

**COMMUNITY BASED TOURISM IN MASSINGIR
DISTRICT – CANHANE COMMUNITY PROJECT**

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1.0 Introduction

Canhane community is located in Massingir district at the adjacent side of LNP, 7kms from the village of Massingir. There are 1030 people living in the community which correspond 203 families. The meeting was held on the 05 November 2002, where 64 people participated, from the figure 31 were women and 33 man.

2.0 Objectives

The objectives of the project were as follow:

- To know the Canhane community.
- Identify the main natural resources and existing problems in the zone.
- Disseminate the land law and its regulation.
- Identify the site for the camp.

3.0 Methodology

The following techniques were used:

- Community meeting
- Participatory mapping
- Direct observation
- Walking in groups
- Interviews

4.0 Brief history of Canahane

Murunzele, further of Canhane came from Guijá locality in the era of Ngungunhane the king of Gaza. The objective of the visit was to give condolence to his grand further. According to tradition, he was bringing Amarula nuts to offer the grand further. After the visit he returned home. When the grand further opened the container which had the Amarula nut, he sow human fezzes and he became angry with the situation. Murunzele was called immediately where the was a lot of quarrel and at the end Murunzele died.

After the death of this gentleman there was a disaster in the whole community, kids were dieing, the was a heavy rain which destroyed the houses and their fields.

Because of that situation, the elder people went to a witchdoctor to consult about the disaster. The answer was that, the gently man who passed away his spirits were angry with the community. After the consultation, a very big ceremony was held and life became normal in the village.

From that day the area was called Canhane

5.0 Social organisation

The people of Canhane speak Shangane and they have zulu influence because the boarder with South Africa. The majority of them are above 40 years old, the active age are working in Maputo, Chokwe and South Africa. The institutions leading the community are the traditional leaders, the secretary, churches leaders and the school organisation. In case of conflict, the way of solving it is:

- Resolution within the family
- Traditional leader
- Political secretary
- Community
- District administration

6.0 Agriculture, fishing and animal production

The majority of the people in Canhane rely on agriculture although the area is dry. They normally do cultivation in the buffer zones along the river. The main crops produced are: Maize, Beans, Sweet Potato and others.

The animal existents in the zone are: Cattle, Pork and Goats.

Fishing is another way of living in Canhane, they do fishing at Massingir Dam.

7.0 Institutions existents in the zone

There is a primary school, there is no health centre, the water supply system is not functioning and as well the bakery.

8.0 Actual use of land

Agriculture is done in the buffer zone along the river.

The forestry is used for picking the plants as medicine and food.

9.0 Tourism potential

- There is a beautiful view from higher Land position at Canhane to the Dam and the Park.
- Canhane is close to the LNP.
- The forestry is composed by beautiful plants (ornamentation) and medicine.
- The Dam is an opportunity for tourist sport fishing and recreation.

The site for building the lodge, was chosen near the Massingir dam which is adjacent the LNP. The place was decided in a meeting with all people of Canhane.

10.0 Main problems in the zone

- There is no health centre in the village
- Malária
- Water supply out of order.
- Subsistence Agriculture is low
- Animals destroying the crops.

11.0 Gender participation in activities related to the project

During the first activities in Canhane the total number of people attended the meeting were 352 (211 women and 141 men). The community association for natural resources is composed by 9 people were 4 women and 5 men.

12.0 Community expectations related to the project.

- The project is an opportunity for employment.
- The people are anxious to see the project implementation as soon as possible.
- People are anxious to gain benefits from the camp.
- The people are waiting for the benefits of the land certificate.

REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD AT CANHANE COMMUNITY IN MASSINGIR DISTRICT

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21 October 2002

Arrival in Chokwe district

22 October 2002

Massingir

The Helvetas team had a meeting with the Massingir district administrator and the district director of tourism , the objective of this meeting was to present the Community Based Tourism project for the Canhane community. The main points focused during the meeting related to project were:

- The election of Helvetas from USAID grant by DAI in Nelspruit
- The objectives of the project
- The activities to be implemented in the zone.
- How community can benefit from the project.
- Etc.

A visit to the proposed place where probably the camp site has to be established was done between the Helvetas team and the director of tourism.

The impressions came from the visitors were:

- Attractive view
- Good fishing sports
- The place is located opposite the LNP and we were told that every morning and late afternoon some animals can be seen from the place.
- Probably next year the boarder between South Africa and Mozambique it will officially opened. In this way the number of tourist may increase.
- There is airport nearby with approximately 7km from the proposed camp site.

23 October 2002

Two meetings held in Xai Xai, first with one representative of the provincial director of Agriculture and secondly with the provincial director of tourism. The objectives of the meetings were to present the CBT project.

24 October 2002

Canhane community

The meeting was held at Canhane community, with the objective of presenting the CBT project. In the meeting there were 62 people including the Canhane secretary, traditional leader, the chief representative of Canhane and Cubo Sangoma (traditional healers) The main points of the project were presented by Helvetas members has we can see above this report.

After the presentation the there was a space for discussion.

In the first moment people were not sure what to say. After about 3minutes answers where like as follow:

- “We want the project to come as soon as possible, we do not want to wait for a long period” said one the participants.
- One the participants asked for one more explanation about the project particularly concerning the labour construction of the camp.
- Some mentioned that they were going to believe when the construction equipment will be in place.

Almost at the end of the meeting, Helvetas representative asked people whether they wanted their land to be delimited or no? the answer was that “we do not know what delimitation is all about. After a clear explanation of what are the advantages, the importance and as well the benefits, people agree on the activity ahead to done in the area. Also they agreed on the creation of the community association or committee.

25 October 2002

Departure to Maputo