

Stakeholders Consultation Report
Rehabilitation Henck Arronstraat 1 & Grote Combeweg 3

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1 Introduction

This Stakeholder Consultation report sets out the results that the Program Implementation Unit of the Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (PIU PURP) has received by informing key stakeholders about the rehabilitation of the heritage buildings Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3. Further engagement with the stakeholders of these two projects will be on-going throughout the project's life cycle.

1.1 Overview of the project

The heritage buildings at Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3, both located within the Paramaribo World Heritage Site, have been selected for renovation as part of the PURP initiative.

1.2 Purpose of the stakeholder's consultation

The overall purpose of this consultation is to ensure that a consistent, comprehensive, and coordinated approach is taken to stakeholder consultation and 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 consultation

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

1.4 IDB environmental and social standards

According to IDB, the environment has been recognized as a fundamental dimension of development that should be mainstreamed and integrated across all sectors. The IDB is committed to implementing measures that foster corporate environmental responsibility.

In addition, the IDB is dedicated to promoting and supporting social development. And this consultation for these two projects, is one of the means of communication with stakeholders throughout the execution of the rehabilitation of the heritage buildings at 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 possible 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, have been explained and discussed with the stakeholders.

2.3 Mitigation measures

All measures to be implemented to mitigate possible environmental and social impacts and risks have been presented and discussed with the stakeholders.

The main mitigation measures to be implemented are as follows:

	SUBJECT	MITIGATION	REMARKS
	Noise	Use dust ceiling and spray the construction site with water when necessary.	
	Dust	Low the volume and follow the limits of noise level.	

¹ <https://we.tl/t-yVqTqniF5Y>

	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

In accordance with the IDB Policy OP-703, section B.6, stakeholder consultation is a required component of project implementation to ensure stakeholders have the opportunity to share their perspectives and input. This consultation was conducted in September, November and December 2024, prior to the commencement of construction activities.

3.2 National regulations

In accordance with the National Environmental Framework Act (May 2020), during an ESIA process, stakeholders need to be consulted. Consultation was already done in the design phase of the two projects in 2019. And the consultation is done once again as described in the previous paragraph.

4 Stakeholder Analysis

During the ESIA for the Historical Buildings in 2019, stakeholders' consultations were conducted for the rehabilitation of the above-mentioned buildings and other selected historical buildings. A list of consulted stakeholders is presented in Table 1. https://drive.google.com/file/d/15c2dQmV1rlQ0DqRkpxLRRYWh_oz2iNvT/view?usp=drive_link

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 employees. ▪ 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>Grassaleo</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 employers 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 Sommeldijkstraat.

<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 have been conducted prior to the works at Henck Arronstraat 1 and Grote Combeweg 3, (2024) the following ‘direct²’ neighboring stakeholders have been consulted:

The stakeholders in the near vicinity of the building at Henck Arronstraat 1 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.

The stakeholders in the near vicinity of the building at Grote Combeweg 3 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
- Cabinet of the President

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

5 Communication Strategy

5.1 Communication methods

Prior to the selection of a contractor for the works, PIU PURP has consulted stakeholders in the near vicinity about the planned rehabilitation activities for these two buildings. PIU PURP held a separate meeting with the Ministry of Home Affairs before the consultation as personnel of this department park near Grote Combéweg 3 building.

During these meetings the PIU has explained 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 grievance about the project, and the project timeline.

The contact with the stakeholders (government representatives and private individuals or entities) was through telephone calls and face-to-face meetings.

During the consultation meetings, stakeholders had the opportunity to raise issues or concerns and confer with the PIU PURP for clarification of the proposed two projects.

5.2 Accessibility

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

If an explanation in additional languages is required, the PIU PURP will make arrangements to ensure this is accommodated.

6 Consultation Objectives

6.1 Objectives

The objective of this stakeholder's 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 owns both buildings and is responsible for assuming ownership of these two projects. The Ministries of Justice and Police, along with Public

Works, were informed from the outset when the buildings were identified for renovation. Their representatives have also been briefed on the consultation events. The invitations were done by phone calls and in person.

7 Consultation Methods

7.1 Methods description

The stakeholders were consulted through individual meetings with the various groups mentioned in this document. Feedback from the representatives indicated strong support for the projects, with a willingness to offer necessary assistance as needed.

Additionally, only one resident was identified in the area. The PIU consulted this individual through a phone call to ensure her input was also considered.

This approach ensured that at least one representative from each organization was consulted. The general stakeholders will be engaged by sharing relevant information about the two projects on the website and on the facebook page of PURP.

7.2 Timing

The consultations were initially planned to take place after the bidding process. However, due to delays in the bidding process, the consultations were done during the second and prior to the 3rd bidding process. (September – December 2024)

8 Timeline

8.1 Stages and milestones

Stages of the Consultation Process

1. Meeting Invitations

- Most invitations were made through in-person requests and communicated through phone calls.

2. Holding Stakeholder Meetings

- Meetings were conducted as planned to actively engage stakeholders and gather valuable feedback.

3. Documenting and Sharing

- This consultation report is prepared to ensure transparency and communication with the stakeholders.
- PURP provided them with project information and left contact information for the stakeholders

Milestones of the Consultation Process

1. Initial engagement with the Ministry of Home Affairs

- Date: 4 September 2024
- Outcome: Conducted initial consultations to align their unique status as a stakeholder group.

2. Other stakeholder consultations

- Date: November and December 2024
- Outcome: Stakeholders expressed enthusiasm for the project and are willing to offer necessary assistance as needed.

3. Consultation Report

- Deadline: Published on the PURP website when the contract is signed with the contractor. All planned consultation events are completed in 2024.

The main question was, when will the buildings be renovated. PURP explained that they will be updated when the projects will start.

Consulted stakeholders

DATE	PROJECT	STAKEHOLDER	ORGANIZATION	MEANS OF CONSULTATION	REMARKS
4 September & 2 December 2024	Grote Combeweg 3	Deputy Secretary Facility Management	Ministry of Home Affairs	Face to face meeting and telephone call	
	Grote Combeweg 3 & Henck Arronstraat 1	Coordinator Communication & Information) & Office Manager	National Parliament	Face to face meeting	
6 November 2024	Grote Combeweg 3 & Henck Arronstraat 1	Coordinator Facility Management	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and Cooperation	Face to face meeting	
6 November 2024	Grote Combeweg 3	Coordinator Security	Office of the First Lady	Face to face meeting	

	& Henck Arronstraat 1				
3 December2024	Grote Combeweg 3	Deputy Coordinator Facility Management	Cantonal Court	By telephone	
	Grote Combeweg 3	Manager	Zus & Zo	By telephone	
	Grote Combeweg 3	Constance Breeveld	Resident Grote Combeweg 11	By telephone	
3 December2024	Grote Combeweg 3		Cabinet of the President	By telephone	
6 November 2024	Henck Arronstraat 1	Deputy Secretary Facility Management	Ministry of National Resources	Face to face meeting	
6 November 2024	Henck Arronstraat 1	Coordinator Facility Management	Court of Justice	Face to face meeting	
6 November 2024	Henck Arronstraat 1	Management Team Facility	Ministry of Justice & Police	Face to face meeting	

8.2 Flexibility

Contingencies were included to address possible disruptions. Adjustments were made promptly as needed to ensure the success of the consultation process. One of such adjustments was the timing of the execution of the consultations in relation to the planning.

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.

The GRM is been explained to the stakeholders PURP has consulted for the two projects.

9.2 Contact information

At each project site, one or more billboards are installed displaying the contact information for PIU PURP. Stakeholders can use this information to reach out to PIU PURP for inquiries.

The contact details provided on the billboard include:

- Telephone number: 471879
- Email address: info@purp.sr
- Website: www.purp.sr
- Social media page: www.facebook/purpsuriname
- Office address: Wagenwegstraat 64 Boven, Paramaribo

10 Documentation and Reporting

10.1 Documentation procedures

The consultation activities will primarily be documented in digital format and stored on the PURP drive. Public documentation will be made available on the PURP website.