

Public Consultation – Construction & Operation of Kaiha 2 Hydropower Project in Lofa County

Meeting: Construction & Operation of Kaiha 2 Hydropower Project in Lofa County

Date: March 16, 2016

Venue: Lukas Town (Lukambeh District)

Attendants:

Name	Organization	Position	Contact
Johnson Mallay		Elder	
John D. Momoh		Elder	
Bookia Gobelar		Deputy Town Chief	
Jospah Bombo		Elder	
Bookia Dawon		Elder	
Kaifa Dawon		Elder	
Fatuma Kanneh		Youth	
Morries Garwolee		Youth	
Samie Sando		Community Leader	
Bookie Ndobeh		Elder	
Jospah Ngubeh		Elder	
Boakai Sando		Town Chief	
Amara Kanneh		Youth	
Morris Kanneh		Youth	
Jospah Massah		Youth Chair man	
Blama Saylay		Clerk	
Losanee Borway			
Fongba Senpo			
Veney Saifa			
Abdulai Mambu		Youth	
Sekou Momoh			
Wisdon L. Boakai			
Momo Yallow			
H. Sando Boakai			
Sediaka Kamara			
Kollie Boakai			
Momo Kollie			
Messeh Lancy			
Morrie Blama			
Armah B. Korgulah			
Tornue Vannie		Elder	
Jamba Sando		Youth	
Korpo Amare			
James V. Borbor		Teacher	
Momoh F. Kamara			
Morris Buakei			
Dakei Mengeh			
Tanue Armah			

Name	Organization	Position	Contact
Kpehe Gaworo		Youth	
Varfolay Bawon		Youth	
Varney T. Kamara		Youth	
Morris Dawon			
Amadu Boakei			
Boak S. Kamara			
Jerry Blama			
Amadu Tauealay			
Mannah Kamara		Elder	
Moses Turlay		Youth	
Korpo Borbor		Business Woman	
J.Vincent Fialoy	Ministry Of Agriculture (MOA)	TCO	0886365685 0775296627
Abraham Bility	Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA)	Social Development Officer	0886621340
Williette T.Clarke	Earthtime	Administrative Assistant	0880556677 0777399999
Jorn Stave	Multiconsult	ESIA Team Leader	0888392613
Basma Shamas	Earthtime	Environmental Consultant	0888300766

Summary:

A meeting was held at Lukasu Town (Lukambah district, Lofa County) between some community members including the town chief, deputy town chief, town elders and community leaders and representatives of Liberia's Rural & Renewable Energy Agency (RREA), Multiconsult (project engineers and environmental consultant) and Earthtime (environmental consultant) to present and discuss the construction and operation of a mini hydropower station at Kaiha 2 location in Lofa County. The discussion included a brief presentation of the project location and components as well as the probable environmental and social impacts that might arise from the project and the concerns and opinions that the community might have regarding the project. The presentation and discussion was translated by locals to local dialects to ensure that all the attendees are well informed.

Presentation:

Abraham Bility (RREA) and Jorn Stave (ESIA Team Leader) introduced the project and provided a brief description of the project component and location, the steps that were done so far to assess and choose the location, the towns that might benefit from the current and probable environmental and social impacts arising from project activities.

Questions and Concerns Session:

The purpose of this section is to focus on the questions, concerns and comments on the different aspects of the project that were discussed in the meeting.

Although the town of Lukasu might not receive the current from the project, the community members expressed their happiness and excitement regarding this project and the development that it will bring to the area if implemented. They have hope that this project will be the start of more development in the area and wish that their town would benefit from the current at a later stage. They also hope to benefit from the construction period of this project through employment opportunities.