safety concerns and compensation of the properties that will be affected. ✓ The Key areas that were discussed with respect to the PPP initiative included but not limited to the following: - Roles and Responsibilities, Ownership Structure, Risk Sharing, Financial Model, Contractual Framework and benefits of PPP. ✓ The team's engagement of the public was aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of the project. Key concerns were addressed and the public provided clarity on how the project will be implemented in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, while also ensuring benefits for the local communities. This engagement was crucial for building trust and securing community support for the project. ✓ The team was able to share information on : ✓ Project details (i.e route alignment from Kisumu to Musaga, technical specifications (Voltage) and project timelines. ✓ Environmental and Social Impacts: identified impacts, mitigation measures, Environmental and social Management Plan (ESMP) and stakeholder engagement. ✓ Compensation Modalities: -Eligibility criteria, Valuation criteria, compensation policy, Payment procedures, Grievance redress mechanism and cut off dates.
05.03.2025	Leader's meeting in Kakamega County Venue: Baaz Hotel Conference Hall	✓ Who is Africa50? Leaders sought clarity regarding the relationship between Africa 50 and Adani- It was explained that Africa50 is owned by African governments, AfDB, the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), and Bank of Al-Maghrib ✓ The PPP initiative was also explained to Kakamega stakeholders:- Roles and Responsibilities, Ownership Structure, Risk Sharing, Financial Model, Contractual Framework and benefits of PPP. ✓ Compensation Modalities: - Including Eligibility and Valuation Criteria for Structures, Crops, Trees, and Land were explained to leaders. ✓ Matters Succession-Leaders raised concerns of how compensation will be handled when land ownership is under succession. The team clarified the need for legal documentation (e.g., letters of administration) to identify rightful beneficiaries. ✓ Concerning Informal Subdivisions: Leaders sought to know how KETRACO/Africa 50 intended to address the challenges posed by informal subdivisions where titles may not

		have been formally registered. The need to explore potential solutions within the legal framework, such as engaging with community elders and local authorities to identify legitimate occupants and potentially facilitating regularization processes where feasible was discussed. ✓ Squatters: This was found to be a sensitive issue hence the need to explore legal solutions regarding compensation for squatters under Kenyan law. While outright ownership compensation might not be applicable, explore possibilities for resettlement assistance or alternative forms of support, aligning with national policies and international best practices on involuntary resettlement. • Leaders sought to know Africa50 commitment to local content policy: - The team explained how deliberate efforts will be employed to ensure qualified professionals from the local community are hired. The locals will also be considered for business opportunity and capacity building (skills development within the project's footprint). • Health and safety concerns- regarding the electricity transmission project were also raised and the team clearly explained how the benefits outweighed the few negative impacts, otherwise they were assured of their safety.
06.03.2025	Public participation in Kakamega County Venue: Sigalagala National Polytechnic	✓ Succession Issues: - Leaders raised major concern regarding lack of proper documentation for land compensation and requested the company to help the PAPs to undertake succession to fast track the compensation exercise. ✓ Project Displaced Persons:- The communities sought to know how fully affected parcels and fully displaced persons will be compensated-The team explained that such parcels will be compensated at 100% including affected structures to enable the project affected households(PAHs) to purchase other similar parcels for relocation and or other economic activities. ✓ Gold Deposits in Kakamega County: - Mining of gold was also mentioned as one of the livelihood sources within Kakamega county but the team explained to the leaders that the areas purported to harbour gold were not within the project area and or within the proposed wayleave corridor ✓ Impact to the Kenyan Economy: - There was concern on the financial implication of the project to the Kenyan economy, the pass thru costs and how the foreign exchange risk would be managed. It was explained as it is, the issue of forex adjustments is done on the bill periodically even as at now. However, on project completion, more people will be connected to the grid and this may result to overall lower electricity costs to the consumers. ✓ The affected communities requested CSR projects to benefit the affected communities.

		✓ There was a concern on this project being just another politically instigated initiative and there being political interference on implementation. The team explained that while political goodwill was important, the project was guided by the needs of a stronger and more robust grid system which is usually guided by a Transmission Masterplan that comes about through extensive research and data collection. ✓ Health and safety concerns related to the project implementation were also raised mostly on EMFs, falling towers, power surges and electrocution. The team explained how studies have been done to ensure the transmission line complied to all the required environmental and safety standards. ✓ There was concern on the investor not following set guidelines, policies and regulations. The team explained the relationship is guided by a Project Agreement, the PPP Act, 2021 and there is set framework to guide project implementation and delivery.
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7.2: Outcome of Community meetings

Table 4: Community engagement outcomes.

Date	Meeting/ Venue	Outcome/ views/ suggestions/questions	Response
07 th March 2025	BANJA-MUSEYWA VILLAGE JEPTORORI PRIMARY SCHOOL	Mahidi Solomon & Zepha Boso – Both sought to know if informal subdivisions would be compensated. Harun Mbele: Will the affected people be paid on/or before construction? Rita Likoko: Will there be job opportunities for the local people; Oscar Aviesa: How is the value of assets determined for compensation, and do owners have any input?	The team explained that the parent parcel would be compensated, and the amount could either be shared upon family advice, or the amount allocated for the compensation of the original parcel would be prorated to the affected occupants depending on the impact. Compensation will be done as per the financing agreement. KETRACO in liaison with the implementing agency advocates for inclusion of the local content. All non-skilled jobs will be given to the willing in each section of the project area where gender equity will also be emphasized. The valuation of assets is guided by a legal framework and compensation policies and therefore property owners are typically involved in identification.

Date	Meeting/ Venue	Outcome/ views/ suggestions/questions	Response
	GISAMBAI – JEPTORORI PRIMARY SCHOOL	Charles Jimemedi – What are the project timelines? Arthur Jimemedi a) Who will get compensated in a case whereby the title holder is deceased. b) Are you going to provide maps and a list of the affected people? Mr Omoke: Will the company compensate for trees on the transmission line corridor. Linnet Kome: Are there different compensation rates for various types of trees, and does the origin of the tree (forest vs. individual) affect this?	The government and investors are in the final stages of negotiation, and the project would be implemented immediately upon reaching an execution agreement. The surviving family members will apply for Succession, appoint an administrator, and obtain a limited grant. Subsequently, the compensation amount will be settled through the appointed administrator. Maps and a list of all the affected people is available for examination. All properties on the ROW will be compensated as is per the compensation procedure to the rightful owners and this includes trees on the ROW too. Yes, the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) has different compensation rates for indigenous and exotic trees. The origin of the tree (whether from a forest or grown by an individual) does not change the applicable rate; it's the species that matters.
07 th March 2025	WESTSABATIA-KIGONDI LOCATION	Maxwell Majani: - Has the line been Gazetted? Do we have a list of the affected? Mr Kibisu:- Can a person be compensated using a deceased person title (e.g of a father or father) Joseph Teves: Are landowners allowed to carry out farming and rearing of cattle within the transmission line corridor.	The line has not been gazetted as the Project is still in negotiation stage. The wayleave trace is known and as such a list of the likely affected persons is there. On the matter of compensation using a deceased person title, KETRACO would work closely with the Judiciary to facilitate the resolution of succession-related matters and assist in obtaining limited grants. Provided landowners do not erect structures, engage in subsurface mining, or plant trees that will exceed a mature height of 12 feet, landowners retain the right to use wayleave corridors for purposes such as grazing and general farming.

Date	Meeting/ Venue	Outcome/ views/ suggestions/questions	Response
08 th March 2025	BENDERA MARKET – EVOJO SUB-LOCATION, CHAVAKALI LOCATION, EVOJO CHIEF'S CAMP	Meshack Karani wanted to know whether the position of the tower would be compensated at a different rate from the bundle conductors, given that most land occupants in Vihiga County do not have title deeds as the land is in the names of their forefathers. Haggai Asena: Wanted to know if the organization compensates for tree re-growths/sprouts.? Mr Athanas: How will the adversely affected will be compensated. Ernest Mbagani wanted to know whether he can proceed with his construction. – Ernest Mbagani: Will the Proponent consider compensating for mines in areas of traverse?	The team explained that they will have to undertake the succession process to facilitate their compensation. The compensation would be standard based on the impact, regardless of whether there is a tower or just the bundle conductors. The team explained that these are not compensated and that compensation for trees is done once, when they are felled by the contractor. The team explained that Project Displaced Persons (PDPs) will be resettled to ensure that their livelihood is restored. The team explained that the cadastral maps/data has to be prepared to establish the affected persons and that the same would be gazetted, signaling the cutoff date after which no construction is done on the earmarked wayleave corridor. During surveying and line routing mines and mining belts will be avoided. Additionally, the community is discouraged from mining within the transmission line corridor upon completion of construction to safeguard tower integrity and stability.
09 th March 2025	WEST SABATIA – KEGONDI LOCATION CHIEF'S OFFICE	Elphas Musieva – Has the gazette notice for affected land parcels been published?	The team explained to them that the cadastral data must be prepared first. It was suggested that the meetings be held close the affected persons to avoid unnecessary travel expenses and ensure inclusivity and participation of only the project affected persons. The PAPs proposed

Date	Meeting/ Venue	Outcome/ views/ suggestions/questions	Response
		Kibisu Alex was concerned about how the line is designed to cross major rivers in the area several times within short spans and in some instances running along riparian sections over long distances.	formation of communication channels to ensure that the affected persons are well informed. The Proponent shall re-look into this issue taking cognizance of the environmental implications of river crossings and traverse along riparian areas.
10 th March 2025	WASUNDI AREA – IZAVA NORTH, BUKULUNYA SUB-LOCATION	Walter Muindi – How will the adversely affected and the people with small plots be compensated.	Land will be compensated at full impact and at market value and owners will retain their land ownership despite the full compensation.
	KIGAMA SUB-LOCATION, NORTH MARAGOLI	The area Chief – Mosses Mbarani – The list of the affected persons was not conclusive –	The team explained that once the cadastral data is complete, the conclusive list of the of the project affected persons will be gazette and the gazette notice will be availed to each.
11 th March 2025	IDAKHO SOUTH	Jessica – Will a PDP have to look for a land to be resettled by him/herself? –	The PDPs will be assisted to relocate and will be allowed to look for similar land if need be. They will be paid all lost properties at once to facilitate smooth relocation.
	MALINYA SUB-LOCATION, SHIRUMBA LOCATION	Janet Lumula – Who will be compensated for crops? Area Chief – What will happen to the un-licensed gold miners?	One has the liberty to identify resettlement land by him/herself. The owner of the land would be compensated for trees and the owner of the crops, either the lessee or the person who bore the costs of cultivating the crops. The issue would be forwarded to KETRACO for deliberation as these are not legally permitted activities.
	KAPKERER SUBLOCATION/LOCATION	Emily: How will compensation for common user facilities/resources like churches be done	Such facilities have Management Committees that run them on behalf of the community. These Committees will therefore receive payment.

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	VENUE: CHEPTARIT ISRAEL CHURCH	Emily: Will payment be made against the Sale Agreement or Title Deed? Please clarify. Solomon: I recently sold land and the line traverses on buyer's land. The transfer of landownership is yet to be effected. Who will be compensated?	Payment will be made against Title Deed which is the legal document for land ownership in Kenya. The buyer will be compensated as the land no longer belongs to you.
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER NANDI-NORTH	Ng'alia Ndaya-Ag.CC David Mbevi-DCC	✓ KETRACO discussed and elaborated on the specifics of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model that will be used for the Kisumu-Musaga transmission project. ✓ The team also explained to the administrators how the PPP initiative will be implemented. ✓ The Key areas that were discussed with respect to the PPP initiative included the following: - Roles and Responsibilities, Ownership Structure, Risk Sharing, Financial Model, Contractual Framework and benefits of PPP. ✓ The team also informed the Ag. CC of the planned community sensitisation meeting at Kapkerer. ✓ The team also shared information on project details, Environmental & Social Impacts and the Compensation Modalities.
12 th March 2025	ILES! LOCATION – MALIMILI SUB-LOCATION, ISUKHA WEST WARD	Masengo Pius - What are the project timelines – Mr Anyika – Can the meetings be held close to the project affected peoples?.	The government and the project investor are in the final stages of signing the contract and upon signing, the project will take 24 months to complete. The issue would be escalated for consideration and implementation

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		Elizabeth Ayuma – Will I be compensated if there is an ongoing court case?	The court case will have to be determined before any business is transacted on the land. However, the compensation amount will be held until such time.
	EMAKAKA SUB-LOCATION, BUTSOTSO CENTRAL LOCATION	Patrick Liuya – Area Assistant Chief – Can one graze on paddocks below the transmission lines. What will happen to the Project Displaced Persons? Vincent Asikoye – What rates will KETRACO use to compensate land? Susan Lumiti Mukhono – What happens to the people who were not present when the cadastral survey and valuation was done is their absence?	Grazing is permitted below the transmission line and the Project Displaced Persons would be resettled and their livelihood restored. A private, registered and practicing valuer would be appointed to conduct an independent valuation which would be used to tabulate the compensation amount based on the impact. Similarly rates for compensation of trees and crops would be sourced from Kenay Forest Services and Ministry of Agriculture, respectively. Once the cadastral data is complete, all the project affected persons will be notified and a gazette notice will be published notifying them of their land, ownership status and size. During disclosure, the structures affected and the value will be disclosed then.
13 th March 2025	INGOTSE LOCATION, NORTH BUTSOTSO, ESHILAKINE VILLAGE WEST KABRAS	Elemina Mukhayachi & Mary Emakina – Both the husbands are deceased; how will compensation be done? –. Elizabeth Mango – We had been informed that KETRACO will assist in title acquisition – Festus Wanyanga – Can I stop the project if I am not satisfied with the compensation?	They will commence the succession process so that they are able to obtain grants which will enable them be compensated. Title deed acquisition is a personal initiative and so, they have to bear their own cost in processing and acquisition the title deed. There are several dispute resolution mechanisms that will be available for people who are dissatisfied with

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	SHIMULI AND SAWAWA SUBLOCATIONS, BURUNDU LOCATION VENUE: ST PATRICK'S BUKHAKUNGA CATHOLIC CHURCH	Patrick Mayele: What happens if one has not acquired a title deed by the by the compensation for land? Wycliffe Mkangai: Is the rate and/or formula for compensation for tower footprints be different from that used to determine compensation for wayleave corridor? Jentrix Wasike: Does the project have a programme for supporting the vulnerable in the community?	compensation including negotiation, mediation, and litigation. That will be addressed on case-by-case basis. The affected should commence the succession process so that they are able to obtain grants which will enable them be compensated. Compensation is paid according to the guidelines provided by the Land Act 2012, that allow compensation for wayleave as a unit without considering the footprint as a separate entity. The community through leadership should formally seek/request support from the Proponent as part of CSR.
14 th March 2025	SIVILIE SUB-LOCATION, BUNYALA EAST	Mastein – My brother is mentally un-stable, who will be compensated? Barasa Ramadhan – Who will be compensated in instances where land has been informally allocated?	The family may appoint one of the beneficiaries to transact on behalf of the brother. The parent parcel will be compensated, and the informal settlements can be paid on pro-rata basis depending on their impact which would be determined by the surveyor.
	SIRGOI SUBLOCATION, NAMBACHA LOCATION VENUE: ASSISTANT CHIEF'S OFFICE, MATOI	Emily Wachira: What are the project timelines? Zacharia Wafula: Will improvements on structures e.g. connection to power and	The government and investors are in the final stages of negotiation, and the project would be implemented immediately upon reaching an execution agreement. Construction is scheduled to take 24 months. Yes. Compensation for structures is based on current replacement cost for structures and associated fittings.

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		water be considered in computing the compensation package? Charles Baraza: Will we still be sensitized in the future? Charles Baraza: When is compensation expected to begin?	Yes. Sensitization is a continuous process throughout the project cycle. More teams will be coming to sensitize you on the various aspects of the project from time to time. Compensation will commence once enumeration and valuation of affected assets is finalized.
15th March 2025	IVONDA SUBLOCATION/LOCATION VENUE: LUSUI MARKET	Wycliff Anyande: Does the Proponent carry away trees once cut now that they have already paid the tree/crop owner? Seth Fedha: Will the Proponent consider compensating for gold mines in areas of traverse? Assistant Chief: When is the project commencing? Mr Isaac Wendo: Will there be employment opportunities for locals? Mr Haggai Madegwa: What will happen to graves?	No. The trees still remain the property of the owner who is at liberty to put them into alternative uses. During surveying and line routing mines and mining belts will be avoided. Additionally, the community is discouraged from mining within the transmission line corridor upon completion of construction to safeguard tower integrity and stability. The government and investors are in the final stages of negotiation, and the project would be implemented immediately upon reaching an execution agreement. Construction is scheduled to take 24 months. KETRACO in liaison with the implementing agency/developer advocates for inclusion of local content. All non-skilled jobs will be given to the willing in each section of the project area where gender equity will also be emphasized. The design incorporates adjustable tower placement to avoid graves. Should any unmarked graves be discovered during construction, then culturally

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		Ms Frida Adema: At what point will compensation of properties be made, is it before or after construction of the proposed transmission line?	appropriate mechanisms should be followed to address such instances appropriately. This shall be done prior to construction once all land ownership documents are presented to the legal and finance department.

7.3 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project:

The communities in the project areas were keen to understand the potential Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) benefits they could expect. The KETRACO team clarified that CSR initiatives would stem from proposals generated and supported by a majority of community members through local discussions. The team emphasized that these CSR activities are voluntary, exceeding mandatory requirements, and are intended to enhance the well-being of the local populace.

The communities were advised to come up with proposals that are centered on Community Development projects, Social welfare programs, Environmental conservation efforts, Health initiatives, engagement and consultation.

The commonly proposed CSR projects in almost all the communities engaged included but not limited to the following:

- i. Water related :- sinking boreholes, build dams or shallow wells, Pipe water to homesteads.
- ii. Electricity connections to homesteads
- iii. Build classrooms and laboratories
- iv. Build dispensaries
- v. Build bridges where there rivers within the project areas
- vi. Upgrade existing roads.

8.0 CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS: -

8.1 Transparent and Inclusive Project Implementation:

The meetings underscored the paramount importance of transparency and inclusivity throughout all project phases. This necessitates open communication channels, accessible information dissemination, and meaningful community participation in decision-making processes.

Transparency builds trust, while inclusiveness ensures that diverse perspectives are considered, leading to more equitable and sustainable project outcomes. This includes timely disclosure of project plans, environmental and social impact assessments, and compensation details, as well as the active involvement of community representatives in monitoring and evaluation.

8.2 Addressing Land Ownership Disputes and Ensuring Fair Compensation:

Resolving complex land ownership disputes is fundamental for achieving community acceptance. The project must establish a fair and transparent compensation framework that acknowledges the realities of customary land tenure and informal settlements. This requires meticulous documentation, impartial valuation, and a grievance mechanism to address disputes.

Furthermore, the project must actively facilitate the **resolution of succession issues** and **other land-related conflicts**, ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries receive just compensation without

undue delay. This includes active engagement with land registries and local authorities to expedite the legal processes.

8.3 Socio-Cultural Sensitivity and the Protection of Public Assets:

Respect for socio-cultural values and the protection of public assets are non-negotiable. The project must demonstrate sensitivity to cultural heritage, including the safeguarding of gravesites, initiation shrines, and other culturally significant sites.

This requires thorough consultation with community elders and cultural experts. Additionally, the project must ensure that public assets, such as schools and churches, are adequately compensated for any disruption or displacement, and that replacement facilities are provided in a manner that preserves their functionality and community value.

This requires a culturally sensitive approach to asset valuation and relocation.

8.4 Clear Communication and Trust Building:

Clear, consistent, and proactive communication is essential for building trust and overcoming community skepticism. This involves establishing effective communication channels, providing accurate and timely information, and addressing community concerns with empathy and responsiveness. The project must demonstrate a commitment to open dialogue and transparency, acknowledging past grievances and demonstrating a genuine effort to learn from past experiences. *This includes regular community meetings, accessible project information centers, and the use of culturally appropriate communication methods. Rebuilding trust requires consistent actions that align with communicated promises.*

8.5 Commitment to Local Economic Development and the Protection of Vulnerable Populations:

It's positive to note the consultant's effective work in identifying vulnerable groups among the affected households.

In this regard the project should demonstrate a tangible commitment to local economic development and the protection of vulnerable populations. This includes prioritizing local employment opportunities, promoting local business participation, and providing skills training to enhance community capacity. Furthermore, the project should implement targeted interventions to support vulnerable groups as per the consultants prior sensitisation, such as Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), the elderly, and women, by ensuring that they are not disproportionately affected by the project.

It will involve conducting thorough vulnerability assessments and developing tailored mitigation and compensation plans. Integrating social responsibility into the project's core values will promote long term sustainability and positive community relationships.

8.6 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

During stakeholders and community engagement for the electricity transmission project, participants voiced strong interest in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that would directly benefit their communities.

We would like to recommend a structured approach to identify, evaluate, and integrate suitable CSR projects into the overall project plan, fostering goodwill, addressing community needs, and aligning sustainable development goals

There is need for Africa50/contractor to conduct focused workshops or surveys in the targeted communities to specifically gather detailed proposals for CSR projects that will benefit the whole community. This will ensure diverse participation to capture a wide range of needs and ideas.

9.0 ANNEXES.

Meeting attendance sheets

