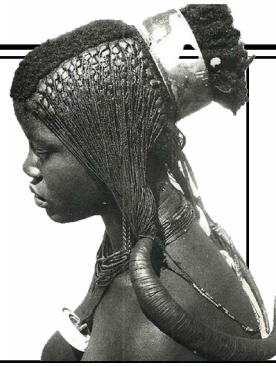


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Business quote of the week

"Where do you put the fear when you choose to innovate? The fear is there, but you have to find a place to put it."

- Seth Godin

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Local School receives Computer equipment & infrastructure renovation from Grandview Klein Diamonds and Local partners.



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A brief look at some of the leading projects under the ministry.

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The O-Space: Omaheke Innovation Village

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The O-Space, is an initiative of the Office of the Omaheke Governor aimed at facilitating the process of incubation and growth for SME's. A Successful and Leading Start-Up Incubator from Omaheke to the Nation and Beyond.

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Namibia Multidimensional Poverty Index Report

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The main purpose of this report is to present multidimensional poverty measurement and analysis for Namibia. This report, therefore, seeks to create a reliable and nationally owned mechanism that can credibly identify those that are mostly deprived, beyond the traditional money-metric measures of poverty. This is particularly important given that poverty, especially in an upper middle-income country like Namibia, is complex and multi faceted and as such, requires a multidimensional approach for measuring it. Hence, the MPI has been adopted and adapted to nationally defined sets of dimensions and indicators that reflect the country context and development priorities for Namibia.

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DEBMARINE - NAMDEB FOUNDATION

CREATING A POSITIVE DIAMOND LEGACY

ABOUT US

The Debmarmine - Namdeb Foundation (Incorporated Association Not For Gain) was established in May 2015 to be the Corporate Social Investment vehicle of Debmarmine Namibia and Namdeb.



OUR VISION

To be the benchmark community partner in socio-economic development.

OUR MISSION

We partner with communities in sustainable socio-economic development that leaves a positive diamond legacy in Namibia.

OUR OBJECTIVES

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

We wish to contribute to job creation through enterprise development whilst strengthening Debmarmine Namibia and Namdeb's supply chains with the inclusion of funded small and medium enterprise's products and services.

CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT

We aim to promote sustainability in communities through social investments and supporting projects that deliver positive measurable outcomes.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

EDUCATION

- Pre-primary, secondary & tertiary education
- Literacy development training
- Infrastructure development

ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES WITH FOCUS ON THE YOUTH

In the areas of education, sport, arts and culture, health and welfare (that create job opportunities), entrepreneurship and capacity development.

WOMEN AND GIRL CHILD EMPOWERMENT

In the areas of education, sport, arts and culture, health and welfare, entrepreneurship and capacity development.

RARITY CONSERVATION/BIODIVERSITY

- Preservation of heritage sites in mining licence areas
- Conservation of rare species – flora and fauna
- Biodiversity in mining licence areas
- Biodiversity in rare areas

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Editor's Notes

The Social Agenda e-newspaper is a project that started in 2019. We have since created 3 issues.

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Through our e-newspaper we contribute to the sharing of the important work that is taking place across the sectors of society. Namely, Community sector, Private sector, Public sector, Development sector and the Political sector.

We can no longer ignore the fact that business and social co-existence is a necessity and the agenda of co-designing valuable and sustainable Social and Economic coalitions for thriving communities is a National priority.

This largely depends on but is not limited to the successful inter-related synergies, resources, innovations, partnerships and human centered solutions that will drive true access, opportunities and ownership.

For now we explore opening up our conversation and programmes platform and we look forward to meeting you on our journey.

“The word's biggest problems are the market's greatest opportunities”

XOXO,

Ms. Tuna Willem

Editor in chief



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MISSION

Engineer innovative solutions, partnerships and resources for social and economic spaces that generate equitable access, opportunity & ownership for People, Private Sector and Government Sector.

VISION

Build ecosystem capacity to deliver impact solutions to our most pressing social and economic problems.

PURPOSE

Match and resource stakeholder needs to ecosystem resources.

WHAT

We connect, match & advise; We do programme design, management and execution; We mobilise resources; We create, trade and produce; We do community and We do partnerships.

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Citizens and their organisations, programmes, projects, brands, products or services.



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CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Ms. Estelle Tjipuka

Ms. Estelle is a forensic accountant by profession, a former executive and an experienced entrepreneur. With over 18 years of corporate experience and 9 years as a successful entrepreneur, she speaks from experience as well as years of her own personal and professional development.



| FEATURING |

CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Ms. Phillipine Angula

Ms. Angula is a local Namibian business woman with 10 years experience in various industries such as diamonds, mining, infrastructure, and real estate in Namibia. She is a member and director of Dinamo Diamonds (Pty) Ltd., a fully owned Namibian company, and a partner to Julius Klein Diamond Group.



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CITIZEN'S CONNECT

GRANDVIEW KLEIN & NAMIBIAN PARTNER DONATE TO LOCAL SCHOOL



Grandview Klein Diamonds and its local Namibian partners at Phillipine Angula Development Investments showed their ongoing commitment to the people of Namibia by refurbishing the computer room and donating sanitary ware and other important pieces of computer equipment to the Eros Primary School in Windhoek.

"The donation shows that companies operating in Namibia are not just focused on profit but are also committed to contributing to the community." Said Bryan Eiseb, Ministry of Mines & Energy executive director. "The Grandview Klein Diamond Group donation to Eros Primary School is a great step towards building a better future for Namibian learners. It ensures that learners have access to modern and advanced e-learning platforms and addresses a basic need in empowering the girl child."

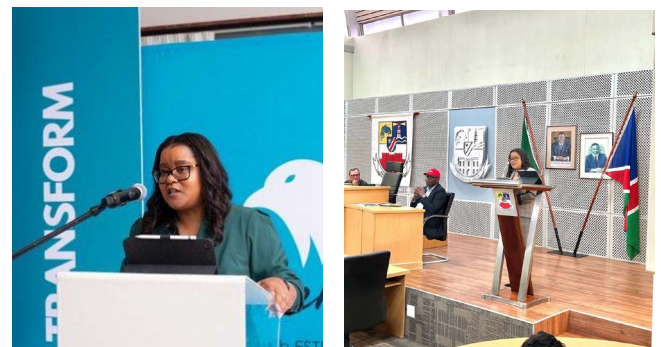
The donation was made by the companies in support of Namibia's National Development Plan, Harambee Prosperity Plan and Vision 2030

Finally, Grandview Klein Diamonds and Phillipine Angula Development Investments contributed funds to refurbish the roof, walls and floors that were destroyed by recent rainstorms. The state of the school's infrastructure has been a source of concern for some time, and this donation help address this, Grandview Klein says.

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E-MERGE COACHING.



Ms.Estelle is passionate about executive coaching for young professionals. She specifically works with aspiring and career climbing professionals, who desire to become C-suite executives.

As an entrepreneur, Ms.Estelle is also passionate about business coaching and works with Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's), who desires to grow and transform their businesses.

As a transformational coach, she works with individuals who have a desire to transform their lives and to emerge into a new and better versions of themselves.

COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Ms.Estelle's personal coaching philosophy is to partner with clients in a thought-provoking process that inspires them to unleash their personal and professional potential. Her coaching philosophy is built on the foundation that every client is an expert in his/her life and work and therefore is creative, resourceful and whole.

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Namibia Diamond Trading Company CSI



MR. BRENT EISEB
CEO NAMIBIA DIAMOND TRADING
COMPANY (NDTC) PTY LTD

ACCELERATING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are committed to accelerating economic inclusion and support for diverse voices to help shape the future of our business, communities, and society.

Building on our work to establish ethical practices and generate positive outcomes for the people and environments where we operate, we also focus on creating equal opportunity for all, across the entire diamond value chain. We recognise that it takes continuous focus on identifying and removing systemic barriers to social and economic inclusion and that equal opportunity will benefit us all.

We are therefore implementing and continually strengthening our programmes to support equal opportunities – in our business, our communities and in the wider industry – across all forms of diversity including gender, race, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

NDTC DONATION TO COLLEGE OF THE ARTS



Namibia Diamond Trading Company continues to make an impact on the Namibian youth and the community. On the 23rd of May 2023, #NDTC donated 20 computers together with design software to the College of the Arts (COTA) at the Katutura campus.

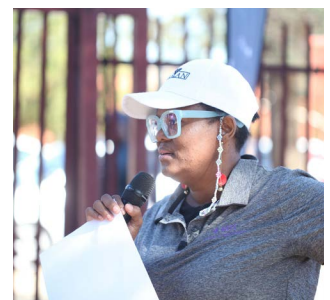
“It is impressive to see how far the College and its partners like the NTDC have come and are still going, to ensure the next generation of Namibians have the right skills to pioneer the development of our own homegrown design industry. We thank the NDTC for its continued investment in programs which underpin government’s agenda to ensure Namibians directly benefit from the mining sector.” Hon. Kornelia Shilunga, Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy

“The donation is a culmination of ongoing engagements and the participation of the College of the Arts in design offerings in the country such as the Namibia Diamond Trading Company’s Shining Light Awards.” - Mr. Gerard Vries, Deputy Executive Director: LifeLong Learning, Arts and Culture College of the Arts Namibia Ministry of Mines and Energy Namibia Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture - Namibia

CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

On the 20th of May 2023, The Namibian Diamond Trading Company (NDTC), in partnership with Diamond Manufacturers Association of Namibia and RMB held a clean up campaign at the Katutura Youth Complex’s Physically Active Youth Centre.

As part of the #NDTC’s social impact program, the clean up campaign aimed at raising environmental awareness for the beneficiaries of the PAY program and the immediate community. The campaign will entail monthly cleanup projects at the Centre, which also includes paint jobs and rehabilitation.



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PRIVATE SECTOR

All levels of private sector enterprise and their programmes, projects, brands, products or services in the space of CSR, Social Enterprise, Development and Capital projects.



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Pupkewitz Foundation

The Pupkewitz Foundation is the Social Investment Programme of the Pupkewitz Group of Companies and has been in operation on a formal basis since 2002. We believe in the recognition of human dignity and the universality of human rights to thrive on equal opportunities.

The goal of the Pupkewitz Holdings Group of Companies in establishing the Pupkewitz Foundation was based on the desire to help and uplift underserved communities in Namibia through high impact philanthropic activities. The Foundation aims to show the benevolent face of capitalism by fulfilling the social contract to develop the communities in which the Founder subsidiaries conduct their business, as well as Namibians at large.



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The Gondwana Care Trust

In a world that often emphasizes individual success and personal achievements, it is essential to remember the profound impact we can have when we extend a helping hand to those in need.

Giving back to the community is not only a responsibility but also an opportunity to create positive change and foster a sense of unity and compassion among us all. Whether it's through volunteering our time, donating resources, or using our skills and expertise to uplift others, each act of giving back has the potential to make a remarkable difference in the lives of individuals and the community as a whole.



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Expanding Opportunities in Namibia



The purpose of the Foundation is:

- *advancing education and development, health care, arts and culture, conservation and environment, and anti-corruption activities, as set out more fully under the primary objectives listed in this Trust Deed;*
- *advancing community upliftment and development projects; and*
- *complementing the Founder's Corporate Social Investment Programmes, aimed at the general public.*

PROGRAMMES

1. ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMME

We support artists, schools of the arts, curators, conservators, scholars, and organizations in the arts.

Our program works with artists as individuals, and organizations, to ensure equitable access to excellent arts and cultural experiences. Artists provide various value creating contributions to the cultural development of society, and every artist plays a different and necessary part in contributing to the overall health, development, and well-being of our society.

The Arts & Culture Programme funds organizations across many artistic disciplines and cultural practices.

2. EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Our vision is to develop a well-rounded community of diverse learners by creating a caring and nurturing environment. We offer a number of programmes which support the 360 degree model - Classroom Support, Quality Schools and Classrooms, Programmes and Curriculums, Faculty Teaching Performance and Professionalism. We aim to empower young people by offering them gainful education, good health care, nutrition, and by so-doing support their families.

3. SPORT PROGRAMME

The Pupkewitz Foundation remains committed to the development of sport in Namibia through partnering with organizations that purposefully use physical activity to do something greater. Our work is aligned with the SDGs (also known as the Global Goals), a 15-year roadmap adopted by world leaders in 2015 to stimulate action in areas of critical importance for humanity.

The Foundation is committed to elevating innovative solutions that leverage sport to address the key societal issues that will put us all on the path to peace, prosperity and a healthier planet. Alongside expert partners, we support inspirational people and projects that are using sport to make sustainable and powerful impact on communities around the world.

4. COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMME

We believe that by caring for our fellow Namibians, we develop a deeper appreciation of people, which in turn allows us to better understand and serve our community. Pupkewitz Holdings initiated its "Social Investment Program" during 2002, through the establishment of the Pupkewitz Foundation.

5. GRANT PROGRAMMES

The Foundation requests that the grant is acknowledged in an appropriate and timely way, though we appreciate that how this is done will depend on the nature of the organisation and the project.

For grants towards core costs then please include our name in your organisation's accounts and in any newsletters or updates you may produce, including on your website.

For Capital grants, please include the foundation name and/or logo on your donor board.

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The Gondwana Care Trust



The Gondwana Care Trust strives to make Namibia a better place, even if it is the smallest contribution. A small act of kindness may mean the world to someone else and then encourage them to do the same to other people. In their attempt to better Namibia and to be more sustainable, Gondwana Care Trust have numerous projects that they take part in. Listed below are a few

1. ETUHOLE PRE PRIMARY

Etuhole Pre Primary and Day Care Center was created in 2012. Etuhole PP has 7 permanent staff members and the school venue is secured. They have water and electricity.

In Havana, the percentage of children below the age of seven (7) that do not go to school is increasing every day. Most of the children at their early age do not start school which causes them to wander around the streets instead of getting the essential basics for education.

Eunike Iiyambo-Kuutondokwa is the owner and founder of Etuhole PP and has since 2000 followed

various training in Early Education (Perivoli, Amos Meerkat, Side By Side) to develop the knowledge and skills to succeed.

Etuhole PP welcomes about 130 children now. Most children will receive their only meal of the day at school. Feedback from the school principal:

Good morning, from the depth of my heart I want to say thank you very much for every donation I have received from you. We have a lot of less fortunate kids at our school and because of this, if they come to school without eating, we make sure we cook for them. That's why we are saying it makes a difference at our school and the community. We have 114 kids at the moment. The parents here are happy with our school because of the food you are giving us. We really appreciate you.

2. YONA : YOUTH OCHESTRA NAMIBIA

Youth Orchestra of Namibia (YONA) is a movement with the vision to transform the lives of the youth through music. YONA's mission is to provide an intensive music program that develops a sense of belonging, teaches the importance of teamwork and a strong work ethic, and promotes self-confidence and good citizenship. The overarching principle is to advance children first and music second.

Talent is a gift and it is a sad reality that children cannot study or practice their gift due to an empty stomach. Too many children are unable to study or practice an activity due to the lack of financial support and sadly due to hunger.

The Gondwana Care Trust is once more blessed to assist whenever it is possible.

YONA started to provide a small meal with a fruit to some of the children so they can carry on practicing music and benefit from the program in a healthier and better way.

3. BRIDGE OF HOPE

Situated in Katutura, Bridge of Hope welcomes over 100 learners everyday for a warm plate of food. Ms Eugenia is a retired teacher and is aware that too many learners will leave school due to lack of concentration and lack of success which is mostly due to the fact that learners are hungry and cannot cope with a school day on an empty stomach.

The Gondwana Care Trust and some of the Rotary Club Tacoma Sunrise members recently paid a visit to some of the MealForTwo beneficiaries and Bridge of Hope was one of the centers visited.

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Regional and Local Government sector and its programmes, projects, brands, products or services.



Omaheke Innovation Village

The Omaheke Innovation Village, trading as The O-Space, is an established NGO operating since late 2020 but officially launched in June 2021 via support of the Omaheke Region Office of the Governor.

The O-Space is an innovation and business incubation facility that was established to nurture entrepreneurship in Omaheke Region. It is also a business accelerator facility that provides support for established business start-ups in need of basic operational infrastructure. The O-Space will incorporate a number of groups, such as small businesses, youth and creative industries.

The O-Space fills the niche market of start-up entities, who, due to their high risk, are unable to access funding from established financial institutions.

Through a multiple revenue model, the O-Space will incubate early-stage start-up businesses, train prospective entrepreneurs from ideation to execution and offer consultancy services in the business innovation space.

The Omaheke Region is a vast region making up 10.3% (84612 km²) of Namibia's total land surface. It has a population of 71233 (3.4% of Namibia's (population) of which 70% are rural. The region has strong agricultural potential and is the mainstay of the country's beef

industry and is aptly known as 'Cattle Country'. Nevertheless, unemployment stands at a staggering 40%, affecting mainly the youth. With an average maximum rainfall of 495 mm per year, Omaheke Region has high potential for crop production, animal feed and horticulture putting it in focal position to contribute to national food security.

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BACKGROUND

DEFINITION OF THE O-SPACE

The Omaheke Innovation Village has been identified as a powerful and potential ECOSYSTEM to develop the lacking innovative entrepreneurs because this entire process forms the bridge between innovation and economic development of the Omaheke Region.

It is this process of supporting business startup's that will build entrepreneurial capacity and self-sustainability. This will all be made possible by providing common facilities such as Training, Incubation, Seed funding and Page 4 of 8 | The O-Space Profile Investments. All the above will assist them until graduation when they will have the capacity to function independently.

By definition a business incubator is an entity that assists start-up businesses during their primary years by providing them with a variety of services. An incubator typically provides rentable space to businesses, management and organizational training for inexperienced business owners. Incubators are usually utilized to help to improve the economic development of a region in general or encourage growth in a particular area or industry.

THE PROBLEM

The Economy of the country generally, with special reference to the Omaheke Region, are suffering under increased unemployment due to limited opportunities in the labour market, therefore there is a need for

enterprise development to create more jobs. This then calls for innovation, especially amongst youth, yet this sector will not develop if it does not have capital investment. Furthermore, when capital is available, the innovative ideas lack mentorship to be transformed into a fully-fledged business. Consequently, there is need for a solution that not only encourages innovation, but also capitalizes the created ideas, and mentors the newly capitalised ideas into business units that can compete and add value to the investors, customers, country and Omaheke Region at large.

JUSTIFICATION

The local funding landscape is a challenging space for start-up entrepreneurs given the stringent requirements. Banks and other financial institutions require a three-year financial history as pre-requisite for availing funding because start-ups are by their very nature high-risk. Accessing funding is therefore the biggest challenge for start-up companies.

However, embedded in the high risk is the potential for high returns. Start-ups drive innovation and have the greatest potential to grow economies if properly funded. The O-Space seeks to address the risk associated with start-ups through a structured mentoring, coaching, training and incubation programme.

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Johannes !Gawaxab
Governor of the Bank of Namibia

“ The positive reception of the SME Economic Recovery Loan Scheme is a source of encouragement. It underscores the pressing demand for such assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises in Namibia. We are convinced that the provision of loans will significantly contribute to the revival of businesses. We are steadfast in our dedication to ensuring the scheme's accessibility to eligible small and medium-sized enterprises nationwide. ”

SMEs are encouraged to contact their respective commercial banks and the Development Bank of Namibia for further consultation and application procedures.

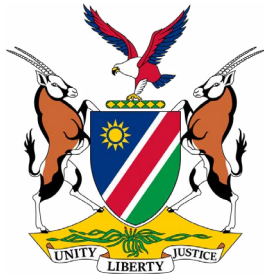


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§ Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare Namibia



MRS DOREEN SIOKA
MINISTER OF GENDER EQUALITY, POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the critical role that communities play in fostering social cohesion, enhancing quality of life, and driving sustainable development. As a testament to this understanding, ministries around the world have been actively investing in community projects to empower local residents and address pressing social and economic challenges. These investments serve as catalysts for positive change, nurturing vibrant and resilient communities that thrive on collaboration, inclusivity, and shared goals.

The commitment of ministries to invest in community projects stems from the realization that strong and engaged communities are essential for the holistic development of societies. By strategically allocating resources and support, ministries seek to enhance the well-being of individuals, promote equality, and create an environment where every community member can flourish.



MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT

Hon. Bernadette Maria Jagger, Deputy Minister handed over material and equipment worth N\$77 000 for Income-Generating Activities in the Zambezi region.

The beneficiaries are venturing into key sectors, which include manufacturing and agriculture, carpentry,

leather processing tailoring/needlework, gardening and poultry.

WHO QUALIFIES?

All Namibian Citizens of 18 years or older, previously disadvantaged -who cannot access bank loans due to lack of collateral.

Women living with disabilities who can engage in business activities.

Those with project proposals that are economically viable and which have the potential to provide employment to other community members.

Application for funding is open from 1 April to 30 May. Application forms can be obtained at constituency offices in every region pending availability.

AMARIKA AND IITAPA ECD CENTRES



The Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare officially inaugurated the Amarika and Iitapa ECD Centres in Omusati Region. The USD400 000.00 project was funded by Palms for Life Namibia.

The facility includes fully equipped classrooms, an office, a storeroom, and a kitchen, as well as additional child-friendly ablutions facilities, furniture, appliances, books, and toys.

The facilities will provide age-appropriate education and stimulation to 81 children.

Palm for Life Namibia has also built state-of-the-art ECD Centers in Otjinene, Tsumkwe and Farm Uitkoms. While the Likwaterera ECD Centre is nearing completion.

ZAMBEZI INAUGURATES TWO ECD CENTRES

The Ministry of Gender, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, with assistance from the European Union, inaugurated two early childhood development centres in the Zambezi region last week.

The ECD centres inaugurated are part of the seven centres in the region, funded by the EU through the 11th European Development Fund towards the education sector with other centres upgraded.

Lizauli ECD centre at Kaziba village in Judea Lyaboloma constituency was constructed at an amount of N\$1.9 million, Lusese ECD centre in Kabbe South constituency was constructed for N\$1 million, while the Sibbinda ECD centre was inaugurated earlier and constructed at an amount of N\$1.1 million.

Speaking at the occasion, minister of gender Doreen Sioka said the ministry received the support of more than N\$70 million, and the Zambezi region was allocated N\$4 million for the construction and upgrading of seven ECD centres.

As a ministry responsible for early childhood development programmes, our efforts are aimed at delivering improved ECD programmes and services, amongst others, said Sioka.

The ministry, with the support of the EU, has procured some Covid-19 PPEs to support some ECD centres so that they continue operating amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

ECD provides a critical window of opportunity for the holistic development of a child, said the minister.

“The ministry, community leaders and individuals will continue to support the centres in terms of training and capacity strengthening so that you work with children effectively,” stated Sioka.

She said: these ECD centres operated under a tree – and due to the commitment by the caregivers, who never gave up on their dreams, we are standing here today under newly constructed buildings – and for that, we are indeed grateful to them.

Speaking on his sister’s behalf, Sylvester Makata thanked the community for their support towards his sister’s dreams.

“I am very happy for my elder sister, and I would like to ask the community members to support her by bringing their children to the centre.”

Let us not be filled with envy towards her but show her support, as she has uplifted the community through her initiative.

He further thanked the EU through the ministry for supporting initiatives that are aimed at ensuring children receive a good standard of education at an early level and also learn in a safe environment.

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MBI Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The production process of this report is the result of the on-going partnership and collaboration between the NSA, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and other UN agencies. The immense technical expertise from Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) resulted in the development of capacity and skills of the NSA and other line ministries' staff members, as well as the supervision of the report. Furthermore, OPHI provided technical support throughout the process of developing the national MPI.

The MPI is a multidimensional measure of poverty developed by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford.

The index assesses the simultaneous deprivations that are experienced by people in a society, based on several

identified dimensions of poverty in a particular setting.

Whilst drawing from the Global MPI, the National MPI for Namibia has been adjusted and contextualized to better reflect the specific context and development priorities of the country. As per the Global MPI, the National MPI is based on three dimensions: 'Living standards', 'Health' and 'Education', albeit measured across 11 indicators, deemed by the national MPI steering committee to be reflective of the Namibian context, and informed by available data.

Poverty indices were also decomposed across various population sub-groups such as Urban/rural, Region, Sex of head of household, Main language spoken in the household, Household-size and age-group.

Based on data from the Namibian Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES 2015/16), the multi dimensional poverty incidence (H) is reported at 43.3 percent, meaning that 43.3 percent of the population of Namibia are multidimensionally poor.

The average intensity (A) is 44.0 percent, meaning that poor people in Namibia experience, on average, 44.0 percent of the weighted deprivations. The Multidimensional Poverty Index

(MPI), which is the product of H and A ($H \times A$), is 0.191, therefore the poor in Namibia face 19.1 percent of the possible deprivations if everyone was poor and deprived in all the indicators included in the index.

With regards to area of residence, the rural area population was multidimensionally poorer than the urban population, reported at 59.3 and 25.3 percent, respectively.

This indicates that persons in rural areas have a higher chance of experiencing multiple deprivations than those in urban areas.

Poverty indices were also examined across the fourteen (14) administrative regions of Namibia.

An obvious gradient was observed in the headcount ratios by region, whereby the incidence of multi dimensional poverty was highest in Kavango West (79.6 %), Kavango East (70.0 %) and Kunene (64.1 %).

The report also examines performance across characteristics of household heads. With regards to sex of the heads of households, results show that the incidence of multidimensional poverty is higher among female-headed households (with a rate of 46%), than male-headed households (with a rate of 41%). With regards to the main language spoken in the household

decomposition, the highest headcount ratio of multi dimensional poverty was reported amongst the population whose main language spoken at home was Khoisan (93%), followed by Rukavango (68%) and Zambezi languages (54%). The population whose main spoken language was English, and German reported the lowest headcount ratios of multidimensional poverty, each with 3 percent.

Another decomposition was on household size. The results indicate that as household size increases, the rate of multi-dimensional poverty also increases.

The headcount ratio is highest for households that have 16 or more members, at 72.8 percent compared to 33.4 percent for a household with less than 6 members.

A breakdown of the poverty indices by age group was also considered. The highest headcount ratio is reported among children of 1-4 years (56%), 5-9 years (50%) and 10-14 years (48%). The lowest headcount ratio (33%) is reported for the age group of 25-29 years, to imply that of all persons aged 25-29 years, 33 percent are multidimensionally poor.

A child-specific analysis on the MPI was also carried out in the report, from which approximately 16 percent of children aged 0-17 years in Namibia are both multi-dimensionally and monetarily poor. Further, the proportion of children

who are multi-dimensionally poor is remarkably higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

About 64 percent of children who live in rural areas are multidimensional poor compared to 30 percent in urban areas, following the general population trend. There are also regional level disparities in deprivation rates.

In 5 of the 14 regions in Namibia, the percentage of children who are multi-dimensionally poor is above 60 percent, including Kavango West (82.3%), Kavango East (74.7%), and Kunene (69.2%). The lowest rates are found in the regions of Erongo (15.7%) and //Karas (21.1%).

In conclusion, it is noted that whilst progress has been made in reducing monetary poverty to 16.7 percent, more than 43.3 percent of Namibia's population are still living in multidimensional poverty. This calls for a deliberate and coordinated policy response to deal with the various deprivations that continue to impact on the wellbeing of many households and their children.

The NSA will endeavor to continue publishing and enhancing the MPI once new data set becomes available, to provide evidence to inform poverty reductions strategies as per the National Development Plans (NDPs) whilst also providing a strategic tool for monitoring progress towards SDGs as well as NDPs implementation.

PURPOSE OF NAMIBIA'S MPI

The national MPI for Namibia was designed mainly for two main reasons. The first is to provide updated multidimensional poverty statistics to inform policy and programmatic design and implementation.

A national MPI can guide coordinated policy actions by several Offices, Ministries and Agencies (OMAs), provide clear goals and targets for each indicator, and act as a monitoring and accountability tool.

Secondly, the measure is aimed at complementing monetary poverty statistics released by the NSA, by providing an understanding of the multidimensional nature of poverty and the various deprivations faced by different groups of people in Namibia, by location and demographic groups.

The evidence generated on the drivers of multidimensional poverty will be used to monitor progress on NDPs and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 1, of reducing, by half, the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions by 2030.

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