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From 16th-20th March 2010, the project team held consultative meetings with Machinga District Assembly and officials from the Department of National Parks & Wildlife. In addition, five senior traditional authorities and eight group village headmen were also invited to attend the meeting. The main aim of the meetings was to identify land within the district where the farming communities would be resettled after being evicted from the stretch piece of land that connects Phirilongwe forest and Lake Malawi National Park that endangered species of wildlife use as their natural corridor when roaming between these two areas.

One of the remarkable achievements of the meeting is that a virgin piece of land has been identified in traditional authority Malindi and a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (MoUA) has been signed between the District Assembly and the Traditional Authority who has the power over the distribution of the land to his subjects. The meeting also agreed in principle that all farmers who are currently living on the aforesaid stretch piece of land would be resettled in Traditional Authority Malindi by October 2010.

