MOBILISATION FOR COMMUNAL CUSTODIANSHIP

UEIP – UCPP Learning exchange

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WHY MOBILISATION?

• Restore governance
• Community building
• Restore landscapes
• Better rangeland management
• Improve livestock quality and quantity
• Improve livelihoods
WHAT APPROACH IS USED?

- Approach leadership AND existing relationships
- Integrated with alien plant eradication
- Working with villages keen to improve, and willing to commit
- State of landscape resources and rangeland
- Social cohesion
- Recognition of traditional practices ‘moboella’
- Security, risks & trust
- Extension services support
- Availability of input resources
Invite community participation

• Decide together the best approach for optimal participation;
• Set criteria for selection of a small (core group who will motivate and guide the community to action;
• Identify together qualities of the role players who will lead the community towards attainment of the stated program goal;
Key components of a community engagement

- Issues identification
- Planning activities
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Capacity building
Organise the community for participation
Community action

Explore the issues and set priorities

- Identify community issues contributing to natural resource management

Evaluate together

- Explore land and water restoration issues
Plan together: The Solution Tree

Positive effects of healthy land on people and environment: achieving the desired quality of life

Solution: healthy productive land

Root solutions (improved practice)
Act together

- Set priorities;
- Community mapping of present scenario and desired futures;
- Agree three top priorities that will be planned for.
Community mapping present and desired scenarios
Community Action Plan development

- Desired results/objectives
- Barriers/challenges & opportunities
- Strategies/activities
- People/responsibility
- Resources
- Timeline
- Indicators of success
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<td><strong>What do we want to achieve specifically related to …………..? (e.g. grazing practices, livestock management)</strong></td>
<td><strong>What barriers and opportunities do we think we will encounter in trying to achieve this result?</strong></td>
<td><strong>What are we going to do to achieve the result? (specific strategies and activities)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Who is responsible for each activity (and for the end result)</strong></td>
<td><strong>We need to achieve the result?</strong></td>
<td><strong>When? How long is needed for each activity? (From……….to ………..)</strong></td>
<td><strong>How will we know when we have achieved the result (measurable, observable outcomes).</strong></td>
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<td>- Cooperation within our area of operation.</td>
<td>- To have reserved areas for grazing, fields and tourism.</td>
<td>- Lack of cooperation as a community</td>
<td>- Organise and hold meeting and ensure that all community members attend.</td>
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<td>- Means of meeting together as community to develop strategies for working together as different areas.</td>
<td>- Even if we could have agreements, people normally do not attend meetings.</td>
<td>- We should have rules and regulations</td>
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<td>- Community agreements that are understood and endorsed by all as we all have the same objectives.</td>
<td>- We should have rules and regulations from July 2013.</td>
<td>- When constitution translated to Sesotho handed over to Motseng community.</td>
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What we all want?

- Improve food, water and climate change security
- Increasing awareness and voluntary participation of local communities
- Improving buy-in and participation in conservation stewardship
- Link social and natural capital through incentives and stewardship
Lessons

What is working well

- Recognizing indigenous knowledge
- Focused group discussions
- Learning exchange
- More livestock owners joining
- Livestock owners capacity growing
- Increasing numbers of livestock

Challenges

- Livestock farmers capacity to continue without outside intervention
- Neighbour issues: “illegal” grazing
THANK YOU