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This approach underpins the notion of sustainable collaborations advocated by the 6 sectors of society in order to drive an informed social and economic agenda that contributes factually and cumulatively to various levels of effective development.

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We are a productive catalyst coordinating data, underpinned by relationships and the possibilities of coalitions for sustainable social and economic change in Namibia.

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Opportunity, access
and ownership for all people.

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Tuna Willem
Executive Director

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The Social Agenda Newspaper is a monthly communication platform underpinned by relationships and the possibilities of coalitions amongst sectors in Namibia for sustainable social and economic change. The publication, birthed in Namibia, is designed to communicate, connect, celebrate and reflect the vibrant development work undertaken across all sectors for the benefit of Namibian communities. With the uppermost in mind, The Social Agenda presents a quality and stylized publication. Join us as we delve into the rich, contrasting and developing world of an emerging Nation that is Namibia.

The full programme for The Social Agenda project will be shared on the 28th February 2019. We look forward to you being a part of our movement.

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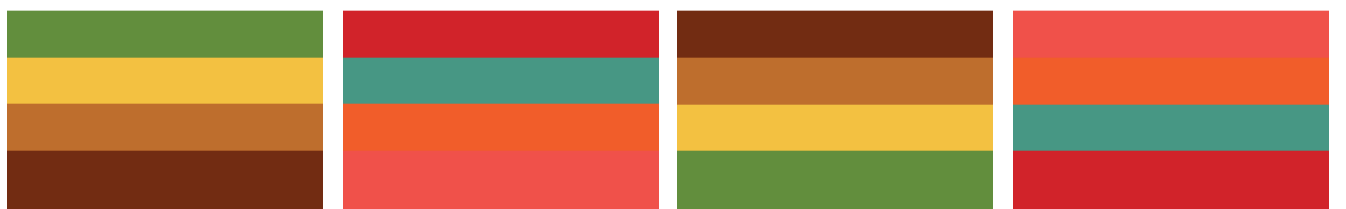
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VISION

Equitable sectoral participation in the realm of factual data provision and its corresponding transactions to allow for accelerated opportunity, access and ownership in social and economic development for developmental agendas targeted to communities.

OUR PASSION

A better Namibia is possible. We are a game changer that is a part of that possibility.

OUR DRIVE

Equality: Opportunity, access and ownership for all people.

SECTORS OF ENGAGEMENT

We engage and co-ordinate between the following sectors of our society:

(1) Government Sector; (2) Public Sector; (3) Non Profit Sector; (4) Private Business Sector; (5) Private Companies Sector and (6) Public Private Partnerships Sector in order to provide an enabling environment for sustainable social and economic coalitions.

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MISTER SISTER MOBILE CLINIC



BACKGROUND

APPROXIMATELY 21 percent of the Namibia's residents live more than 10 km from a health facility and must travel long distances to access basic and comprehensive health services. Factors hampering access to healthcare can be related to distance to health service facility and expensive or non-availability of transportation. More than 70% of women reported at least one serious problem accessing healthcare when needed. Mister Sister Mobile Clinics improves access to Primary Healthcare (PHC) services, by using vehicles converted to mobile clinics that visit remote and underserved communities on a frequent basis. The programme has been running since 2010 and provides regular, quality healthcare services to Namibians who need it the most.

We are committed to providing access to inclusive quality primary healthcare services to remote and underserved communities in Namibia using Mister Sister mobile clinics. Our clinics are staffed by dedicated, qualified and experienced registered nurses. Healthcare services are financed through a mixed model of private and public resources. We have a unique public private partnership with the MOHSS, which includes the provision of medicines from the central medical stores. We currently have over 20 000 patients registered on our database and provide regular services to communities in nine specific sites in and around Windhoek's informal settlements. We currently provide services to over 1000 patients per month. We will shortly

commence with the provision of ARVs to our HIV+ patients in the informal settlements, in an effort to reach the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets in the fight to end AIDS in our lifetime.

SERVICE OFFERING

Our nurse-led clinics offer all the primary healthcare services one can find at state clinics. These include:

- Confirmation of pregnancy and routine ante- and post-natal care.
- Family planning advice and supplies (including oral and injectable contraception)
- Routine immunizations which are part of the MOHSS vaccination program
- Screening for TB symptoms
- Voluntary counselling and testing for HIV
- Provision of ART (from 2019)
- Diagnosis and treatment of routine communicable disease, including respiratory infections, Malaria, sexually transmitted infections, diarrhoea and vomiting, worms and parasites, skin infections etc
- Testing, referral and follow up on chronic diseases, such as hypertension, asthma, diabetes and arthritis
- Treatment (including suturing) for minor trauma and injuries
- Information, Education and Communication on all relevant health matters
- Chronic medication delivery service
- Defaulter tracing and referral
- Referrals via an agreement with MoHSS for

patient referrals to public health facilities if necessary.

FIRST 1000 DAYS PROGRAMME

The healthcare services that a woman and child receive from pregnancy until the 2nd birthday of the child (First 1000 days) are important for the survival and well-being of both mother and infant. The health and well-being of a pregnant and lactating woman is directly connected to the growth and health of her infant and the first 1000 days is the most critical time for positive impact on a child's cognitive and physical development. In addition to the current integrated services offered on the clinics, the mobile mother & child clinic offers mother and child healthcare services in a fully mobile, self-sustained platform allowing for fast deployments and large geographical coverage. There are currently 80 women enrolled on this programme which commenced in February 2018.

Some key functions of this programme include:

- Providing pre-natal and antenatal checkups, diagnosing and treating routine reproductive tract infections
- Family planning services
- Health education component (including IEC materials) on various topics including: child care, reproductive and sexual health, family planning, breastfeeding and nutrition.
- Monthly SMSes on various health related topics
- Screening and treatment for various diseases
- Monitoring child development and growth, treating diarrhoea.
- Immunisations
- Starter packs/baby boxes, which have been shown to reduce infant mortality rates

STARTER PACK CONTENTS

Aqueous Cream, Nappies, Blanket, Babygrow, Sanitary Towels, Baby wipes, Wash Basin Baby powder, Condoms, Porridge, Rice, Canned, Fish and IEC materials

Starter packs are given on the condition that a pregnant woman attends at least one ANC visit before giving birth. Additional incentives are given after every clinic visit. This is in order to encourage women to give birth in a health facility, and to further encourage the mother to continue seeking healthcare services for her and her child. The unit also provides a platform for research. Funding

The programme uses a mixed funding model comprising of donor funding (from Namibia Medical Care), leveraging private sector funding from companies (who contract us to provide PHC services to their employees who don't have medical aid, income from wellness screening and occupational health services, as well as in-kind funding from the MOHSS (medicines and sundry items).

Click on this link to watch a short documentary on the Mister Sister Mobile Clinic, and hear what our clients have to say about our essential services: <https://youtu.be/09n9ePr9IJE>

GOING BEYOND CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING

DELTA SECONDARY SCOOPS THE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL RADIO DEBATE: A 2-1 split Adjudicators' decision handed Delta Secondary School a deserved crown as the 2018 MTC Energy 100fm High School Debate Competition Champions. The long awaited outdoor GRAND-FINALE event took place on 26 July 2018 at Radio Energy 100fm. Delta's all-girl team consisting of Thelma Mackinza, Bertha Tobias and Kaveire Tujendapi opposed the motion: "This house will introduce a radical Economic Transformation Policy in Namibia to solve youth unemployment while Concordia College proposed the motion" against Concordia College.

The vision of the competition platform in its 4th year is to satisfy the need for critical & creative thinking across the Namibian school curriculum and beyond by the year 2030. The bi-weekly one hour live radio debates are annually organized and directed by Fannes Namhunya Consultancy CC and hosted by CHANTE in the Energy 100FM outside studio, 17 Bismarck Street, Windhoek West, Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h00-15h00.

The 2018 competition brought together 24 competitive teams representing 23 public and private high schools and colleges within Windhoek and some as far as Rehoboth and Karibib for 17 weeks (06 March-26 July), 67 motions, 96 debaters, 24 coaches, 15 adjudicators and 15 volunteers. Apart from confidence building, and improved critical & creative thinking skills, participants also learned note taking skills, summarising, research, planning, prioritisation, time management as these are essential skills for any scholar.

The 2018 competition theme was "Critical & Creative Thinking Impacting Academic Excellence" and thus a new category was introduced to the competition in a form of a debated-motion Reflective Argumentative Essay Writing Competition, compulsory for Junior and Senior debaters respectively. The goal of the essay writing activity is to promote the art of creative writing, provide writing activity platform; reflecting on the team's last debated motion and help debaters improve their formal school academic writing.

WINNER CATEGORIES & PRIZES

Winning Team: Delta Secondary School N\$5000 cash, Floating Trophy, 5 x Gold Medals, 5 x Champions Certificates, 5 x badges

Runner-up Team: Concordia College N\$3000 cash, Floating Trophy, 5 x Silver Medals, 5 x Runner-Up Certificates, 5 x badges

3rd Place: Ella du Plessis Secondary School 5 x Bronz Medals, 5 x 3 rd Place Certificates, 5 x badges

Best Male Speaker: Ishmael Uandara – Grade 12, Academia Secondary School N\$1000 cash, Competition Ambassador Title, Badge

Best Female Speaker: Menarandjambi Tjaverua



– Grade 11, Concordia College N\$1000, Competition Ambassador Title, Trophy, Badge
Best Overall Speaker: Ismael Uandara – Grade 12, Academia Secondary School N\$1000, Competition Ambassador Title, Badge
Best Adjudicator: Jonas Nekomba – UNAM N\$500, Trophy
Best Newcomer: Delia Balakag – Grade 9, Karibib Private School N\$500, Junior Ambassador Title
Best Essay Writer – Junior: Petrina Joas – Grade 9, Windhoek Technical High School N\$500, Trophy, Certificate
Best Essay Writer - Senior: Selma Iyambo – Grade 11, Hochland High School N\$500, Trophy, Certificate
Volunteer of the Year: Ndesi Iduwa – UNAM Framed Certificate 2018

2018 PARTICIPATION

1. Chairman Mao Zedong High School
2. Hage Geingob High School
3. A. Shipena Secondary School
4. Windhoek Gymnasium Private School
5. Rocky Crest High School
6. Tanben College
7. Windhoek Technical School
8. M&K Gertze Secondary School
9. Delta Secondary School
10. Academia Secondary School
11. Khomas High School
12. Namcol Jetu Jama A
13. Namcol Jetu Jama B
14. Hochland High School
15. Deutsche Hohere Privatschul - DHPS
16. Combretum Trust School
17. Centaurus Secondary School
18. Jacob Marengo Secondary School
19. Triumphant College
20. Ella Du Plessis Secondary School
21. Concordia College
22. St. George's College
23. Windhoek High School
24. Karibib Private School

TV PLATFORM FOR FAMILY VIEWING

Catch all the 2018 season recorded debates on DSTV Channel 284, Go TV Channel 90 and the NBC platform Channel 301, exclusive to One Africa Television – Sundays 18:00, Repeats; Mondays 20:00, Saturday @ 18:00

2019 Debate Season begins February through June. To learn more about the MTC Energy 100fm High School Debate Competition, please contact Fannes Namhunya – Competition Development & Director at +264 816372242 or namhunyaft@gmail.com or Endeline CHANTE Inyemba – Host, Moderator & Competition Co-Director at +264 813727653 chanteomar@gmail.com

2018 COMPETITION SEASON TESTIMONIES

1 Selma Iyambo - Hochland High School, Grade 11, Best Essay Writer Senior Category

It was a great honor to take part in the 2018 MTC/Energy 100fm High School Debate. It has been a long journey and many sleepless nights preparing for our debates and finally it paid off.

The debate competition gave me a platform to meet new people from whom I was able to learn many things which enhanced my thinking abilities, improved my debating skills and made me more aware of current issues happening in my country as well as around the globe.

Reflecting back on the theme of this year "Critical & Creative Thinking Impacting Academic Excellence" the competition also taught me to think outside the box, how I can utilize the knowledge from motions



2018 COMPETITION SEASON TESTIMONIES



which I debated in and those that I tuned in to improve my academics and share knowledge with others in the clubs that I am involved in at my school.

In conclusion I would like to extend my gratitude to our sponsors, the competition director, our host CHANTE and everyone that made the competition possible.

2 **Ismael Uandara - Academia Secondary School Grade 12, Best Male Speaker and Overall Best Speaker**

Thank God for the 2018 debate season. It was an adventurous journey with wonderful encounters, climaxes and breathtaking topics.

Participating in this debate competition was an honour as we exchanged views with profound competitors and the mental knowhow in this field of endeavour.

I had the best team of committed and determined speakers as another treat. It was an ongoing learning experience and a chance to express and execute our ideologies. This phenomenon has proven to be educating, inspiring, blissful and unforgettable. Better is not good enough, the best is yet to come.

3 **Mr. Uakatora Riruako - Concordia College Coach, Deputy Chairperson of the Khomas Debate Association**

It was a great pleasure and much needed exposure. My learners grew critically and emotionally with every round. I met new friends and my learners got an opportunity to practice what they learn.

The different topics were relevant to current affairs in the country and the world. It created discourse on democracy, economics, human rights and etc. Feedbacks from the debates were insightful and gave an opportunity as a coach to see some of my debaters' weaknesses.

The fun build-ups and the warmth I received whenever I came to the studio made me feel so much at home.

It was a great networking platform with other coaches and trainers. I'm excited and looking forward to the next season with anticipation.



4 **Menarandjambi Tjaverua - Concordia College, Grade 11, 2018 Best Female Speaker**

The tournament was wonderfully and collectively well organized and delivered all services.

It was a competitive season compared to last year where we now had engagements from schools outside Windhoek. It ensured meaningful representation of debate as a sport within Namibia and has educated the Namibian people about the sport.

Coming into the tournament I had my teammates Kaura Upora, Densley Nghipandulwa and Kwame Anti came with the idea of having a better season compared to last season.

And we just decided to run with the same strategy throughout the league and got us as far as semifinals where we gave it our last push to get to the finals. Getting to the finals was big for me and my teammates as it was where we planned to show the world what we can offer at Concordia.

We knew the finals won't be a walk in the park as we were going up against Delta Secondary School and we knew we had to do our best. Prior to the finals we were a bit shaken up but the support from our family back at Concordia kept us going as they were behind

us regardless of the outcome. We used our strongest skills which are teamwork, determination, no fear and always giving them a run for their money but didn't go in our favour.

But that was just the beginning of it; we will be back next season bigger and better as this was a learning process.

Personally, receiving the 2018 Best Female Speaker award came at the right time when we needed a bit of victory and it didn't give me a fighting spirit for other tournaments but it was the motivation my School Debate Society needed to boost our confidence .

The money we won will be invested into the Society as we just got started as we say "there is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs" and these were just the first steps.

The Maroon Worriers will be back. My biggest thanks go to Mr. Namhunya and his team, along with the sponsors. It's the little things one does that make the biggest changes. Thank you for the opportunity.

Programme designed by Fannes Namhunya

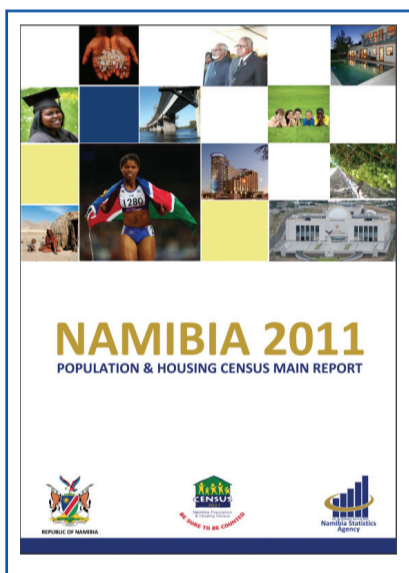




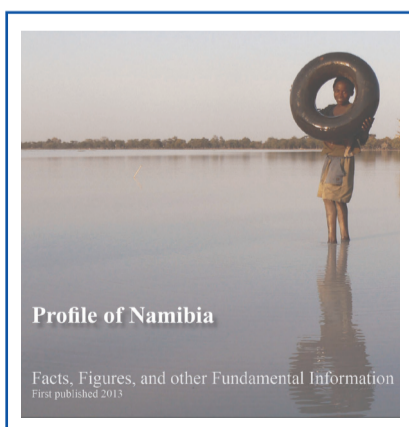
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ANNUAL REPORT 2017- 2018



NAMIBIA 2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS MAIN REPORT



PROFILE OF NAMIBIA 2013



Alex Shimuafeni: Statistician-General & CEO

THE United Nations (UN) recommends that every country should conduct the Censuses at regular intervals so that comparable information is made available in a fixed sequence and Namibia is no exception. A series of censuses makes it possible to appraise the past, accurately describe the present and estimate the future. It is recommended that a national census be taken at least every 10 years.

The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is mandated by the Statistics Act (Act No. 9 of 2011) to cause a population and housing census every 10 years. The first census was undertaken in 1991, followed by the second and third censuses in 2001 and 2011 respectively. The upcoming 2021 Namibia Population and Housing Census, estimated to cost N\$ 1, 1 billion spread over a period of 5 years, will be the first to be conducted by the NSA.

The Population and Housing census plays a key role in the country’s development agenda as it provides a wealth of information on the social, cultural, economic status and living conditions of population groups as well as the Housing status of the country. The main goal of Namibia’s Vision 2030 is to “improve the quality of life of the people to the level of their counterparts in the developed world, by the year 2030”.

To achieve its vision, Namibia adopted National Development Plans as yardsticks to achieving Vision 2030, African Agenda 2063, SADC Regional Indicative Development Plan (RISDP), and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The country is now currently implementing the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) which covers the period of 2017/2018 to 2021/2022 and the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP). Furthermore, as a member of the African Union and the UN, Namibia has an obligation to implement and report on the progress of achieving

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The 2021 Population & Housing Census

Namibia Statistics Agency

the African Agenda 2063 as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The data from the 2021 Population and Housing Census is therefore important for providing reliable baseline indicators and measuring the progress

not only in achieving the goals of NDP5 and HPP but also the African Agenda 2030 and SDGs.

Some of the planned main activities include but are not limited to:

- The purchasing of aerial photography and related software. Institutions such as the Ministry of Land Reform as well as the Ministry of Mines and Energy are also in the process of contributing to acquisition of these satellite images which have multifaceted usages for all stakeholders involved in any planning related socio-economic matters.
- Purchasing of census equipment (e.g. Tablets), accessories and related software;
- Technical support from expertise who recently completed their Censuses in order to benefit from their learning curves they have picked up;
- Provision of training facilities from Government institutions in order to save cost on paid for accommodation such as hotels;
- Vehicles for census enumeration;
- Provision of boats, tents, helicopters and chartered planes to ferry enumerators to remote areas that cannot be accessed by road;
- Secondment of personnel to assist with census training and enumeration field work.

Since the Population and Housing Census requires enormous amount of resources due to its magnitude and complexity, it is essential that all stakeholders provide support and cooperation for the successful implementation of the 2021 Census. The budget for the 2021 Census amounts to a massive N\$ 1.1 billion spread out over 5 years. Despite this huge budget, the Housing Census is a crucial national exercise that the country cannot afford not to

carry out as it is the only source of the complete count of the Population with an added advantage of also counting and assessing the status of the housing stock in the country. Thus, failure to conduct a decennial census would imply a country to base its national development plans on outdated information.

FUNCTIONS OF THE NAMIBIA STATISTICS AGENCY (NSA)

- 1 To constitute the central statistics authority for the state. This means undertaking any census, the gathering of administrative documents, information or record, and storage of information, as well as the collection of spatial data for statistical purposes.
- 2 To collect, produce, analyse and disseminate official and other statistics in Namibia.
- 3 To facilitate the capture, management, maintenance, integration, distribution and use of spatial data.



Mission Statement

“Leveraging on partnerships and innovative technologies, to produce and disseminate relevant, quality, timely statistics and spatial data that are fit-for-purpose in accordance with international standards and best practice”

Vision Statement

“To be a high performance institution in quality statistics delivery”

Core Values

- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Excellent Performance
- ✓ Accuracy
- ✓ Team Work
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Transparency

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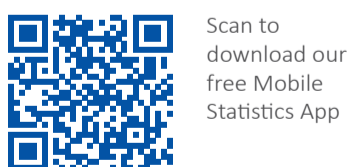
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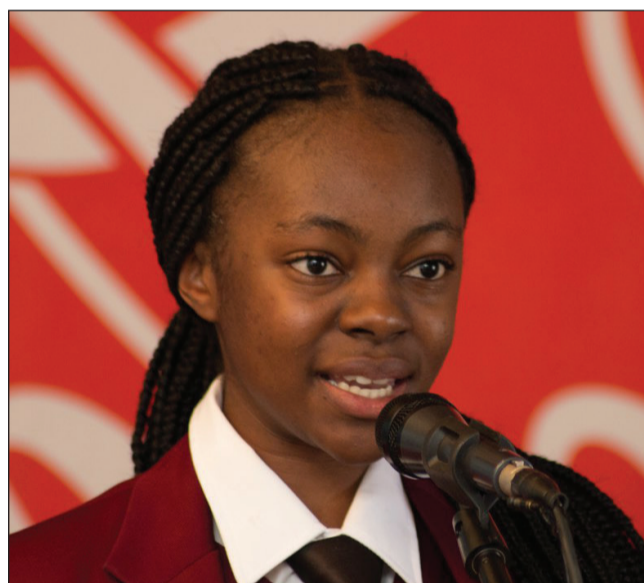
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Ndeshi Iduwa



“Kudos to the Namibian government for the speedy housing development and hand overs in recent months. Shelter is a basic need. Let’s give credit where it is due.”



Bertha Tobias



“Namibia is a speed loving nation! Arriving alive takes a responsible and sober mind, so let’s save lives this festive season”

“Making reading and writing fun! Make it interesting and challenging. Include both word and logic puzzles. When doing reading or listening practice, choose stories that are about Mystery or that involve a ‘twist’ in the plot, then have prediction tasks. Instead of telling them about the grammar rules, give them several examples and some clues, and then let them work it out for themselves. Often this mental challenge and need for logic is much more motivating than a game.”



Perpetua Severus



“With elections approaching, my wish is that 90% of the youth register and cast their votes.”



JP Van Der Westhuizen



“Poverty can become a state of mind if you sit idle and ignore your thirst for success. Chase down your purpose and come alive.”

MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

The Mayoral Relief Fund was established in 2018 as a result of the Mayor's office been receiving increased requests for assistance from numerous members of the community. Council has no adequate resources hence the establishment of the Fund.

Mayoral Relief Fund Objectives:

To provide assistance to vulnerable community members.

To offer donations and support to victims of disasters and emergencies.

To provide financial assistance towards tertiary education of vulnerable learners.

To contribute to causes that will promote the image of the City of Windhoek.

To support funding for food security initiatives.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE ELDERLY

His Worship Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of the City of Windhoek hosted a Christmas lunch for elders last week at the Katutura Multipurpose Youth Complex on Friday, 07 December 2018. The Mayor emphasised that "The festive season is a time for people to get together with families and friends; and a time to care and think about others, especially those who are less fortunate and who find the festive season more painful than being cheerful."

This is also the time of the year when we should reflect on the needs of the lonely and the elderly, who at times feel very alone especially for those with no family ties in the City. It was therefore against this background that my office decided to organise this event.

"Indeed this occasion puts bright smiles on the faces of our elderly residents. It is a unique gesture of our appreciation of the value they have brought to our community and society."

MAKING EXISTING POLICIES MORE PRO-SOCIAL, PARTICULARLY TO CITY PENSIONERS

As a result of this change in our strategic thinking, we are pleased to inform you that in June this year,

1. Council wrote-off N\$191 Million in debts owed to the City by pensioners. Furthermore, Council commenced with the installation of pre-paid electricity meters in Windhoek, again, giving priority to our pensioners in the north and north-western suburbs of our city."
2. Several streets were renamed in honour of Namibians and International heroes and heroines, most of whom are elders.
3. Council will continue rendering a free of charge Public Transport Services to our pensioners and other vulnerable groups.
4. We continue to raise awareness against the abuse of our elders through continuous campaigns, and the annual commemoration of the World Elders Abuse Day.

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The Mayor of the City of Windhoek distributes hampers to the Elderly

5. We also continue to make annual budgetary provision for the Katutura Old Age Home. These are but some of the benefits that Council offers, or will soon extend to our pensioners.

Thank you to the following development partners, who came on board to ensure that the event takes place.

1. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China, which donated N\$ 50 000.00
2. First National Bank of Namibia, who came on board with a donation of N\$ 50 000
3. Nedbank Namibia, who donated N\$ 50 000.00
4. VIVO Energy, also came on board with N\$ 15 000.00
5. ARK Trading Industries, who donated 500 tins of canned fish.

6. Pixel Media for Audio and Lighting sponsorship
7. OK Franchise, who came on board with a donation of 300 cool drinks and 300 bottles of water
8. Innv8e for Project Coordination sponsorship
9. Namibia Breweries with 300 cool drinks
10. Pick n Pay Namibia with 400 tins of canned fish

FUTURE CITY ASPIRATIONS

We will for ever strive to make the City a place that is friendly and convenient for our older residents to live in. We will intensify our projects on provision of recreational facilities and implement programmes that advance their aspirations, and that help them to relax and to have peace.



Mayoral Christmas party 2018: Elderly receiving hand massages as a part of the treat for the day

WOMEN AND GIRLS SHOULD BE HEARD

KEETMANSHOOP, 10 DEC (NAMPA) – Women who have experience physical or sexual violence report higher rates of depression, having an abortion and acquiring human immunodeficiency virus compared to women who have not.

These remarks were made by the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator, Rachel Odede in her speech read on her behalf at the commemoration of the International Human Rights Day and the day of Namibian Women here on Monday.

Both days are commemorated under the theme; ‘Orange the world #HearMeToo: ending Gender



Based Violence in the world of work’.

“Other health consequences include unwanted pregnancies and complications associated with forced or unsafe abortions, disability and psychological trauma,” she said.

Odede said exposure to and fear of violence deprives women and girls of their rights to education, health and decent livelihoods.

“We have and continue to see the human rights of women being abandoned, especially in form of violence. It is a complex phenomenon, resulting from unequal power dynamics and persistent social norms, practices and behaviours that discriminate against women,” she said, adding that worldwide approximately 15 million adolescent girls aged between 15 and 19 have experienced forced sex at some point in their lives, while one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence, mostly by intimate partner.

She further explained that harmful practices such as child marriage steal the childhoods of 15 million girls under the age of 18 annually.

“Women play a critical role in sustaining economic and social progress and development, however, if they are left behind and faced barriers such as gender inequality, poverty, disempowerment as well as gender based violence, they cannot fulfil this potential,” Odede noted.

Odede said the UN will continue to advocate for human rights of women and girls and for gender equality and she urged the public at large to do the same.

She said addressing these issues starts with empowering victims and providing them with safe spaces to share their stories and be heard.

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MPUNGU FISH FARM RECORDS 2.3 METRIC TONS OF TILAPIA IN FIRST HARVEST



RUNDU, 15 DEC (NAMPA) – The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources on Friday harvested about 2.3 metric tons of tilapia fish at the Mpungu Fish Farm at Nkurenkuru in the Kavango East Region.

Speaking at the farm’s first-ever harvesting ceremony, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Bernhardt Esau said fish farming is indeed practical in these parts of the country as seven metric tons of fish were also harvested last week at Epalela Fish Farm in the Onesi Constituency of the Omusati Region.

“Mpungu Fish Farm demonstrates true cooperation between the government, the community and the private sector in addressing food insecurity,” he said. His ministry, Esau said, is convinced that there is great potential to produce fish at Mpungu, owing to abundant water, good soil and climate in the region. It is for this reason that the ministry is determined to establish a practical training facility to help farmers in the area to acquire practical skills on how to produce fish in cost-effective manner, he said. “I would like to see new facilities such as training halls, full renovation of current buildings and expansion of current fish ponds completed within the next one year,” the minister said.

Esau thanked the National Fishing Corporation of Namibia (Fishcor) for providing fish feeds and helping in the infrastructure development of the fish-ponds as well as renovations of the farm. Fishcor is a government company established to assist in the development of the fisheries sector. The minister urged cooperative workers and ministry officials to ensure that they double or even triple fish production at the farm by next year.

“We must all work together to take aquaculture production here in Nurenkuru and indeed in all areas with fresh water aquaculture potential to the next level,” he noted.

The minister said there is enough demand for fish in local markets, adding that he was informed of increasing imports of tilapia being sold in the Kavango West Region and many other areas in the country.

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ARANDIS ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT WELL UNDERWAY

ARANDIS, 18 SEP (NAMPA) – The Arandis Roofing Project on Tuesday announced the completion of roof replacements for 20 houses from asbestos to aluminium-zinc coated steel sheet (Alu-zinc).

The project, which was launched in June this year, is a partnership between the Arandis Town Council and Rössing Uranium Limited, who sponsored over N.dollars 28 million over a five-year period to replace roofs of over 800 houses and schools.

The aim of the project is to have old asbestos roofs of houses and other buildings in the town replaced with Alu-zinc roofing, which is environmentally friendly. Asbestos carry health hazards. When disturbed or somehow eroded, asbestos releases microscopic fibre that can cause fatal illnesses, including lung cancer and lung disease when inhaled.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Rössing Uranium Managing Director, Werner Duvenhage highlighted the company’s involvement to the town’s development.

“We consider it a sound investment that would greatly benefit the town and its residents in years to come,” Duvenhage noted.

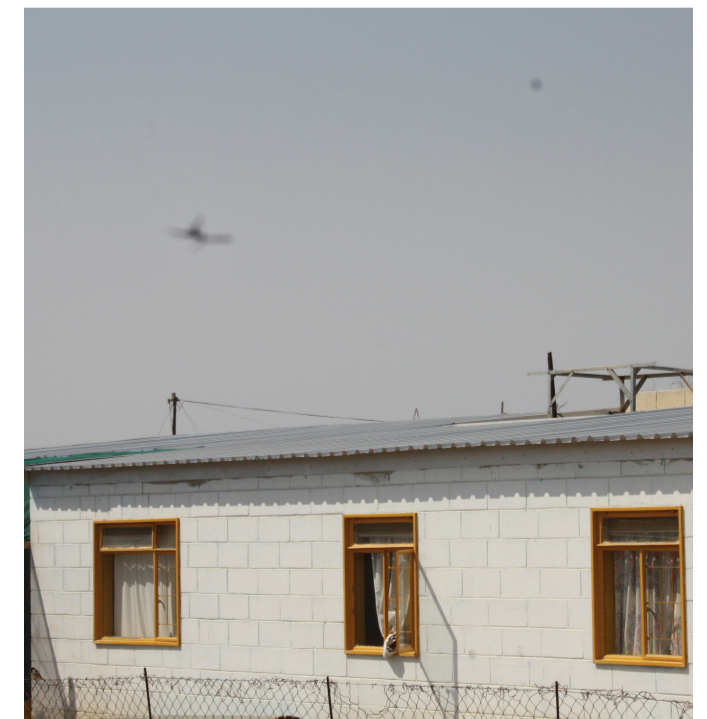
Arandis Mayor, Risto Kapenda expressed joy over the fact that Arandis was taking a lead as the first town in Namibia to undertake such a roofing upgrade programme for houses and other buildings. He also articulated courtesy to the volunteering Zone Leaders within the community, who committed themselves to working as consultants between the home owners and the contractors replacing the roofs.

The old asbestos sheets are cautiously transported to Walvis Bay, where they are carefully destroyed in a secluded area.

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