

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETTING- A CASE OF LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL

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Introduction and Objective

Our project was looking at participatory budgeting-a case of Lusaka city council. We choose this project because Lusaka city council always prepared its budgets using the MTEF/ABB style which in real sense must have engaged various stakeholders but this was not the case due to certain **constraints**.

The objective of our change project was to enhance inclusive participation in the budget process by engaging a wider range of stakeholders in project selection such as men, women and those who are differently abled in four(4) wards. These wards include Kapwepwe ward 25, Chawama ward 2, Kabulonga ward 16 and Harry Mwanga Nkumbula ward 2.



Figure 1. Picture of community.

Target group and method

Our targeted stakeholders included the political leaders of the communities (Councilors), ward development committees (WDCs), men (young and old), women (young and old), differently abled persons and council management. The method that we used to inform the communities was through the use of the Public Address (PA) system and distribution of flyers and also use of the ward development committee to send communication to the people. On the day of the meeting we segmented the population into men and women as shown below:



Figure 2. stakeholders meeting

Results

Following the completion of the stakeholder meetings held and the submissions made to the relevant committees of the council, below are the budget figures that were allocated to each of the wards. You will note that these budget figures are broken into 3 subheads as indicated in figures below.

However, out of the 4 wards visited three of them did not have Ward Development Committees formed yet and so their budget figures are higher due to the component of the formulation of the WDCs which must be done this year.

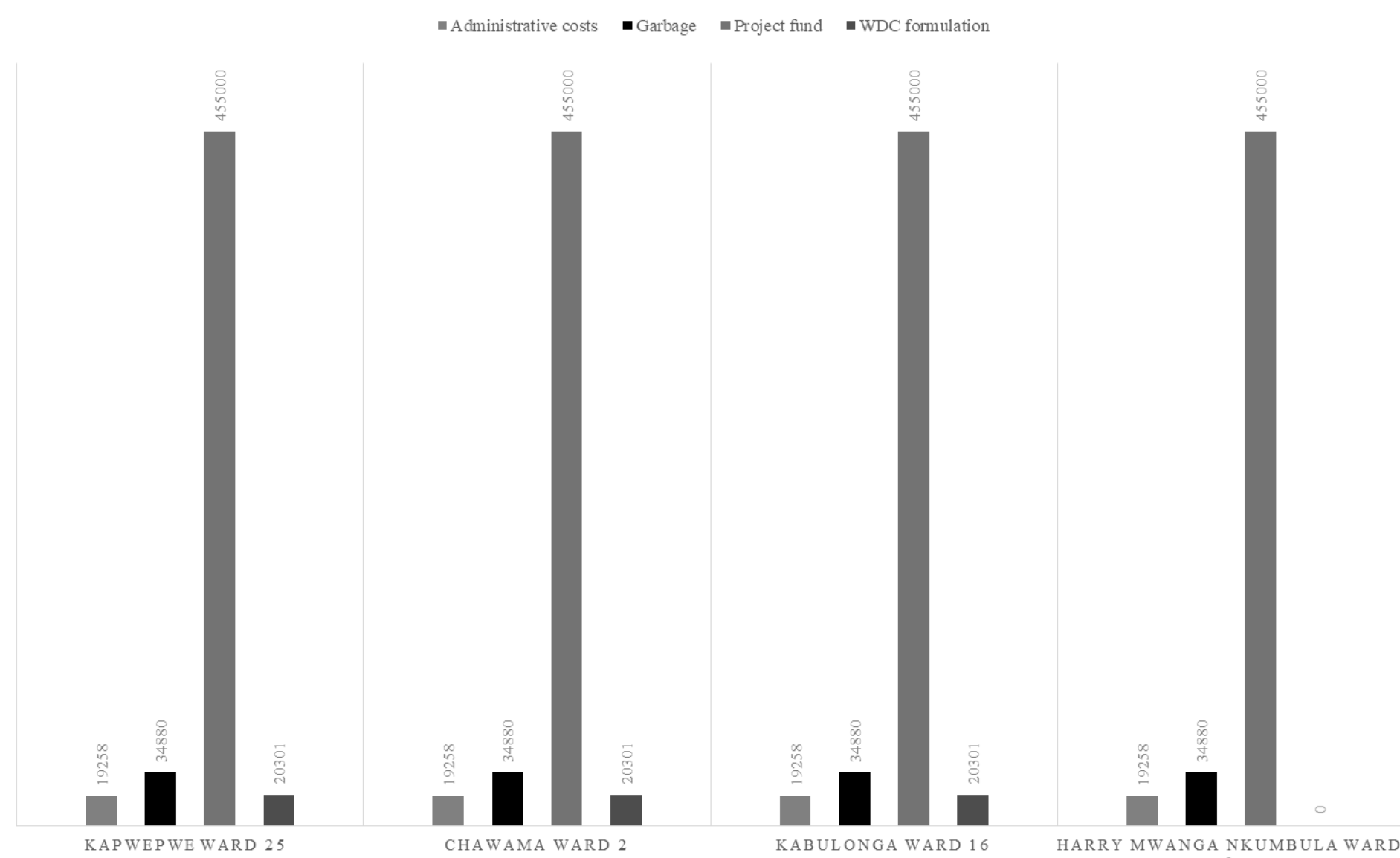


Figure 3. Total budget allocations
Administrative costs- ZMW 77, 032 while in USD (6, 419)
Garbage Management-ZMW 139, 520 while in USD (11, 627)
Project Fund-ZMW 1, 820,000 USD(151,667)
WDC formulation- ZMW 60, 903 while in USD (5,075)

The reason why Ward Development Committees were not formed then was due to a government directive to stop doing so till further notice. However, that ban was lifted and so the formation must continue.

Impact

The first impact of this change project is that we saw the community coming together for a common cause of development regardless of their political affiliation. We realized that what we had always thought as being the desired development for these communities actually was not. The inhabitants of these communities had their own separate views. Women also spoke out for themselves without being obstructed by the men and their views were considered.

STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS-STATISTICS

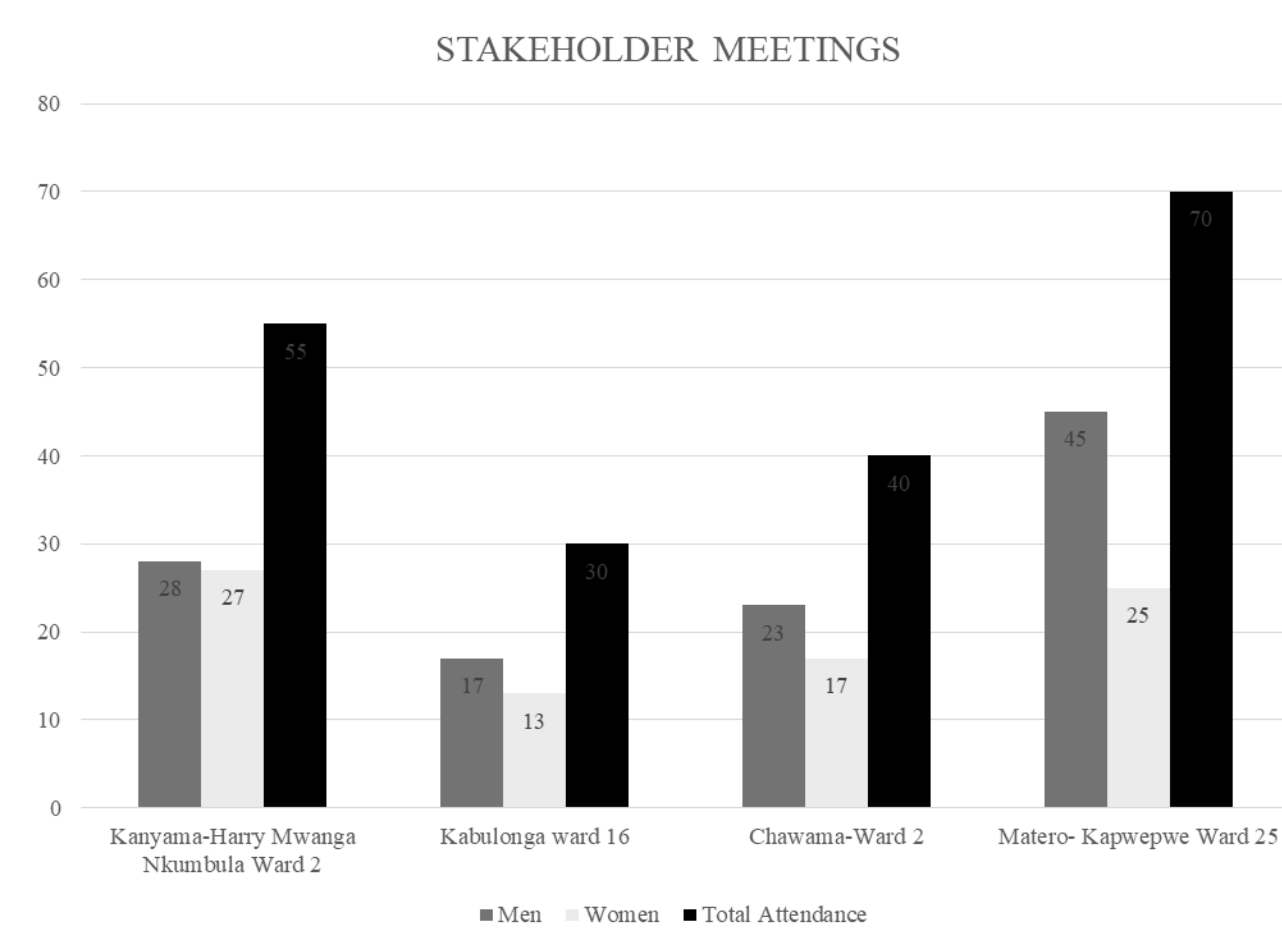


Figure 4. Wards visited with respective Attendances

| SNO. | CONSTITUENCY NAME | WARD NAME | PROJECT SELECTED |
|------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Matero | Kapwepwe ward 25 | 1. Modern Market 2. Water reticulation 3. Drainages 4. Garbage Collection 5. Streetlighting |
| 2. | Chawama | Chawama ward 02 | 1. Modern Market 2. Drainage along Chimwemwe road 3. Opening up access road |
| 3. | Kabulonga | Kabulonga ward 16 | 1. Drainages 2. Bridge |
| 4. | Kanyama | Harry Mwanga Nkumbula ward 02 | 1. Drainages 2. Streetlighting 3. Secondary School 4. Police post |

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Figure 5. Projects outlined and final shortlist

The first table above indicates the projects that were outlined by the community members while the second table indicates the projects that were finally shortlisted as a reflection of the community needs. And to the shortlisted projects, the council has set aside the project fund to commence works.

Conclusions

We concluded that it is very important to make consultation with stakeholders with matters relating to the development of the areas they reside. That the process must be very consultative and not just a mere reflection of the councils' thoughts for the people. We noted that the people were very happy to be consulted and that they would take full participation in developing their communities. We also noted that as a Council we have a noble and huge responsibility towards serving the communities better. We saw that together with them, we can bring the desired development to fruition. We saw that if we Involved them then they would as well be responsive to the needs of the council through paying the necessary taxes

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