



## NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS



### Public Participation Process for the Master Plan for Feeder Roads and Bridges for the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) Phase II

**Project Reference: Contract LHDA No. 6019**

The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) informs the Public that as part of its activities under Phase II dealing with the Polihali Dam; it intends to develop a Master Plan for Feeder Roads and Bridges to mitigate the impacts brought about by the impounding of the Polihali Reservoir on the existing roads and tracks, and to ensure that accessibility is restored to the affected communities.

#### **Background**

The impounding of the Polihali Reservoir will inundate the valleys of the Senqu, Mabunyaneng, Khubelu, Sehonghong, Moremoholo and Mokhotlong rivers over considerable distances. As a result, a number of existing roads and tracks will be permanently submerged and shops, schools, other community services and agricultural activities will no longer be accessible.

#### **The Master Plan for Feeder Roads and Bridges**

The LHDA has appointed Zutari Lesotho (Pty) Ltd, working with Sechaba Consultants (Lesotho) and other companies, to undertake the Master Plan for Feeder Roads and Bridges for the Polihali Reservoir. The Master Plan will include a Public Participation Process (PPP) and a number of specialist studies including visual, environmental and social studies, and road and bridge conceptual design.

For more information, the Background Information Document is available on the LHDA website at:

<http://www.lhda.org.ls/tenderbulletin/>

#### **Invitation to Register and Comment**

Stakeholders who wish to get more information and to contribute to the Master Plan process are invited to register and submit their comments and views to Ms Thato Letsatsi, before the 15 October, 2021.

The contact details for Ms Letsatsi and the address (physical and email) to which the Register and Comments should be submitted are:

#### **Sechaba Consultants**

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