



WHN SOLAR S.A.
Resettlement Plan
Background Information
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The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a 30 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant approximately 84 hectares in extent located near the Nacala International Airport. The project will use solar PV technology to generate electricity. Solar energy systems produce energy by converting solar radiation into electricity or heat.

Coastal & Environmental Services (CES), Mozambique Limited was appointed by WHN Solar S.A. (WHN) to conduct the Resettlement Plan (RP) for the proposed 30 MW solar photovoltaic project, Nacala-Porto Municipality, Nampula Province, Mozambique. A Resettlement Plan (RP) is being prepared for the economic displacement of affected households. No physical displacement is anticipated at this time. Mpago village has been identified as a Project Affected Community (PAC).

Resettlement Plan Development

The following main steps are taken in developing the RP:

1. **Public Meetings:**

CES and WHN will meet with government authorities and residents in Mpago Village over the course of the resettlement planning process. Meetings will cover important topics including the cut-off date, site visits and surveys, establishment of resettlement planning committees, valuation of land, eligibility for compensation, compensation rates and livelihood restoration programmes. CES and WHN will arrange meetings into four rounds of public engagement, whereby any unintended issues will be discussed and if possible, resolved. The following meetings will be conducted:

○ **Meeting 1 Agenda:**

The first step is to initiate the public consultation, to introduce the PAC to the project and explain the potential scope of resettlement. In addition, the following topics will be addressed in these meetings:

- ❖ Introduce the project team members, and outline their role in the RP process;
- ❖ Meet with the various project leaders and other key stakeholders to explain the project and the proposed RP process;
- ❖ Introduce the concept of resettlement to the affected community(ies), including the reason why resettlement is required;
- ❖ Introduce and outline the key components of a resettlement process;
- ❖ Explain the resettlement approach that will be taken to develop the RP;

- ❖ Present and confirm the key principles that underpin the resettlement process;
 - ❖ Present and workshop the public communication and engagement processes (establishing a Grievance Mechanism);
 - ❖ Discuss the structures that would need to be established as part of the RP processes, such as the need to establish Resettlement Planning Committees (RPCs);
 - ❖ Identify and confirm the PACs that will be affected by the project through a site visit;
 - ❖ Describe the process of data collection through household surveys and focus group discussions, with the aim to set a benchmark for the PAC's current living conditions and livelihoods as described below;
 - ❖ Explain that the cut-off date for eligibility of compensation is the last day of the household surveys; and request village leaders to support the proponent to identify and act upon any disregard for this date and stipulations;
 - ❖ Explain that the project team will use the site visit and subsequent data collection to establish which *machambas*, if any, are eligible for compensation; and
 - ❖ Identify key information sources and local contacts.
- **Meeting 2 Agenda:**
 A second public consultation will be held to provide feedback to the PAC on the household census and land surveys, to provide the scope of economic and physical (if required) resettlement, and to comply with local legal requirements. These meetings are largely aimed at:
- ❖ Providing the census and land survey data;
 - ❖ Through maps, providing the scope of resettlement;
 - ❖ Through maps, discussing the communities' preferred sites for alternative farmland and host resettlement sites;
 - ❖ Discuss alternative farmland and livelihood restoration as well as physical resettlement (if required); and
 - ❖ Discuss the identification of a host site and/or identified alternative farmland.
- **Meeting 3 Agenda:**
 A third public consultation will be held to provide feedback to the PAC on the Draft RP and findings from the district-level RPCs. Meetings will be arranged with the relevant government officials in each district to:
- ❖ Disclose the Draft RP.
- **Meeting 4 Agenda:**
 A fourth public consultation will be held to disclose the Final RP which will be submitted to the authorities.

2. **Establishing Resettlement Planning Committees:**

An RPC will be established in the PAC for the purpose of facilitating liaison between the communities and WHN, through the grievance mechanism. During the first public consultation, community members will have the opportunity to select their own representatives to sit on this committee. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by each elected member that outlines his/her roles in the committee. The relevant government officials will be consulted in this process to enquire and determine which officials should be on the committees.

3. **Primary Data Collection and Detailed Surveys:**

In order to know who are affected by the project, CES will be conducting a household census and *machamba* survey in July 2023. During this survey, each *machamba* inside the proposed project area will be surveyed and all the crops, trees and structures on such *machambas* will be recorded. A cut-off date for compensation will also be established: community members will be informed during the meetings that only existing *machambas* will be surveyed and only those who are surveyed will be entitled to compensation. Newly cleared *machambas* (i.e., cleared after the established cut-off date) will not be eligible for compensation. People will also be informed that farmers should not be expecting compensation at this moment, as land inside this area will only be cleared after the conclusion of the RP process.

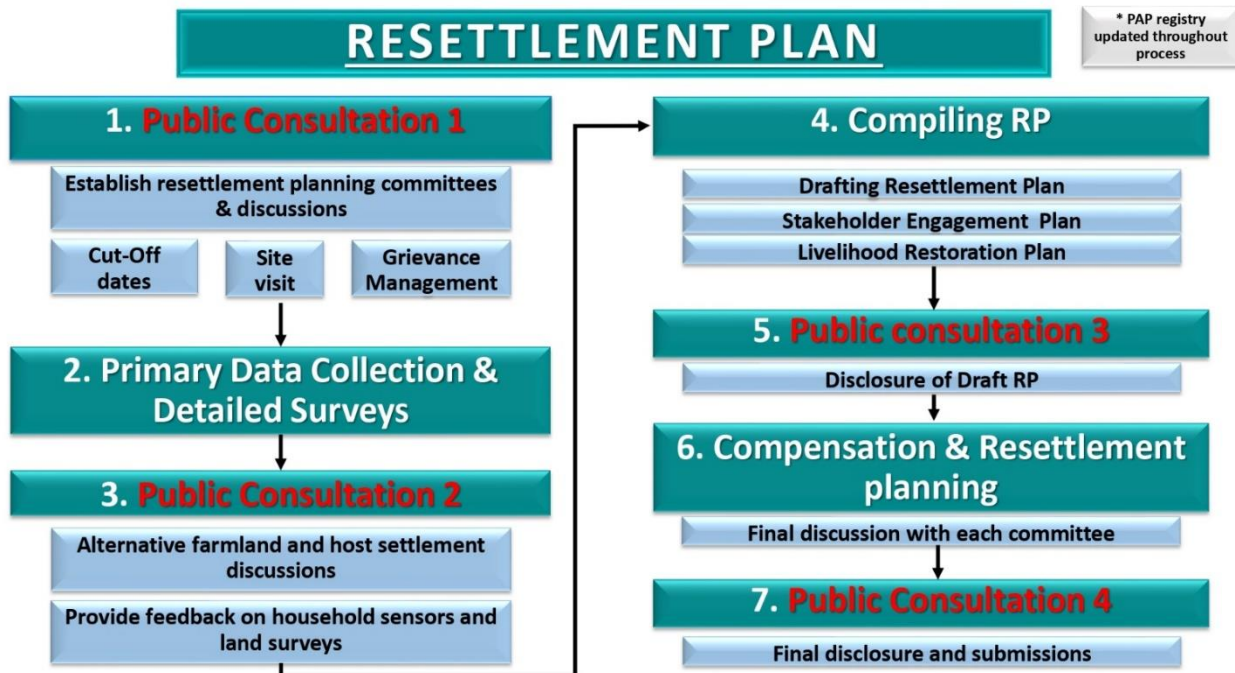
4. **Eligibility and Entitlement Framework:**

The surveys and meetings will be used to decide on what forms of compensation will be provided for each type of asset that is affected. These entitlements and compensation rates will also be disclosed to all stakeholders during another round (Disclosure of the Draft RP) of engagements and meetings by CES and WHN once the surveys have been completed.

5. **Approval by Government:**

The RP when completed, will need to be approved by the relevant authorities in Mozambique before any resettlement and compensation can start.

The resettlement planning process usually happens in this order:



Compensation Cut-Off Date

CES and WHN hereby declares the cut-off date for determining compensation eligibility with the following conditions.

1. Cut-off date:

No structures built or land cleared for *machambas* after the conclusion of the field survey will be eligible for compensation. The PAC is asked to discourage any new settlement, building or expanding farms beyond what is normally needed within the solar photovoltaic project area boundary - specifically the RP Area of Influence (AoI) as shown in Annex 1.

- Field Survey Period:** CES and WHN will survey the affected people and their assets from 29 July to 7 August 2023 (these are preliminary dates and are subject to change).
- Survey Number:** Field workers will issue each affected farmer with a *machamba* number. Please ensure that this number is kept. This number is linked to all the details of the surveyed *machambas* and structures. Hard copy entitlement sheets will also be completed with the signatures of the farmers.
- Livelihoods:** All livelihood activities may continue as normal, including but not limited to, farming and natural resource gathering.
- Compensation:** WHN will compensate eligible affected people for their assets during the implementation of the resettlement. CES and WHN will determine the rates for monetary compensation in collaboration with the respective authorities. Communities will be consulted on the compensation rates before they are finalised.

Future cut-off dates may be declared over other types of assets, and in other areas.

Grievance Mechanism

A grievance mechanism will be established to address complaints, concerns or queries relating to CES or WHN's activities in the project area. Grievances may be submitted to:

Lina Buque

Av. Zedequias Manganhela n.º 95, Maputo

Tel.: +258873591856

Email: l.buque@cesnet.co.za

An investigation will be undertaken of each grievance, and a response provided by CES, followed by implementation of any required measures in accordance with the details provided in the response.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will the project impact our crops and houses?

A: The Project will endeavour to minimise impacts to crops and where possible allow affected persons to harvest crops prior to displacement. Where crops are lost the affected owner will be eligible for compensation for these crops. It is the aim of WHN to avoid as far as possible the physical displacement of people so they do not have to move from their homes. No physical displacement is anticipated at this time. If resettlement of homes is needed it will be undertaken in full consultation with the PAC, community leaders and Government.

Q: How will affected people be compensated for impacts?

A: If anyone will lose any crops or assets within the Area of Influence due to the development of the solar PV project they will be fully consulted and eligible for compensation. This compensation process will be conducted according to both national laws and international standards. *Full replacement values* for affected crops and assets will be applied during the valuations in line with international standards. A range of compensation options will be considered including in-kind replacements of land and assets (*where appropriate and possible*) and cash compensation. Under the international

standards, the livelihoods of affected persons should as a minimum be restored to pre-project levels and, where possible, improved. Therefore, WHN will be developing livelihood restoration interventions and related entitlements for affected persons.

Q: Who will be eligible for compensation?

A: Only existing *machambas* will be surveyed and only those who are surveyed will be entitled to compensation. Newly cleared *machambas* (i.e., cleared after the established cut-off date) will not be eligible for compensation. People will also be informed that farmers should not be expecting compensation at this moment, as land inside this area will only be cleared after the conclusion of the RP process.

Q: After the survey when will we receive compensation?

A: Each eligible affected person and community (e.g. village where community land is affected) will be provided with an agreement to review and on this basis the negotiation will occur. This will be aligned with the eligibility and compensation rates specified in the RP that will be developed after the survey period, that will be disclosed to the public prior to finalisation. After the signing of the agreements compensation will be paid, prior to any displacement by the project.

Q: How much compensation will we be given?

A: Compensation typically involves compensation at replacement cost value for affected structures and buildings, market value rates for affected crops and productive trees, and non-cash compensation such as livelihood restoration support programmes. Depending on how you are affected by the project, the range of monetary compensation will vary.

Q: How will compensation payments to individuals be managed?

A: All persons whose crops and assets are potentially affected by the land acquisition for the solar PV project will be given a unique identification number and a photo record of this will be undertaken so WHN can ensure they are recording crops and assets for the correct person. The land (crops and trees) and assets eligible for compensation for individual affected persons will be surveyed and valued. Compensation schedules will be prepared for eligible affected individuals and households. The unique identification number and photo record will be used to verify affected persons during review of compensation schedules and during payment of any compensation.

Q: Are we allowed to continue to plant crops?

A: Yes, you may continue to plant crops until the time when you are physically relocated. However, unnatural expansion of fixed assets and any new settlement after the cut-off date will not be compensated for.

Q: What will happen if we need to expand our farms and households for our growing families?

A: A verification survey will be undertaken if too much time passes between the time of surveys and implementation of the RP. WHN, together with the authorities, will undertake a detailed investigation of such cases involving natural increases to fixed assets. Cases of unnatural or abnormal expansion of assets, or new settlement into the area after the cut-off date, will not be compensated for.

Q: Will we be given jobs by WHN?

A: WHN will prioritise local communities for unskilled or semi-skilled job opportunities. Hiring will be based on suitability, skills and experience for the role and will always be a competitive process.

Q: What will you do about vulnerable people in the community?

A: We will identify them through surveys and individual meetings to develop special measures to ensure that they are looked after during the resettlement planning process.

Q: What will happen to graves and other cultural heritage sites?

A: It is WHN's policy to avoid the disturbance of any graves or sites of cultural heritage wherever possible. If this is not possible then certain sites may be moved but only in consultation with national experts and local people, and in accordance with any local customs and national laws. If any graves will be affected these will be relocated at the expense of WHN, and in accordance with the customs of the community and the individual households/families to which the graves belong. WHN will consult with affected families to determine how and when to relocate graves in advance of any impacts.



ANNEX 1: Resettlement Plan Area of influence (Cut-Off Date Zone)

