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### **6.7.3 Careful planning for integrated human settlements**

The majority of people sampled for this study expressed a need to resettle on the restituted land. Although this is not a priority focal area for the MCPA and the strategic partners, it is a very important aspect to the sustainability of the Moletele restitution project. A settlement plan will have to be developed that caters for those who do not have the resources and means of building themselves new houses in Hoedspruit. The lack of funds or resources should not exclude people from their desire to settle in their ancestral land. Linked to this plan, should be a proper plan on linking human settlement and the provision of schools, health services and municipal services.

### **6.7.4 A Stronger focus on households**

The Moletele households differ, and as mentioned above, focus needs to be paid on building stronger and food secure households. This can be linked with the audit of skills gaps and the immediate needs of the community. The MCCBF can do this for the MCPA if proper working relations can be built.

## 6.8 Conclusions

The recommendations made in this chapter are based on the expressed needs and aspirations of the member of the Moletele community that formed part of the sample. But I provided the context and located these needs and aspiration within the land restitution context.

What clearly came out of this research is that there needs to be major shift in land restitution policy, and a new policy perspective that is grounded on the practicalities at the ground level needs to be developed. This policy perspective needs to be clear as to for whom is the restitution programme targeted and for what reasons. If it is for the poorest of the poor who were forced off their land by the apartheid government, then a question needs to be asked if the strategic partnership model is the way to address these inequalities. Evidence shown here may point to another direction, that strategic partners are not the panacea to successful and developmental land reform.

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## Addendum

### Questions for semi-structured interviews

Hello, I am Lubabalo Ntsholo from the University of the Western Cape, completing a Masters degree in Land and Agrarian Studies. I am conducting research on the land claim lodged by the Moletele community for my studies and I would like to ask you a few questions.

The answers you give to the questions will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone under any circumstances.

(1) Experience of dispossession in the past and the impacts suffered from this process

1.1 Please tell me your recollection of what you experienced/heard of about dispossession of the community

1.1.1 How was the community constituted then?

1.1.2 Do you have an idea of how big the community was?

1.1.3 Who was the chief and what role did he play during the process of dispossession

1.1.4 Did you know of people who died or whose health was disturbed during the process? Who were they, and was it old or young people?

1.1.5 Did the policemen/people who carried out the removal use any force? Did they beat people up? Were people injured?

1.2 How many members of your family were affected and how?

1.2.1 Who were these members and what were their age groups?

1.2.2 Was family cohesion disrupted in any way? And it was, in which manner?

1.2.3 Were there any deaths or injuries in your immediate family as a result of the removals?

1.3 What livelihood strategies in your household were disrupted by dispossession?

- 1.3.1 Would you say the removals marginalized your family into deeper poverty or did the process of removal present new opportunities for livelihoods that your family was not aware of before the removals?
- 1.3.2 Who were the main breadwinners and what did they do to sustain your family?
- 1.3.3 Was your family male or female headed during dispossession? And how do you think that helped or compromised your family during the process of removal and afterwards?
- 1.4 What kind of support did your family receive after dispossession and from whom?
- 1.4.1 Who played a key role in sustaining your family and what did they do?
- 1.4.2 How was the community as a whole constituted after dispossession? Did you have the same chief and the same relationships as before removals?
- 1.4.3 Did the community act as a unit or was it each family looking after their own?
- 1.4.4 Do you think there are any people from the community who benefited from the removals, and how?
- 1.5 How did your family survive after dispossession?
- 1.5.1 Who were the main breadwinners and what did they do?
- 1.5.2 Who was heading the household? Was it a female or a male? And did gender play a positive or negative role?

## (2) Importance of land and agriculture

2.1 Do you engage in agriculture, and if you do, what form of agricultural practices are you involved in?

2.1.1 If you were to be given a choice, would you still engage in agriculture if there were other livelihood options?

2.1.2 Do you see agriculture as a business or merely as a subsistence livelihood strategy?

2.1.3 How much land does your household have? And do you own any livestock?

2.1.4 Are you well informed about opportunities or threats in practicing agriculture?

2.2 What are the main challenges you face in practicing sustainable and profitable agriculture?

2.2.1 In your opinion, what do you think is key to ensuring that your involvement in agriculture becomes profitable and self-sustaining?

2.2.2 Do you have access to enough resources, i.e., water and other agricultural implements?

2.2.3 How big is your agricultural practice and what do you produce?

2.3 How much of your household's livelihood directly come from agriculture?

2.3.1 Do you derive your livelihood from sales or from consuming your produce?

2.3.2 How much of your agricultural produce do you consume and how much do you sell?

2.4 Do you have enough land? And what size of land do you consider enough for your household?

2.4.1 Are you able to manage the land you currently have? How do you manage it?

2.4.2 Do you think you have the ability to manage bigger portions of land?

2.5 If you were to get more land, what would you use it for?

2.5.1 Would you like to own land as an individual household or as part of a group, and why?

2.6 Would you consider sharing an agri-business with a group, or would you rather farm as a household?

2.6.1 In what ways do you think partnering with a group may enhance or limit your opportunities in running a successful agricultural business?

### (3) Livelihoods and income

3.1 How big is your household?

3.1.1 Who are the members of your household and what do they do for a living?

3.1.2 Are there any members of your extended family living with you?

3.2 How many members of household are living in the area and how many are away?

3.2.1 Those that are living in the area, what are they doing for a living?

3.2.1 Are those who are away employed or involved in business?

3.3 Do you own any livestock?

3.3.1 What economic benefits do you derive from your livestock?

- 3.3.2 Do you have enough grazing land? And if not, would you like more land for grazing?
- 3.4 How many members of your household are employed?
- 3.4.1 Who are they and how do they support the household?
- 3.4.2 If they were to lose employment, how much would your household suffer?
- 3.5 What are the main sources of income in your household?
- 3.5.1 Who are the main drawers of this income in your household?
- 3.5.2 Does the income in your household allow for the basic things that you want or do you need more supplementary income?

(4) Perceptions of the land claim and strategic partners

- 4.1 How do you feel about the settlement of your claim?
- 4.1.1 Do you feel your sense of belonging is going to be restored? And how?
- 4.1.2 Do you want to go back to your ancestral land or would you rather remain where you currently stay?
- 4.1.3 What do you think is more important, the emotional satisfaction of returning to your ancestral land or economic opportunities that may arise out of the restitution?
- 4.2 What opportunities do you see coming out of the settlement of the claim?
- 4.2.1 Would you like all the land to be part of the strategic partnership or would you prefer having your own piece of land to farm on?
- 4.2.2 Do you think adopting the commercial enterprise would benefit the community?
- 4.3 Do you think your household's livelihood will improve?
- 4.3.1 What resources will you need to improve your household's livelihood?
- 4.4 How important is the role of the strategic partners?
- 4.4.1 How do you think decision making power should be structured? Who should have more decision making powers?
- 4.4.2 Do you think the experience of the strategic partners will influence the operations of your farming enterprise, and how?

(5) Community and leadership

5.1 Do you think all the members of the community or their parents were subjected to the removals?

5.2 Who are the leaders in the community and do you have easy access to them?

5.3 Do you think that your leaders represent accurately your views and aspirations?

5.4 Do you feel that the community relationships are strong and the community is united?

!!!Thank you very much for your time!!

