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MSYNS SIGNS A TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WITH DBN & NANTU-LIKWAFELA TO OPERATIONALISE 121 YOUTH ENTERPRISES

By Goma Kandjimi

On Tuesday, 04 April 2023, Mr Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, Executive Director in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, signed a tripartite agreement with the Development of Namibia (DBN) and Nantu-Likwafela Saving and Credit Co-operative.

The agreement operationalises a commitment to provide soft loans to 28 Rural Youth Enterprises of the broader 121 Rural Youth Enterprises. The loan offers socio-economic development opportunities for young people in business.

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From the ED's Desk

Mr Mbumba Erastus
Haitengela
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is time again to report on some of the activities that took place during the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year. This editorial highlights some tasks carried out during the reporting period, as it will only be possible to enumerate some.

The period under review saw the Honourable Minister meet with a delegation from the African Development Bank to discuss possible partnerships in various youth capacitating projects, specifically in the Agriculture Sector.

The agricultural sector is the backbone of our country, and as a Ministry mandated to serve the largest group of the population, it is only vital for the Ministry to venture into agreements that will provide the youth with opportunities to prosper in the mentioned sector.

The reporting period saw the Ministry also sign a tripartite agreement with the Development Bank of Namibia, which committed to provide eight million (N\$8mil) Namibian dollars in soft loans, to twenty-eight (28) Rural Youth Enterprises, as part of the empowerment project of the 121 Rural Youth Enterprises.

The NANTU– Likwafela Cooperative will administer the loan disbursement through the agreement. The 121 Rural Youth Enterprises will enable economic development opportunities for young people.

During the reporting period, the Jamaican Deputy Principal of the University of the West Indies– Mona, Professor Ian Boxill, also visited the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service (MSYNS). It is a well-known fact that sport is an integral part of national life in Jamaica.

Prof Boxill expressed the University of the West Indies – Mona's readiness to cooperate and exchange views with the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service on possible areas of cooperation in sport and other youth-related matters.

The Ministry also partnered with Impact Tank, in training Hardap youth in Hydroponics and Aquaponics Systems. Hydroponic systems focus solely on plant growth, while Aquaponics systems attempt to achieve a healthy life balance between plants and fish. Impact Tank offers a full spectrum of services, from ideation to hands-on implementation.

As a Ministry mandated to develop and promote sport at all levels, the Ministry availed N\$ 1.03 million to provide the Namibia Special Olympics Team, with an opportunity to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany. The Special Olympics World Games are an outstanding example of inclusion, as it brings into focus, the sporting prowess of people with intellectual disabilities.

The reporting period saw the Ministry expand its access, by commencing with the construction of its multi-faceted office in Nkurenkuru. Through this office, the Ministry wishes to reach the Kavango – West region youth.

I hope this edition of the Youth Voice will be an exciting read for you all!

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In his remarks, Mr Haitengela commended DBN for availing N\$8 million as soft loans to commence operationalising the Rural Youth Enterprises.

Mr Martin Inkumbi, Chief Executive Officer of DBN, emphasised the importance of mentorship and capacity building for young entrepreneurs in sustaining and flourishing their innovative ideas and creating more employment opportunities for others.

Ms Elisabeth Nelago Mutaleni, Board Chairperson and Mr Gerson //Garoeb, Operations Manager from the Nantu- Likwafela Cooperative, affirmed their readiness to administrate the loan disbursements.



Mr Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, Executive Director signing the tripartite agreement



Mr Martin Inkumbi, Chief Executive Officer of DBN signing the tripartite agreement



Signing of tripartite agreement with MSYNS, DBN & NANTU-LIKWAFELA to operationalise 121 Youth Enterprises

MSYNS STRATEGIC PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN PLENARY WORKSHOP, 19 - 21 APRIL 2023

By Goma Kandjimi



On 19 April 2023, the officials of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service met in Windhoek for a three-day Strategic Plan and Annual Plan Plenary Workshop at NIPAM.

The main objective of this workshop is to review the extended Strategic Plan 2017/18-2022/23 to date as well as develop another two years extension of the Strategic Plan for the financial years 2023-2024 and for 2024-2025.

Similarly, the Ministry's Annual Plan for the Financial Year 2023-2024 will align with the current strategic plan and focus on ongoing programmes and projects as reflected in NDP5, HPPII and MTEF.



Mr Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, Executive Director in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service

In the keynote address delivered on behalf of the Honourable Minister, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, urged the officials to ensure that the Ministry delivers on its mandate. "Directorate of Youth Development, please ensure that the need of the Youth is catered for and we deliver on Youth Development."

She further remarked that the current despondency amongst the youth, has made the matter so sensitive, that it now requires urgent intervention.

"With regard to the Directorate of Sport, Hon. Kantema – Gaomas remarked "Directorate of Sport, ensure that sport opportunities are created for all sport federation and let us assist the Federation to have more podium performances at international levels." In conclusion, she called on all managers and staff members to commit themselves to delivering a workable document for the Ministry.

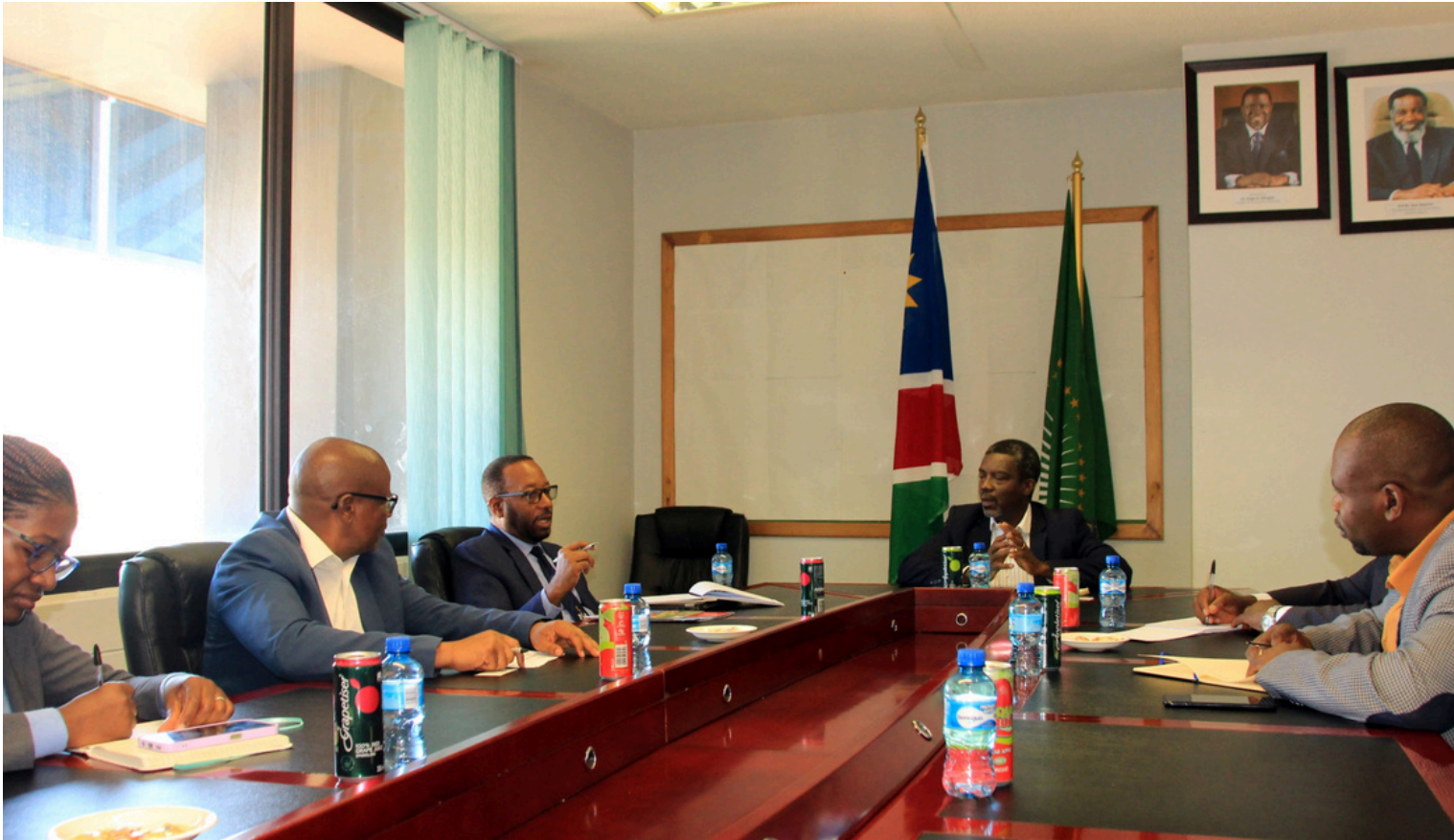
The plenary workshop also comprises of officials from the National Youth Council, National Youth Service and Namibia Sports Commission.



Mrs Ellencia Hanse, Director: General Services with Hon. Emma Kantema - Gaomas, Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth & National Service

COURTESY VISIT BY THE JAMAICAN UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES – MONA’S PROF. IAN BOXILL TO MSYNS

By Aina Shikesho



On Wednesday, 10 May 2023, the Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, Mr Mbumba Haitengela, welcomed the Deputy Principal of the University of the West Indies– Mona, Professor Ian Boxill, for a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service (MSYNS).

During the ensuing discussions, Prof Boxill expressed the University of the West Indies – Mona's readiness to cooperate and exchange views with the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service on possible areas of cooperation in sport and other youth-related matters.

During the discussion, Mr Haitengela informed the visitors that MSYNS is currently busy re-evaluating its various memorandum of agreements with other countries, with the view to reviving those that Namibia can benefit from.

Mr Haitengela then remarked that given the sporting excellence of Jamaica, working with them would benefit the Namibian sports sector.

The visiting delegation was informed that the areas of interest for the envisaged agreement are physical education, athletics, netball, sport development index, creation of a high-performance centre and youth-related issues. The delegation agreed to develop a memorandum of agreement that is focussed and result-driven.

Prof Boxill was accompanied by Dr Marius Kudumo, Director of Corporate Engagement and International Relations at the University of Namibia (UNAM) and Ms Paulina Haikola, UNAM International Relations Officer.



From left: Professor Ian Boxill, Deputy Principal: University of the West Indies– Mona and Mr Mbumba Haitengela, Executive Director

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) TRAINING, FROM 01 – 05 MAY 2023 IN KEETMANSHOOP, KHARAS REGION

By Annelien van Wyk



The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service's office in Keetmanshoop conducted a one-week Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for thirty (30) young people from different constituencies in the //Kharas Region.

The CSE training aimed to equip young people through teaching and learning about the cognitive, emotional, physical and social aspects of sexuality. The training also aimed to equip young people with knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that would empower them to:

- Realize their health, well-being and dignity;
- Develop respectful social and sexual relationships;
- Consider how their choices affect their well-being and that of others; and
- Understand and protect their rights throughout their lives.

The training gave young people the necessary skills and tools to make informed decisions concerning their health and well-being. The training also encompassed topics such as sexuality, reproductive health, gender roles and equality, rights, relationships, communication, pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV transmission, prevention, testing and treatment.

Aspects of how one can get to know oneself better, strength and personality were also part of the training skills imparted to the participants. Training in servant leadership, emotional intelligence, decision-making, mental health and personal well-being was also part of the training.

The young people will be required to establish youth health clubs in their villages, settlements and towns; hence, they were trained in facilitation skills.



NAMIBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM SENDING OFF CEREMONY TO THE 2023 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES IN BERLIN, GERMANY

By Aina Shikesho



Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, officially send-off the Namibia Special Olympics Team to compete at the 2023 World Summer Games from 17 to 25 June 2023, in Berlin, Germany.

The Special Olympics World Games are an outstanding example of inclusion in action, putting people with disabilities and their sporting skills firmly in the limelight.

The Government of Namibia, through the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, has availed N\$ 1.03 million for this event, providing the athletes with an opportunity to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

“Esteemed athletes, we are proud of you, your achievements are commendable and the same applies to the coaches’ thank you for taking out the time to nurture our athletes’ talents in flying Namibia’s flag high. We look forward to your participation at the World Summer Games in Berlin. We are confident that you will make the nation proud and bring back that gold medals, just as proud as we were when the female unified football team brought back gold from the USA last year,” acclaimed Hon. Tjongarero.

The Namibia Special Olympics Team comprises of 20 athletes, competing in three (3) different sports codes: athletics, unified 3x3 Basketball team and Cycling. The team will depart today, 8 June 2023, and return to the country on 27 June 2023.



CONSTRUCTION OF MSYNS IN NKURENKURU

By Musweu Kolokwe

On 12 April 2023, Mr Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, Executive Director in the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, officially kicked off the project to construct the youth and sports facilities at the Ministry's plot in Nkurenkuru, Kavango - West region.

Phase one of the project will commence with de-bushings and clearing the plot, which the local young people will do through work-for-money arrangements. After clearing the plot, the Ministry will construct fields for football, netball and volleyball, electricity and water connection, and ablution facilities.

The construction of a multi-purpose youth centre and complete sports facilities is estimated to take about three years. The Ministry is implementing the project with the Kavango West Regional Council.



HIGH LEVEL AGRICULTURE SECTOR DIALOGUE MISSION TO NAMIBIA

By Jessica Gaomuses



On Thursday, 11 May 2023, the Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank and her delegation met with Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, to discuss possible partnerships in various youth capacitating projects.

The African Development Bank delegation is on a High-Level Agriculture Sector Dialogue Mission to Namibia to strengthen its engagement with the Namibian Government, specifically in the Agriculture Sector.

Ms. Beth Dunford, was accompanied by, Ms. Leila F. Mokaddem, Director General, Southern Africa Regional Office, Mr. Kennedy K. Mbekeani, Deputy Director General, Southern Africa Regional Office & Country Manager for Namibia, Mr. Neeraj Vij, Regional Agriculture Sector Manager, Mr. Kazuhiro Numasawa, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Finance Division and Mr. James Peters Opio-Omoding, Chief Agricultural Economist.

HARDAP YOUTH TRAINED IN HYDROPONICS & AQUAPONICS SYSTEMS

By Ivan Pieters

In conjunction with Impact Tank, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service office in Mariental, Hardap Region, trained thirty (30) youth in Hydroponics and Aquaponics Systems from 27 February 2023 to 28 March 2023.

Hydroponic systems focus solely on plant growth, while Aquaponics systems attempt to achieve a healthy life balance between plants and fish. The practical training incorporated a wick system of how cotton wool absorbs water into the plants.


An additional thirty (30) young people will undergo similar training in June 2023.






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