

Organization: FAcE-PaM

Date: 7/05/2026

Venue: Misau LGA

Purpose of the Activity

The objectives of the District Heads meeting are:

- To accelerate the delivery of results across the respective SHF implementing LGAs.
- To foster collaboration among District Heads for the effective implementation and delivery of the SHF project.
- To provide a platform for District Heads to identify gaps in project delivery within their respective districts and learn from one another in order to address and close these gaps.

Output of the Activity:

- Developed and endorsed action plans by each District Head outlining priority actions to accelerate SHF results in their respective districts with clearly defined targets, timelines, and responsibilities across the 3 LGAs.
- Reinforced SHF coordination platform among District Heads and agreed on collaboration framework for joint problem solving and information sharing.
- Documented district specific gaps according to each LGA in SHF implementation (e.g., sanitation coverage, hygiene adoption, service delivery challenges) and prioritized open defecation (OD) list of actionable gaps with proposed solutions.
- Compiled lessons learned and successful approaches shared by high performing districts/wards per LGA and practical strategies documented for replication across other district.
- Increased involvement of traditional leadership in WASH activities (e.g., community mobilization, enforcement of sanitation by laws) and Evidence of District Heads' advocacy support at community level.

- Increased awareness among district heads on sanitation status and urgency per LGA.
- Strengthened commitment of traditional leaders to support ODF goals before the end of the project.
- Improved understanding of key roles and responsibilities in sanitation promotion across each LGA.

Methodology (*Describe how the activity was carried out and how GESI and CARM principles were considered*)

PowerPoint presentation

A structured PowerPoint presentation was delivered to provide an overview of the project, highlighting progress made across the wards, ward-specific challenges, and key bottlenecks affecting implementation.

Presentation by the LGA Coordination forum

The LGA Coordination Forum present on activities carried out, achievements recorded since the inception of the project, and plans for sustaining project outcomes beyond the project life span.

Discussion on the way forward for lagging communities and agreement on ODF timeline

RUWASSA led a discussion on strategies to accelerate progress in lagging communities. District Heads whose wards are behind in achieving project targets outline specific steps they will take to improve performance and ensure faster delivery of results. In addition, the District Heads jointly agree on a timeline for all wards in the LGA to attain Open Defecation Free status and meet the project targets.

Development of an Action plan

An action plan was developed to guide District Heads on how they intend to achieve the agreed targets for each ward under their respective districts. The plan will outline key activities, responsible persons, and timelines for achieving each indicator across the 3 LGA.

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Learning Opportunities Identified

- The meetings with the districts heads was crucial considering the important role district heads play in the delivery of the results under the SHF project. While some communities under some district heads have made significant progress in the implementation of the project, others require additional support to enable the LGA achieve the set targets.
- The meeting served as a platform for district heads to learn more about the project, strengthen collaboration, and provide opportunity for those whose communities are lagging behind to learn from those who have made significant progress. This has help to ensure that the remaining phase of the project is implemented effectively.
- Traditional leaders are critical drivers of behavior change at community level.

Challenges	Recommendations
<p>The following challenges cut across the 3 SHF implementing LGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The high prevalence of open defecation in public institutions and public spaces within communities is hindering many communities from attaining ODF status. ❑ High unimproved toilets may hinder ODF sustainability across communities in 	<p>The following recommendation cut across the 3 SHF implementing LGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Call meetings of all village heads to sensitize them about the project and solicit their support in ending open defecation in their

<p>misau, Tafawa Balewa and Jama'are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Households member attitude towards toilet construction ❑ Attitude of some traditional leaders towards the project slows achievement of result 	<p>communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ District Heads to support the existing Sanitation Byelaw to accelerate ODF attainment and strengthen sustainability of ODF communities ❑ Ensuring that public spaces (e.g., motor parks, markets, abattoirs, viewing centres, etc.) and public institutions (e.g., health care facilities and schools, including non formal education schools such as Tsangaya) have and use inclusive, climate resilient, and sustainable toilet facilities. ❑ Supporting the drive to eliminate the proliferation of unimproved toilets in the LGA through the mobilization of funds for the construction of toilets for vulnerable households. ❑ Support the ODF validation exercise.
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Follow Up Actions:

Issue	Person Responsible	Due Date
<i>Call meetings of all village heads to sensitize them about the project and solicit their support in ending open defecation in their communities.</i>	<i>District heads</i>	<i>30/4/2026</i>



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<i>District Heads to support the existing Sanitation byelaw in Tafawa Balewa to accelerate ODF attainment and strengthen sustainability of ODF communities</i>	<i>District heads of Misau ,Jamaare and Tafawa Balewa LGA</i>	<i>30/5/2026</i>
<i>Ensuring that public spaces (e.g., motor parks, markets, abattoirs, viewing centres, etc.) and public institutions (e.g. health care facilities and schools, including non-formal education schools such as Tsangaya) have and use inclusive climate resilient, and sustainable toilet facilities.</i>	<i>District heads/Misau ,Jamaare and Tafawa Balewa LGA</i>	<i>30/5/2026</i>
<i>Supporting the drive to eliminate the proliferation of unimproved toilets in the LGA through the mobilization of funds for the construction of toilets for vulnerable households</i>	<i>District heads/Misau ,Jamaare and Tafawa Balewa LGA</i>	<i>30/5/2026</i>
<i>Support the ODF validation exercise.</i>	<i>Misau,Jamaare and Tafawa Balewa WASH department</i>	<i>30/5/2026</i>

Annex (Photograph, Attendance, agenda, etc.)

Attendance – Gender-Age Disaggregated Data

Gender	0-5 years	5-17 years	17 – 40 years	40 years and above
Male			21	87

female			9	
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District heads in Misau deliberating on OD communities



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District heads/stakeholders session in Tafawa Balewa



Jama'are Local Government Chairman expressing commitment to accelerate result



Cross session of district head/stakeholder during the meeting



RUWASA giving opening remark district head/stakeholder during the meeting in Tafawa Balewa



SHF project Manager presenting during the peer learning meeting



Group picture of key stakeholders during peer learning meeting in Misau