



Rehabilitation of Henck Arronstraat 1 & Grote Combeweg 3 Consultation Plan

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1 Introduction

This Consultation Plan (CP) sets out the measures the Program Implementation Unit of the Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (PIU PURP) will undertake to inform the public and obtain input from stakeholders for the rehabilitation of the heritage buildings Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3. It provides a framework for action and accountability. This CP is a ‘live document’ that will be updated and refined as needed by the PIU throughout the project’s life cycle.

1.1 Overview of the project

The heritage buildings Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3 are two buildings within the Paramaribo World Heritage site that were selected to be renovated under the PURP.

1.2 Purpose of the consultation plan

The overall purpose of this CP is to ensure that a consistent, comprehensive, and coordinated approach is taken to stakeholder consultation and Project disclosure throughout the project. It is further intended to demonstrate the PIU’s commitment to comply with applicable national legal requirements and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) policies (OP-703, directive B.6.).

1.3 Importance of stakeholder engagement

By consulting the stakeholders, they can give their feedback about the project. The outcomes of the consultation will be taken into consideration in the project’s execution plan and during the project’s execution.

1.4 IDB environmental and social standards

According to the IDB, the environment has been identified as a dimension of development to be mainstreamed and internalized across all sectors. The commitment of the IDB is to adopt measures that promote corporate environmental responsibility.

The IDB also promotes and is committed to supporting social development. This plan will be part of the guidelines for communication with stakeholders during the execution of the Rehabilitation of the heritage buildings Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3.

2 Project Description

2.1 Objectives and activities

These 2 projects comprise the restoration of these two historic heritage buildings at Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Comeweg 3.

The works consist of the following:
Henck Arronstraat 1:

- a. Restoration of the monumental building with the extension as indicated on the drawings¹ O-01 & O-2, located at the corner of Henck Arronstraat #1 and Mr. dr. J.C. deMirandastraat according to drawings and specifications.
- b. Removing parts of the ground floor, as indicated in the drawing.
- c. Construction of a new sewerage system, septic tank, and pits
- d. Construction of a ramp for the disabled.
- e. Paintwork of the complete building
- f. Renovation of the pavement in front of the building along the Henck Arronstraat and along the Mirandastraat.

Grote Combeweg 3:

- a. Restoration of the monumental building, situated at Grote Combeweg # 3.
- b. Disconnection of the building that is attached to the rear of the monumental building.
- c. Construction of the freed area between the monumental building that must be restored and the disconnected building.
- d. Construction of a new wall and an entrance door for the disconnected building and reconstruction of the existing roof of the disconnected building.
- e. Construction of a new sewerage system septic tank and pits.
- f. Construction of a new fence to bound the area between the buildings.
- g. Pavement of the area between the buildings.
- h. Painting of the restored building and the wall of the disconnected building that was restored.
- i. Renovation of the pavement of the sidewalk and incorporation of a ramp.

2.2 Identification of potential impacts

All identified environmental and social risks and impacts, such as noise and dust nuisance to the population, sexual harassment, traffic detours, difficulty in accessing private homes, businesses and public buildings, and pedestrian as well as worker accidents, will be explained and discussed with all stakeholders.

2.3 Mitigation measures

All measures to be implemented to mitigate identified environmental and social impacts and risks will be presented and discussed with all stakeholders.

The main mitigation measures to be implemented are as follows:

	SUBJECT	MITIGATION	REMARKS
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¹ <https://we.tl/t-yVqTqniF5Y>

	Noise	Use dust ceiling and spray the construction site with water when necessary.	
	Dust	Low the volume and following the limits of noise level.	
	Sexual harassment	Training of workers on the subject. Grievance Redress Mechanism	
	Traffic detours	Traffic management plan. When the contractor is transporting building materials to the construction site, we will work closely with the police (traffic) to avoid this.	
	Difficulty in accessing private homes, businesses and public buildings	No accessing for private homes in the area of the 2 buildings. The 2 buildings are not blocking any entrance of business or public buildings. And the contractor will construct a construction fence	
	Theft/vandalism	Security management plan. Contractor will have security at the construction site	
	Hygiene	Occupational Health and Safety Management Plan.	
	Complaints, requests, and suggestions from the public	Grievance Redress Mechanism	

3 Legal and Regulatory Framework

3.1 IDB standards

According to the IDB Policy OP-703, B.6, it is required to have consultation with stakeholders of a project, so these stakeholders can give their considerations and views. This consultation will be conducted prior to the start of the project.

3.2 National regulations

According to the National Environmental Framework Act (May 2020), during an ESIA process, stakeholders need to be consulted.

4 Stakeholder Analysis

During the ESIA for the Historical Buildings in 2019, stakeholders' consultations were conducted for the rehabilitation of above-mentioned buildings and other selected historical buildings. A list of consulted stakeholders is presented in Table 1.

Table 1 - List of stakeholders consulted during the ESIA for Rehabilitation of Historical buildings in 2019.

Name	Institution / Company	Function	Date	Topic	Contact information
Central Government					
Mr. Truideman	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Acting Director General Management and Consulate Affairs	20-09-2018	Expected impact for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Henck Arronstraat #8 477809/472497
	Ministry of Justice and Police	Director	19-09-2018	Expected impact for the Ministry of Justice and Police (dep. Henck Arronstraat 3)	Henck Arronstraat #1 427197
Mr. Van der San	Administrative Affairs of the President's Cabinet	Director	18-09-2018	Expected impact for the Presidential Affairs	
Mr. Tolud	Police Force Suriname	Region Commander	28-09-2018	Expected impact for the AoI (incl. safety)	
Mr. Grando	District Secretary Commissioner North East	District Secretary	26-09-2018	Expected impact for the AoI	
NGO					
Mrs. Mealenberg	Foundation Built Heritage Suriname	Archaeologist	27-09-2018	Archaeological features AoI	Zeelandiaweg #7
Others					
Mr. Holters	Parking lot Grote Combéweg #1	Occupant	17-09-2018	Living situation mr. Holters	Grote Combéweg #1 7480601
Mr. Satimin	Central Bank of Suriname	Head General Affairs	25-09-2018	Expected impact for the AoI Expected impact for the Central Bank of Suriname	Waterkant
Mr. De Vries	Suriname Hospitality and Tourism Association (SHATA)	Board member	25-09-2018	Expected impact for tourists	

Stakeholder group	Function in project area	Main concerns	Mitigation actions proposed by stakeholders
GOVERNMENT			
<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	Neighboring building project site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A lot of (inter)national officials visit this Ministry. During the year there is a lot of activity going on. Therefore it is stressed to consider the safety and accessibility of the building. ▪ The parking spaces in front of the Ministry are now used by its employers. ▪ Several employees are still making use of the container offices. ▪ There is a day-care facility in front of the Ministry. This day-care is only accessible for (school) children of employers. ▪ To decorate the front of the Ministry (project area), the director has given order to put <i>Grassalco</i> stone chippings. The director requests to make sure that the stone chippings will be returned to the Ministry. ▪ A lot of (inter)national officials visit this Ministry. During the year there is a lot of activity going on. Therefore it is stressed to consider the safety and accessibility of the building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Ministry has made precautionary measures to accommodate the vehicles. ▪ The Ministry has made precautionary measures to replace the employees of the container offices.
<i>Ministry of Justice and Police</i>	Neighboring building project site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the historical building at Henck Arronstraat # 1 are still employees working. Precautionary measures are already made to evacuate these employees before the start of the construction activities. Yet, the new location for these employees is not known. ▪ The containers on the parcel contain documents of the Justice department and the department of Family Affairs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Ministry will make sure that the containers on the parcel of Grote Combéweg #3 will be removed before the start of the construction activities.
<i>Administrative affairs of the President's</i>	Supporting Presidential Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Presidential Palace can be approached through the gate at the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is important to know when the roads leading to the Presidential Palace will be closed or obstructed to
<i>Cabinet</i>		<p>Grote Combéweg/Henck Arronstraat are via the Kleine Combéweg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It should be noted that the Presidential Palace has about two events per month. ▪ The roads should always be accessible for pedestrians, even at closure of the road for traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ anticipate adequately.
<i>Police Force Suriname</i>	Maintaining safety and public order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pedestrians will be particularly troubled if the sidewalks are confiscated by the construction activities and the associated items such as containers and building fences. ▪ If cranes are used, the usual measures must also be taken into account to make the public aware that something is going on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To avoid dangerous situations the contractor should use, among other things, orange pilons and/or flags to indicate that there is a special situation. ▪ It might be an idea to communicate alternative routes.

Stakeholder group	Function in project area	Main concerns	Mitigation actions proposed by stakeholders
GOVERNMENT (continued)			
<i>Police Force Suriname</i>	Maintaining safety and public order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is known that as long as the road is not completely closed, people continue to use that route. The use of an alternative route is not considered quickly. This is unfortunate because this would be better for the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The police will regularly monitor to check the situations. If things are not going well, a conversation will take place between the contractor and the police. ▪ Clear and timely communication with the police is very important, so that the police can make a plan for the guidance and coordination. ▪ It is suggested to make 'herringbone' (<i>visgraat</i>) parking places at the Waterside. In this way, many more cars can be parked than currently is the case. ▪ New parking spaces are expected to be constructed in the Van Sommelsdijckstraat.

<i>District Secretary Commissioner North East</i>	Public administration body of the district of North East Paramaribo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is important to know which permits have been issued for activities in the area concerned. ▪ Destination traffic must always be able to arrive at the destination (i.e. entrances must be kept free). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The secretary may function as an intermediary between the contractor and the district commissioner. ▪ The secretary suggests that parking spaces are rented by the contractor so the employees of the relevant offices can park there for free. ▪ The secretary advises to install an announcement board and a construction fence at the construction site, with a written authorization of the Ministry of Education, Science & Culture (OW&C). ▪ Guard the project site during the construction period. ▪ Consult the police in advance and make arrangements about possible traffic diversions and / or guidance of the traffic.
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Stakeholder group	Function in project area	Main concerns	Mitigation actions proposed by stakeholders
NGO			
<i>Foundation Built Heritage Suriname</i>	Monument care organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a possibility that there are archaeological artifacts in the ground at the location of the project site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During excavation at the location it is advised that an archaeologist is present. ▪ At the moment only two archaeologists are active in Suriname. If assistance is needed, it should be communicated as soon as possible to make arrangements.
Others			
<i>Central Bank of Suriname</i>	Located in secondary AoI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The construction activities will have an impact on parking. In the working area there is already a shortage of parking spaces, mainly between 7 am and 3 pm. People will have to park their car further away with a greater risk of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The CBVS argues that extra security is required if the contractor will install scaffolding and use containers. ▪ Additional police guidance may be needed around the places where work is being done to promote the flow of traffic. ▪ Communication about the project and the

For the consultations which will be conducted prior to the works at Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3, the following ‘direct²’ neighboring stakeholders will be consulted:

Henck Arronstraat 1

The stakeholders in the near vicinity of this building are the:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Justice and Police;
- National Assembly;
- Office of the First Lady;
- Court of Justice.

Grote Combeweg 3

The stakeholders in the near vicinity of this building are the:

- Ministries of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation;
- Ministry of Home Affairs;
- National Assembly;
- Office of the First Lady;
- Cantonal Court.
- Zus & Zo
- Residents

² These are the key stakeholders within the 200 meters of the building sites.

- Cabinet of the President

5 Communication Strategy

5.1 Communication methods

Prior to the selection of a contractor for the works, PIU PURP will organize a consultation about the planned rehabilitation activities for these two buildings. However, a separate meeting with the Ministry of Home Affairs will be held before the consultation as personnel of this department park near Grote Combeweg 3 building, and parking should be discussed and agreed upon with them. Therefore, it is very important to discuss the potential impacts of the project and to identify proper measures to avoid or reduce the impacts.

Stakeholders will be involved at two levels, namely at the level of disclosure and at the level of consultation. The first level will allow stakeholders to get acquainted with and stay informed about the project, while the latter will focus on obtaining the opinions/views/perspectives of stakeholders to mitigate the impacts. Subsequently, any inclusion of feedback to improve/adapt the planned project will be considered.

During these meetings the PIU will explain the projects, the activities of the projects, the anticipated potential environmental and social impacts and risks, and their mitigation measures, including the availability of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), for all stakeholders to file any complaints or grievance about the project, and the project timeline. This should promote optimal stakeholder participation to obtain feedback/input from stakeholders, including any concerns and/or problems they may have in relation to the proposed project and its potential impacts; also, it should give stakeholders the opportunity to ask specific questions about the associated project activities.

The first contact with stakeholders (government representatives and private individuals or entities) will be through email and/or telephone, whereby a short introduction to the project will be given.

During the consultation meetings, stakeholders will have the opportunity to raise issues or concerns and confer with the PIU PURP for clarification of the proposed project. Minutes of the consultation will be prepared.

5.2 Accessibility

Relevant information on the projects will be available on the PURP website (www.purp.sr) and the social media page of PURP (www.facebook.com/purpsuriname). The information will be in Dutch and English.

If it is necessary to explain the projects in other languages than these two, PIU PURP will arrange this.

6 Consultation Objectives

6.1 Objectives

The objective of this stakeholder consultation is to:

- Achieve and increase awareness and understanding among key stakeholders of these two projects by sharing relevant project information;
- Gain insight into the concerns that stakeholders may have in relation to the projects;
- Make potential effects of the proposed project visible;
- Gather input on possible mitigating measures and/or ways to avoid potentially negative impacts from the perspective of stakeholders.

6.2 Ownership and involvement

The Ministry of Justice and Police is the owner of these two buildings, and it needs to take ownership of these two projects. The Ministries of Justice & Police and Public Works have been involved since the listing of the building that will be renovated. Their representatives will be invited to attend the consultation events.

The general stakeholders will be involved by providing them with information about these two projects.

7 Consultation Methods

7.1 Methods description

The method that will work better is to have separate meetings with the different stakeholders mentioned in this document.

By using this method, the above-mentioned organizations will send representatives to the meetings who are prepared to attend such meetings. In this case, the attendees will provide PURP with relevant input. In addition, only one resident has been identified in the area, and the PIU will have a one-on-one consultation with them.

The risk of holding a public meeting is that few people will show up. The risk of implementing a survey is that few people will give feedback. The risk of conducting a workshop is that few people or nobody will show up.

7.2 Timing

The consultation will be conducted after the bidding process.

8 Timeline

8.1 Stages and milestones

The key stages of the consultation process are designing invitations, reserving venues, and sending out invitations.

The important milestones will be having the meetings, receiving relevant input from attendees, taking meeting minutes, sharing minutes with stakeholders.

The deadlines will be included when the consultation is being planned.

Meeting minutes will be shared with those that participated in the event via email within two weeks of the event and then the consultation report which will be prepared after all the events have been completed will be published on the PURP website.

8.2 Flexibility

During the planning and execution of the consultation, it will be taken into consideration that unforeseen circumstances can occur.

If unforeseen circumstances occur, the planning and the execution will be adjusted to handle these possible unforeseen circumstances

9 Feedback Mechanisms

9.1 Mechanisms

The channels PIU PURP will use to get feedback from stakeholders will be telephone, e-mail, PURP website and PURP social media page.

Stakeholders can also come to the PURP office and have a meeting with PURP staff members about the project. And PURP staff members are available to have meetings with stakeholders at their offices.

Contact information of PIU PURP for any case of grievance will be shared with the stakeholders and signs with PIU PURP contact information will also be placed at each project site.

The project information will be published on the PURP website two weeks prior to the meetings.

9.2 Contact information

At each project site there is a billboard with contact information of PIU PURP which stakeholders can use to contact PIU PURP to do inquiries.

The contact information on such a billboard are: telephone number, e-mail address, website, social media page and office address of PIU PURP.

10 Documentation and Reporting

10.1 Documentation procedures

The consultation activities will be documented mainly as soft copy and stored on PURP drive. The public documentation will be shared on the PURP website.