

# Montepuez Ruby Mine Resettlement Project – update

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## **Background**

Within Montepuez Ruby Mine's (MRM) 340 square km concession there are five communities: Namanhumbir, Sede, Nanune, Nseue, Nthoro and Mpene. A number of these villages are situated directly on potentially productive areas of the mining concession and it was determined that involuntary resettlements would be needed in order for MRM to access the ore-body contained within key areas of the concession. Throughout 2014, under the provisions made within Mozambique law (specifically the Law for Territorial Planning (Law N° 17/2007); Regulation for Territorial Planning (Decree N° 23/2008) and Regulation for Bodies Exhumation (Decree N°42/90)), MRM undertook the development of a resettlement action plan (RAP). This RAP not only followed national law, but followed international best practice including Performance Standard 5 (Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement) of the International Financial Corporation Environmental & Social Performance Standards (IFC E&S PF), as well as meeting the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). Following extensive consultation with all communities within the concession area, the only village that MRM agreed to relocate was the Nthoro, thus ensuring the MRM prioritised the avoidance of resettlement as part of this process.





## Overall update since August 2019

The resettlement project is approximately 7 weeks ahead of schedule and is making very good progress against projected timelines since the last update at the beginning of August 2019. Of the 105 houses that are being built for the 105 families, 90 (or 85%) are now fully complete.

When factoring in progress of the overall site, the project is approximately 80% complete. The MRM team continues to welcome and work closely with a government appointed committees, communities and civil society that are participating and overseeing the process. A further explanation of activity is listed below:

- Road construction in the RAP village started on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and is now approximately 25% complete. At present the main focus is on masonry works following feedback from the Government's District and Regional Resettlement Oversight committee ("CTASR").
- The RAP team hosted the Provincial Delegation of Prosecutors, as well as representatives of the Provincial Governor at the construction site for a monitoring and evaluation exercise. Whilst the Prosecutors office expressed a positive evaluation of the quality of the houses and address the necessity of paving the roads to reduce dust. The Provincial Governor's office had a differing view about the quality of the development.
- The RAP team also hosted a visit by the National Resettlement Oversight Committee who were very happy with progress and quality and recommended that MRM obtain an independent, third party "Compliance Technical Opinion" so that any discrepancies in views on progress and quality from Government stakeholders could then be resolved formally.
- The RAP team also hosted a visit of NGOs for monitoring and evaluation purposes. This civil society platform was represented by the following organisations; Centro Terra Viva;

Sekelekani; The Mozambican Bar Association; The Christian Council; Youth Development and Environmental Advocacy in Mozambique.

- Regarding the Livelihood Restoration Program, IIAM (Mozambique Agrarian Research Institute) is completing the first phase of the soil suitability studies. The second phase involves the assessment of the suitability of agricultural land within the demarcated housing areas (for household gardens) as recommended by CTASR in order to establish the most suitable crop types. The north-western portion of the RAP area will be assessed in this study.

### Public buildings & utilities update

Considerable progress since the August 2019 update has been made regarding the public buildings and utilities, as outlined below:

#### Status of Public Buildings

Activities	Progress				
	School and teacher's houses	Police Building and officers houses	Administrative Building and Community Hall	Church and Mosque	Market
Allotment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Foundation	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Masonry	100%	100%	75%	90%	60%
Roofing	75%	75%	30%	0%	0%
Plaster	75%	60%	0%	0%	0%
Floor	75%	10%	0%	0%	0%
Paint	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Electrics	20%	15%	0%	0%	0%
Doors & Windows	30%	15%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Overall Progress</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>

#### Status of the Water and Power

Water		Power	
Activities	Progress	Activities	Progress
Water Deposit	60%	Installation of LV line	50%
Main Pipe	10%	Installation of 33kva line	20%

Secondary Pipe	0%	Installation of Transformers	
Connections	0%	Connections	
<b>Overall Progress</b>	<b>20%</b>		<b>20%</b>