

Sakubva Local Development plan (SLDP) Report of Study (ROS) validation meeting a success.

On the 7th of October 2026, the City of Mutare and Development Governance Institute [DGI] successfully held the Sakubva Local Development Plan Draft Report of Study Sharing Workshop.

The workshop was convened to validate evidence gathered and analysed during August and September, confirm key findings, identify gaps and agree on priorities for the next stage of plan preparation.

Strong multi-sectoral turnout.

The session brought together City of Mutare Councillors and officials, and District Development Committee members representing ZETDC, EMA, Department of Roads, Department of Spatial Planning & Development, RIDA, Ministries of Local Government & Public Works, Community Development, SMEs, Industry & Commerce and Youth, ZRP, NRZ, and City departments including Health, Education, Housing, Engineering, SMEs and Youth/Sports.

Discussions highlighted how Sakubva's historic high-density core is under strain from rapid population growth and overcrowding, with overloaded water, sewer and drainage systems, underserviced wholesale and home-industry hubs, and complex land tenure issues compounding spatial congestion, traffic bottlenecks, conflicting land uses and environmental degradation along the Sakubva River corridor.

Stakeholders who attended, contributed and helped set priorities for the next stage. Their input is shaping a more inclusive, resilient and well-planned Sakubva.

DGI is gathering feedback on the draft Report of Study and proposals that can accelerate development in Sakubva. Stakeholders can send their feedback in writing to **The Town Clerk, Mutare City Council, No 1 Queensway, P.O. Box 910, Mutare**, or directly to DGI at **devgovernance.kc@gmail.com**

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