

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MAFWE TRIBAL AUTHORITY ON LAND RELATED ISSUES

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1. According to this Tribal Authority Communal Land must remain under the jurisdiction of the genuine leaders.
2. The traditional leader is the person who knows the life-pattern of his subjects, and therefore in cases of land reform, the traditional leader will take into consideration his people before taking any steps regarding land.
3. The majority of the Namibian people are very poor, and depended much on land, which they plough for a living. That is why this tribal authority strongly feels that to protect these poor rural people from being, again, robbed of their only property (land) as had happened in the colonial era, land must remain in communal administration.
4. In cases where the government needs some land for development projects, the Mafwe Tribal Authority recommends that the government must negotiate with the genuine traditional leaders on which land could be utilised.
5. In cases where some land was taken away in colonial era and used for commercial farming, we recommend that this land must be given back to the communal people while the owners of the said farms shall be compensated as stipulated by the constitution.

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