

Press Release

TRC and SNJM meets Polihali Dam affected communities

Transformation Resource Centre (TRC) in collaboration with the *Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM)* will on Saturday 21st September 2019 meet members of the Polihali Community who have been affected by the construction of the Phase II of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

The meeting has been organised as a strategy for the TRC and SNJM to encourage dialogue between the host communities and the LHDA in addressing community needs. According to the TRC's Polihali Community Liaison Officer Mr. Fako Faku, the 1-day dialogue will serve as a platform for stakeholders to be in talks over the current emerging Polihali Community concerns, such as; ***access to clean water, toilets***, and others within the Polihali catchment area. This session will lastly be used as a platform for all stakeholders to discuss the shortfalls brought by the LHDA's resettlement plan which is to be implemented to the Polihali affected communities.

About TRC and SNJM

TRC is an ecumenical organisation dedicated to the promotion of Justice, peace, good governance and participatory development. TRC's main focus is to empower communities, CSO's and citizens to take the lead in articulating their positions and advocating for development that aims to better their lives.

SNJM is an organisation that its mission is rooted in the spirituality, which is inspired by the Names of Jesus and Mary. SNJM focus is on the struggle of human trafficking, access to water and advocacy for equitable compensation and resettlement process for the upliftment of the lives of communities affected by capital projects.

About the Dialogue

Date: 21st September 2019

Venue: Mokhotlong (Principal Chief Offices)

Time: 08:00hrs – 16:00hrs

Theme: Water and Sanitation as a Human Right

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