

RE: SUMMARY REPORT ON THE SITE ASSESSMENT FOR LOW COST BOARDING SCHOOL FACILITIES IN FOUR DISTRICTS HELD FROM 18 TO 24 AUGUST 2019

Officers from UNDP, PLAN International, National AIDS Council (NAC), Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MoPSE), Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing (MoLGPWNH) comprised the Assessment team. The assessment team teamed up with the school Administration, the local community representatives and School Development Committees to carry the assessment tasks.

Province	Name of School	District	Responsible Authority	Distance from feeder schools	Remarks	Recommendation
Midlands	St. Jude's Secondary	Kwekwe	Rural District Council (RDC)	Average 16 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school had no site plan. Water source is borehole School is connected to ZESA grid. 	Appropriate site for Low Cost Boarding (LCB) facility.
	Silahope Secondary	Kwekwe	RDC	18km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school had no site plan. Borehole water and Solar power are available. 	Site for the Low-Cost Boarding facility was identified within the school premises.
Matebeleland North	Mbuyazwe Secondary	Bulawayo/ Khami	RDC	Average 8km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water is supplied from a source 6.6km away. Power could be connected from the ZESA grid at the nearby Primary school. 	Site suitable for construction of LCB facility.
	Nyamadhlovu Secondary	Umguza	RDC	Average 15km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borehole water and Solar power are available at the school 	The Assessment team and the Community agreed on the well-drained and elevated site for the establishment of the Low Cost Boarding facility.

	Mahlothova Secondary	Umguza	RDC	Average 18km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZESA power and piped water is available. • The Community had high regard for the LCB facility initiative. 	Site for the project was located within the school premises.
Matebeleland South	Bayethe Secondary	Umzingwane	RDC	Average 18km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borehole water and Solar power are available at the school 	The Assessment team and the Community agreed on the well-drained and elevated site for the establishment of the Low-Cost Boarding facility.
	Sihlengeni Secondary	Umzingwane	RDC	Average 15km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water is supplied from a source 6.6km away. • Power could be connected from the ZESA grid at the nearby Primary school. 	Identified project construction site suitable for LCB facility
Manicaland	Mhakwe Secondary	Chimanimani	RDC	Average 18km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate water supply both piped and borehole • ZESA and Solar power supply. 	Suitable site for construction was identified within the school premises with the support and appreciation of the Community
	Ndima Secondary	Chimanimani	Government	16 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piped water drawn from a source 2.5km away. • Local deep borehole is available. • The school is connected to the ZESA grid and Solar power as well. 	The Assessment team and the Community agreed on the well drained and elevated site within the school premises for the establishment of LCB facility.

The Communities from the four districts where the assessment was done had high regard and appreciation for the Low-Cost Boarding school facility initiative since it is anticipated to offer ease access to education in these marginalized communities.

Overall Recommendations

Judging by the average distances that the learners in the assessed districts travel to and from school, it is highly recommended that the Low-Cost Boarding facility initiative be implemented immediately. The establishment of the Low-Cost Boarding facilities at the assessed schools would go a long way in alleviating the challenges currently being faced by the learners in general and the vulnerable girl child. However, all communities requested that the boys be considered for the Low-Cost boarding initiative when funds permit.

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