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NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENT SPORT INDEX SURVEY RECEIVE SPORTS MANUALS AND LAPTOPS FROM GIZ

BY AINA SHIKESHO

The German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), donated 52 laptops, survey software and 1 600 sports manuals to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service.

The donation was handed to Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, during a donation ceremony held on 16 March 2022. The laptops will be used to aid the Ministry's data collection on the Namibia Sports Development Index (NSDI)..... continued on page 4

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Editorial

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Youth Voice is excited to bring you coverage of the activities undertaken during the fourth quarter.

To start the year, Honourable Agnes Tjongarero delivered a New Year address to the Ministry's staff members and senior managers from the National Youth Service, National Youth Council, and the Namibia Sports Commission.

She highlighted some notable achievements and progress made amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ministry's financial constraints. As the Year of 'Reimaging', the Minister urged staff members to start 2022 with a positive outlook and move forward with a renewed enthusiasm and vision.

Sport is globally known as a lucrative industry; however, its impact on the country's economy remains unquantified.

Towards addressing this anomaly, the Ministry is embarking on a survey aimed at collecting relevant information on sport's aggregate contribution to the country's economy, which was made possible with a sizeable donation from GIZ that will, for the first time, aid the Ministry to collect factual and relevant information about the sport.

Although the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic grounded sports activities for the past two years, it was an honour for the Minister to launch the 2022 Nedbank Cycle Challenge, which coincided with the opening of Nedbank's new building.

In partnership with UNICEF, the Ministry capacitated all its Regional Youth Officers with practical skills and knowledge in Comprehensive Sexuality Education for out-of-school youth aimed at empowering them to make informed decisions.

The edition also covers the Deputy Minister, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas' trip to Cameroon for a youth and sports development mission. On the boxing front, Hon Kantema-Gaomas held a press event to officially congratulate Jeremiah Nakathila for his knockout victory.

On a sad note, we lost a dear colleague, Ms Ziita Augusto, who contributed to the Youth Voice. Ms Augusto tragically died in a car accident earlier this year and will be sourly missed. May her beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.

Please enjoy this edition of the Youth Voice.

NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENT SPORT INDEX SURVEY RECEIVE SPORTS MANUALS AND LAPTOPS FROM GIZ...continued from page 1

The NSDI aims to provide Namibia with the necessary statistical information and evidence, on the status quo of sport development and its contribution to economic growth especially, through employment creation. The Fifth National Development Plan (NDP 5) required the Ministry to determine sports' contribution to the country's economy.

However, the Ministry did not have relevant data, thus its outreach to the Commonwealth Secretariat for resource assistance, with the latter coming on board, to ensure the Ministry commenced with phase one. Phase one focused on collecting information on sports institutions' contributions to the country's economy.

The Ministry will soon commence with Phase two, which has been made possible by the sizeable donation of GIZ, and will focus on households and people perception of sports in Namibia, as well as Physical Education in schools. The captured data will position political leadership of Namibia, sponsors, and other development partners to now have concrete and relevant information about sport, for the first time.

Honourable Tjongarero, during the handing over ceremony, remarked that the donated laptops will enhance the development of the Index, specifically Phase 2. The Ministry is collaborating with the Namibia Statistic Agency to verify and endorse the collected data.



In her remarks, Ms. Valerie Ostheimer, GIZ's Regional Manager S4D Programme stated that "I hope that more development partners will come on board besides GIZ to support this great initiative. We need manuals, training for our coaches and teachers to really deliver quality sports training, to deliver quality physical education.

The Ministry will conduct the survey after every three years, to determine whether there is any improvement or declining in terms of the development of the sport.



From left: Ms. Jo-Ann Manuel, Deputy Director of Marginalised People and Women in Sport, Mr Irvine Ndjavera, Acting Director of Sport, Hon Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, Ms Valerie Ostheimer, GIZ Regional Manager S4D Programme and Mr Hendrick Mapele, Chief Sport Officer

HON AGNES TJONGARERO LAUNCHED THE 2022 NEDBANK CYCLE CHALLENGE

BY SILPA KANGHONO

The Minister of Youth, Sports and National Service Honourable Agnes Tjongarero launched this year's Nedbank Cycle Challenge on 01 February 2022 at the new Nedbank head office in Windhoek. The Nedbank Cycle Challenge, which began in 1986, is considered Namibia's oldest and biggest competitive cycling race.

The Nedbank Namibia's cycling races are essential for cyclists in preparation for the looming Commonwealth Games. "To all participants whether you are taking part in the 20km or 100km race go out there and give it your all. I always say if you fail the first time don't give up until you've gotten to the level that you've been dreaming off", she said.



The Minister her speech indicated that the past two years proved challenging in terms of the non-hosting of sports events due to the prevailing COVID – 19 pandemic.

"Cycling is in actual fact the best sports discipline during this challenging times with COVID – 19 given the fact that it requires almost minimal to non-physical contact with each other. It is pleasing to see that sports events have picked up from being dormant to a level of actuality even if it isn't a hundred percent back", Hon. Tjongarero stated.

Hon. Tjongarero concluded by conveying her sincere gratitude towards Nedbank Namibia for their continuous commitment to the Nedbank Cycle Challenge.

"We are all aware of the budgetary constraints thus Government alone will not be able to sustain the sport fraternity thus corporates like Nedbank are highly appreciated and shouldn't be taken for granted", she stated.



MINISTER TJONGARERO IMPLORES MSYNS STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK AS A TEAM

BY AINA SHIKESHO & SILPA KANGHONO



Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, delivered a New Year statement to the Ministry's staff members and stakeholders from the National Youth Service, National Youth Council, and the Namibia Sports Commission at a meeting held on 28 January 2022.

In her remarks, the Minister reflected and highlighted some notable achievements and progress made amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ministry's financial constraints.

Hon. Tjongarero expressed sympathy for the many Namibians and colleagues that have lost their lives due to Covid-19. "Let us remember these men and women, wives and husbands, sons and daughters, old and young, who have left us," she said.

Despite the accompanying economic recession, coupled with budget cuts that curtailed programmes and projects in calendar year 2021, the Ministry continued to deliver on its mandate and implemented some planned projects and programmes.

Hon. Tjongarero commended the notable achievements of Christine Mboma, Beatrice Masilingi, Ananias Shikongo, Johannes Nambala, Team Namibia's performance at the Lesotho Region 5 Youth Games and the participation of the men and women Hockey African Cup of Nations, which was hosted by Ghana this year.

"The Ministry benefited from a Development Objective Grant between the United States of America and the Republic of Namibia to strengthen the country's response to the HIV/Aids epidemic and gender-based violence, as well as economic empowerment.

"This specific project, also known as the G2G aims to strengthen our Ministry's capacity to improve services to adolescent girls, young women including young males. This project will enable the Ministry to scale up implementation of gender-based violence and HIV prevention activities among Namibian youth and reduce the incidences of HIV and AIDS through social behaviour change programs and economic empowerment," she stated.

As the Year of 'Reimaging', the Minister urged staff members to start 2022 with a positive outlook and move forward with a renewed enthusiasm and vision. "In this Year 2022 – The Year of Reimaging, let us endeavour to think a new as an institution, a new and different mental picture should guide the actions and processes we will undertake in the Year of Reimaging," Hon. Tjongarero said.

Hon. Tjongarero urged all the employees to execute their duties promptly and work in the spirit of teamwork. In conclusion, the Minister applauded Cricket Namibia for the right to co-host the Cricket World Cup 2027 with South Africa and Zimbabwe.

SECOND LEVEL TRAINING OF COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN OSHANA

BY GOMA KANDJIMI



The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, held a five-day second-level training in Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) at the ministry's office in Oshakati, from 21 to 25 February 2022.

The purpose of the training was to capacitate Regional Youth Officers, from Oshana, Oshikoto, Omusati and Kunene Regions, with skills to conduct and implement the CSE program in their respective regions, as per the Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) commitment that Namibia has ratified.

The training also exposed the officials to practical skills and knowledge on facilitating CSE to out-of-school youth.

The training sessions focused on reducing misinformation about CSE to adolescent young men and women; increasing communication with parents and other adults; increasing correct information about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs); and reducing the occurrences of HIV/AIDS activities among the Namibian youth.

The training comprised of a group of 46 young people from different constituencies. The Regional Youth Officers were encouraged to comprehend the content of the CSE, as they will become the ambassadors that will transform their communities.



SECOND LEVEL TRAINING OF COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN KAVANGO -EAST & OHANGWENA REGIONS

BY GOMA KANDJIMI



The Ministry Sport, Youth and National Service held the second training on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for Regional Youth Officers from Kavango East and Zambezi region at the Ministry's training centre in Divundu.

Simultaneously hosting a similar training the Ministry's centre in Eenhana, for Regional Youth Officers from Ohangwena and Kavango West regions. The CSE training took place during the period of 28 February 2022 to 04 March 2022.

The second level training on CSE for out-of-school youth, aims to impart practical facilitation skills for the Regional Youth officers to conduct and implement CSE in their regions. The training also provided regional youth officers with practical teaching skills and comprehending the CSE training manual.

The CSE sessions included promoting healthy relationships and well-being, respect for human rights and values, gender equality and empowerment of young people to make informed decisions.

During his presentation, Mr Lysias Haiduwa, the Programme Coordinator and Supervisor, remarked that, "CSE can empower young people to make informed decisions about their sexual relationships and how to handle Gender-based violent (GBV), gender inequality, teenage pregnancies, HIV and other STIs that pose serious risks to their health and well-being."



Mr Edward Siwiya, Head of Centre at Divundu, implored the young people to internalise the information presented to them and become empowered to realise their sexual health and protect their rights throughout their lives. The Master Trainers, namely, Mr Risto Mushongo, Mr Joseph Shaetonhodi and Mr Klavert Mwandingi, assessed the Facilitators of the CSE sessions' quality in the respective regions.



SECOND LEVEL TRAINING OF COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

BY GOMA KANDJIMI



The Ministry Sport, Youth and National Service held the second training on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for Regional Youth Officers from Khomas, Erongo, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa regions at the Ministry's Berg Aukas Youth Skills Training in Otjozondjupa region.

The CSE training took place during 05 – 12 March 2022. The training comprised a group of 50 young people from different constituencies.

The second level training on CSE for out-of-school youth aims to impart practical facilitation skills for the Regional Youth officers to conduct and implement CSE in their regions.

The CSE sessions included promoting healthy relationships and well-being, respect for human rights and values and the gender equality and empowerment of young people to make informed decisions. The training also provided regional youth officers with practical teaching skills and comprehension of the CSE training manual.

Mr Migiel Booysen, Acting Head of Centre at Berg Aukas Youth Training Centre, implored the youth to comprehend the CSE to bridge the social challenges they encounter. The training was supervised and assessed by three CSE Master Trainers to ensure efficiency and quality assurance.



JEREMIAH 'LOW-KEY' NAKATHILA VISITS THE MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

BY SILPA KANGHONO



The Namibian boxer Jeremiah Nakathila, affectionately known as 'Low-Key', paid on 30 March 2022 a courtesy visit to the offices of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service. The visit was in recognition of his recent victory in a non-title fight in Las Vegas, USA.

During the visit, the Deputy Minister, Honourable Emma Kantema- Gaomas, welcomed and congratulated Nakathila on his victory. She stated that the bout was a tense fight; however, Nakathila rose to the occasion and emerged victorious, a feat for which all Namibians are proud.

The Deputy Minister stated that Nakathila's victory is among many achievements the Namibian nation will celebrate. Furthermore, she remarked that the Ministry is responsible for creating the essential enabling environment to position Namibian athletes the opportunities to showcase their talents internationally.

The Honourable Deputy Minister then used this platform to encourage Namibian athletes to remember that whenever and wherever they participate in these competitions, they automatically assume the mantle of becoming ambassadors for their country. She extended her gratitude to Nakathila's technical team and his promoter, Mr Nestor Tobias, for the excellent performance.

Nestor Tobias, the promoter, expressed his honour to be invited to the highest sports office in Namibia. Tobias stated, "It is not easy to get a fight at a high level because it requires hard work, and team effort". He further praised Nakathila for his achievements and for raising the Namibian flag high during the fight.



"There is no limitations to achievements and Nakathila has proven it", said Tobias. In his statement, Nakathila dedicated his achievement to Namibia and Africa at large. He went on to thank the Honourable Deputy Minister for the opportunity to be recognized.

In conclusion, the Honourable Deputy Minister expressed gratitude to companies and sponsors that came on board while calling on others to join MTC to support and make sports development possible in Namibia.



DEPUTY MINISTER ON FACT-FINDING MISSION IN CAMEROON

BY RICARDO GOAGOSEB

Hon. Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, is in Cameroon on an invitation from the President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), Mr Patrice Motsepe, for a youth and sports development mission.

The trip is a networking and engagement platform with FIFA and CAF, including football development partners at the highest level on the margins of AFCON, to strengthen relations given the football situation in the country.

In addition, the visit, together with the Botswana Minister of Sport, is a fact-finding mission with preliminary discussions for Namibia's envisaged bid to co-host the continental tournament in 2027 with the Republic of Botswana.



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