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LAUNCH OF YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROJECT IN HORTICULTURE

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As part of its mandate to develop and empower the youth nationwide, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service in collaboration with the National Youth Council launched the Youth Self Employment Project in Horticulture.

This project responds to the high-level directions outlined in the Harambee Prosperity Plan and calls for the “expansion of youth participation in social and economic development.....continued on page 4

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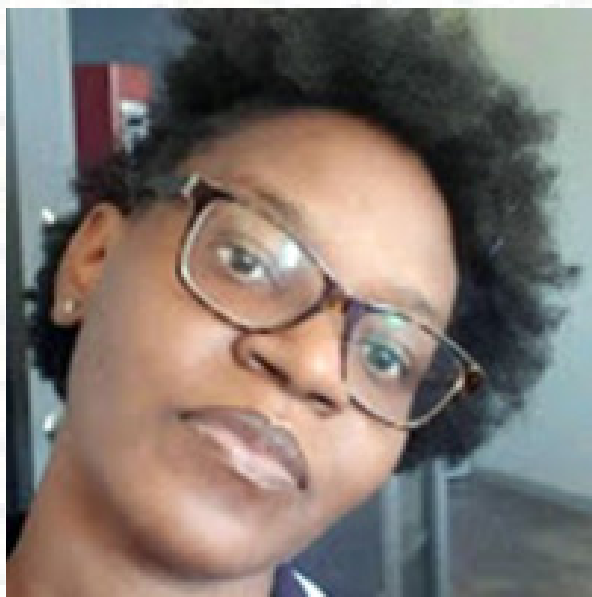
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The year 2020 was a petrifying year, with the emergence of Covid – 19 pandemic, which rampaged the entire world. In the same vain, Covid – 19 also impacted the implementation of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service's programmes and activities.

Despite these impediments, the Ministry was able to honour its mandate towards its very important target group, the Namibian youth.

The edition of Youth Voice, will focus on activities undertaken during 2020/2021 financial year. The Ministry in collaboration with the National Youth Council, launched Youth Self Employment project in horticulture.

The horticulture project's objective is to encourage and create employment opportunities for young people to produce crops and vegetables for food security.

Inadequate supply of PPEs for both the Instructors and trainees was a hindrance to the re-opening of the Ministry's training centres. Towards ensuring the health and safety standards of all the training centres, UNFPA donated PPEs to the Ministry to ensure the readiness at all training centres.

On the sport front, the Minister appointed an Appeal Committee that will be responsible for appealing against decisions of the Commission, national sports body or national umbrella sports body and determine the hearing procedure at the appeal proceedings.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in the field of sports, with its Japanese counterpart, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

The Ministry welcomed on board its substantive Executive Director, Dr Audrin Mathe, who joined the Ministry in November 2020.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service signed a Terms of Reference agreement with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, to ensure improved implementation of the integrated physical education and school sport advocacy campaign.

Please enjoy reading this exciting edition of Youth Voice!

LAUNCH OF YOUTH SELF EMPLOYMENT PROJECT IN HORTICULTURE....continued

The project aims to encourage young people to become self-reliant, create employment and generate income in food production. Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service and her Deputy Minister, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, launched the horticulture project in all fourteen (14) regions. During her keynote address, Hon. Tjongarero explained that the project aimed to address the urgent need of providing job opportunities for out of school youth while also informing future reforms to improve economic opportunities through self – employment.

“The objective of this self-employment project, particularly horticulture that we are launching today is to increase the skills, productivity and income potential of today and tomorrow’s out of school youth in peri – urban and rural areas, by testing cost effective and scalable market-based solutions to strengthen micro-entrepreneurship opportunities and to build the institutional infrastructure for future interventions in this area”, said Hon. Tjongarero.



Hon. Agnes Tjongarero with the Hardap Horticulture Beneficiaries

Hon. Pijoo Nganate, Governor of Omaheke region, indicated that the agricultural project, accorded an opportunity for young people, to restore the long lost dignity of Namibian people of working on the soil/land.

“They are restoring the dignity in the sense that when you work on the land to produce, and when they produce, we liberate ourselves from begging, from asking, from always holding out our hands in receiving. Whatever circumstances, the youth is saying, we are ready to provide for the region, we are ready to restore the dignity of our people.” He advocated for the agricultural project to be replicated in all constituencies, in order to feed and supply every food bank in each constituency.

In a speech read on Oshana Governor's behalf by his Personal Assistant, Ms. Kristofina Nakanduungile, Hon. Elia Irimari, Governor of Oshana region commended the Ministry together with the National Youth Council (NYC) for commissioning the youth self-employment project, which is aimed at uplifting the lives of employed youth countrywide. He stated that agriculture is a priority sector in Oshana region and is committed to agricultural development and food security.



Ms. Veronica Gomxos, a beneficiary of Dordabis Horticulture Project thanked the government for the support that will ensure the project’s assistance to members of the Dordabis community. She encouraged young people to stand up and do something.

Ms. Paulina Samuel, a beneficiary of Eheke Horticulture Project stated that they were grateful for the opportunity and promised to do their utmost best to ensure the success of the project. She added that they looked forward to the growth of the project and delivery of vegetables to the inhabitants of the constituency.



Ms. Martha Matongo, a beneficiary of the Katima Mulilo Horticulture project stated that the project was the beginning of their journey and they are ready to face the challenges. Ms. Matongo further stated that the Covid-19 pandemic has prompted Namibia to start producing her own produce.



Self-employed youth, Mr. Shetuuka Shetuuka, owner of Nangenda Trading Investment cc, encouraged the Okahao beneficiaries to be committed to the project, as they are lucky to receive a project, equipped with an advanced dripping irrigation system which took him ten years to acquire. He also promised to assist them with the buying market for their produces.



Another self-employed youth, Mr. Akathingo Kapuka informed the beneficiaries that they were lucky to receive government assistance. He explained that he started his horticulture project at his parents’ homestead with limited resources. He stated that they were lucky to be offered assistance from Mr. Shetuuka who promised to sell their products to the relevant market on their behalf.



UNFPA DONATES PPES FOR YOUTH SKILLS TRAINING CENTRES

BY AINA SHIKESHO



Some of the donated PPEs by UNFPA

On 17 September 2020, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) to the MSYNS, to ensure readiness at all its training Centres. The ministerial training and multipurpose youth resource centres, had to be closed, due to COVID – 19, and the resulting emergency proclamation by His Excellency, the President.

Additionally, the lack of PPEs for both the instructors and trainees, was a further hindrance in re-opening the training Centres. Ministerial training programmes at the centres were halted pending provision of PPEs, as well as improved readiness of the centres, with regards to health and safety standards.

Covid-19 affected a lot of institutions from implementing their set activities and the Ministry's training centres suffered a similar fate. In this regard, the Ministry greatly appreciates the UNFPA for the financial and technical support, which will enable the Ministry to ensure compliance with set health standards and protocols, so as to position the Ministry to resume its training programmes.



The PPEs will benefit eight (8) Multi-Purpose Youth Resource Centres (MPYRC) and Youth Skills Training Centres. The trades that are currently earmarked for resumption are; tailoring, computer literacy and agriculture.

In her acceptance speech, the Minister, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, conveyed her appreciation towards the UNFPA, while also assuring them that the donated PPEs will be utilised for the training centres.



Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister and Ms. Dennia Gayle, UNFPA Namibia Country Representative



HON. AGNES TJONGARERO, MINISTER OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE APPOINTS APPEAL COMMITTEE

BY AINA SHIKESHO



Front row, from left: Dr. Marius Kudumo, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister & Dr. Donovan Zealand
Back row, from left: Mr. Sihute Katamba, Acting Executive Director, Mr. Irvine Ndjavera, Acting Director of Sport & Mr. Freddy Mwiya, NSC Chief Administrator

The country's sporting fraternity has been inundated with discontent amongst its various sport federations who opt to file court cases due to an absent appeal committee. In order to remedy this anomaly, Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, appointed an Appeal Committee consisting of three (3) members at Namibia Sports Commission as per provision of the Sport Act of 2003.

The Appeal Committee will be responsible for appeal against decisions of the Commission, national sports body or national umbrella sports body and determine the hearing procedure at the appeal proceedings. Honourable Tjongarero appointed Ms. Ruth Herunga as Chairperson, Dr. Marius Kudumo and Dr. Donovan Zealand for a three (3) year term and they are eligible for re-appointment at the expiration of their term.



Ms. Ruth Herunga
Chairperson



Dr. Marius Kudumo
Committee Member



Dr. Donovan Zealand
Committee Member

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NAMIBIA AND JAPAN

BY JESSICA GAOMUSES



Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service with His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia

On Wednesday, 28 October 2020, a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in the field of Sports was officially signed between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Government of Japan, by Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service and His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia.

The Memorandum of Cooperation aims to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries, promote and unite collaborations in the field of sports, on the basis of conjoint interchange, recognition and mutual benefit, which will last for a period of three (3) years.

Thus, the MOC will focus on the construction of sport facilities, development of technical expertise and other areas considered necessary for achieving the desired cooperation, especially including the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.



From left: Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister & His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia

From left: Mr. Sivhute Katamba, Acting Executive Director, His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister & Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister

MINISTER LAUNCH THE INTEGRATED PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SPORT ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

BY AINA SHIKESHO



Official launch of the Integrated Physical Education and School Sport (IPESS) Advocacy Campaign

In line with the Ministry's mandate of sport development, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service signed a Terms of Reference agreement with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, to ensure improved implementation of the integrated physical education and school sport advocacy campaign.

Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, on Wednesday 11 November 2020, launched the Integrated Physical Education and School Sport (IPESS) Advocacy Campaign. The campaign is aimed at creating awareness on the importance of physical education in schools throughout the country. Physical Education programmes in schools, promote physical activities and improve academic performance.

The initiative is part of a broader collaboration between the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture and the GIZ Namibia.

Green Enterprise Solutions Pty Ltd, an information and communication technology (ICT) services company, sponsored an amount of three hundred and fifty thousand Namibian dollars (N\$ 350 000.00) towards the integrated physical education and school sport advocacy campaign.



Sponsorship towards IPESS by Green Enterprise Solutions Pty Ltd



Hon. Agnes Tjongarero participating in the painting of IPESS logo



MINISTER OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE 2020 MTC YOUTH GAMES

BY AINA SHIKESHO

Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, officially launched the 2nd edition of the MTC Namibia Youth Games, under the theme 'Building on Sporting Excellence'. The Games will serve the purpose of providing an opportunity to talents from all fourteen (14) regions to be selected for Team Namibia for the upcoming African Union Sport Council (AUSC) Region 5 Youth Games, scheduled for December 2021 in Lesotho.

The Youth Games will comprise of the following sport codes, Athletics (able and para-athletes), Basketball, Boxing, Netball, Tennis, Volleyball and Football. A total number of one hundred and fifty three (153), consisting of seventy nine (79) female competitors and seventy four (74) male competitors will participate in the Games.

Governor of Otjozondjupa, Hon. James Uerikua, stated that he was delighted to host the Youth Games in his region, as this provide an opportunity to market and expose the region's various outstanding landmarks to investors. He called on investors to invest in sport, so as to ensure that sports becomes the centre of activities for young people in order to sway them from various social ills.

The main sponsor, (Mobile Telecommunications Company) MTC has allocated an amount of N\$ 1.8 million towards the Youth Games. The Youth Games will be held at the National Youth Service (NYS) Training Centre in Rietfontein, Otjozondjupa region, as from 16 – 18 December 2020.



From left: Mr. Joel Matheus, Chairperson of NSC Board, Ms. Similo, Vice Chair of NSC board, Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of MSYNS, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister, Hon. James Uerikua, Governor of Otjozondjupa region, Ms. Jo-Ann Manuel, Deputy Director of Women and Marginalised People, Mr. Freddy Mwiya, NSC Chief Administrator, Mr. John Ekongo, MTC Manager of Sponsorship and Mr. George Likukela, NYS Manager



DR. AUDRIN MATHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MSYNS ACQUAINTS HIMSELF WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE NAMIBIA SPORTS COMMISSION

Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, undertook a familiarisation visit to the Namibia Sports Commission (NSC) today. Dr. Mathe was accompanied by the Director of Sport, Mr. Sihute Katamba.

In his presentation to the Executive Director, Chief Administrator of the NSC, Mr. Freddy Mwiya outlined the operations and challenges of the Namibia Sports Commission as well as the registered sport bodies.

The sport bodies also used the platform to outline their operations and challenges to the incoming Executive Director.

In his remarks to the sport bodies, Dr. Mathe indicated that he was familiar with some of the challenges affecting some sport bodies and called on all stakeholders to work closely in finding solutions to these challenges.



Dr Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of MSYNS together with NSC and various sport bodies

CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO NAMIBIA, H.E. SIDENIO ACOSTA ADAY PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

The Cuban Ambassador to Namibia, His Excellency, Sidenio Acosta Aday, paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, Dr. Audrin Mathe, on Wednesday, 13 January 2021.

Amongst the issues discussed, was the long standing Cooperation Agreement in the fields of sports, between Cuba and the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service. This specific Cooperation Agreement, is responsible for the attachment of various Cuban Sporting Experts to the Republic of Namibia.

The Executive Director, Dr. Mathe, extended Namibia's profound appreciation for the Cubans' unwavering and committed support, whenever it was required by the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service. His Excellency Sidenio Acosta Aday was accompanied by the Head of Economic and Commercial Affairs, Mr. Juan Carlos Oliva Nuñez



GALLERY

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ALL STAFF MEMBERS AT HEAD OFFICE



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Directorate of Sport Development staff members



Directorate of Youth Development staff members

ANNUAL PLANNING WORKSHOP, 16–18 MARCH 2021 AT NIPAM, WINDHOEK



Staff Change Announcement



Hon. Agnes Tjongarero
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Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas
Deputy Minister



Dr. Audrin Mathe
Executive Director



Mrs. Jessica Goamuses
Personal Assistant: Minister



Mr. Ricardo /Goagoseb
Personal Assistant: Deputy Minister



Ms. Jennifer Pogisho
Personal Assistant: Executive Director



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