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Facts about Busoga College Mwiri Access Road project

- Busoga Mwiri Access Road was a Presidential pledge to the college and community around.
- The former murrum road located on the hill to the Busoga tower of higher education is under upgrade to bitumen standards giving users better

access to the school.

- The procurement method used was Open Domestic Bidding.
- After a rigorous procurement process curtailed with PPDA Administrative reviews, the project

was contracted to Multiplex Limited.

- The contract was signed on 24th April 2018 and the site would later be handed over by July 5th 2018.
- The project had no cost overruns.

Assurance Findings

- There were no safety and quality control officers on the project. Some workers were not adhering. Safety gears were not seen as convenient to workers on site due to the climate conditions.
- There was limited adherence of the contractor to contractual obligations.
- There were no shows on some occasions to site meetings and in some instances appearing late. The contractor had not put in place measures for workers to have their meals and drinking water on site.
- Stakeholders such as national water, UMEME, Kakira town council had been reluctant to the requests from the Ministry to attend to the leakages on the project site.
- There was not enough information about the project within the public, including scope, start and end date, as well as progress on the Ministry website.
- One information wall had been erected on site but there was need to share additional safety and health education materials on site.

Role of stakeholders

- You have a right to oversee service delivery in your community.
- Monitor progress of works and identify key concerns.
- Speak the concerns to the institution constructing the project. May be the district, sub county or the Ministry.
- You can also elect a committee to oversee the works from your community and this will make reports to the citizens.



Workers on the Mwiri road sit under the shade of a tree to take their lunch meal

What we learn from this Assurance

- Community awareness on project progress and challenges builds ownership and appreciation of the projects.
- Delays in project delivery creates stakeholder mistrust in the whole process.
- Citizens prefer to be engaged in the entire life cycle of a project implementation - with us and not for us is what they prefer.

CoST Assurance Recommendations

- Safety and Quality control officers need to be assigned to the project to monitor safety and quality at the site. The Ministry should secure appropriate safety gears as per the climate conditions of the areas where projects are implemented.
- The contractor should endeavor to meet all the milestones as per the contract for example attending all the site meetings and on time. The Ministry of Works and Transport should continue to engage the contractor to address the challenges.
- Engage the various stakeholders to address the shortfalls on the project that require their attention to avoid loss and wastage.
- Disclose project information to the public about the progress of the project on the website and other social media platforms or work with Office of the Prime Minister, CoST and the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) to conduct community Barazas to enhance community participation, ownership and access project information with guidance of disclosure tools such as the CoST Infrastructure Data Standard.

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