

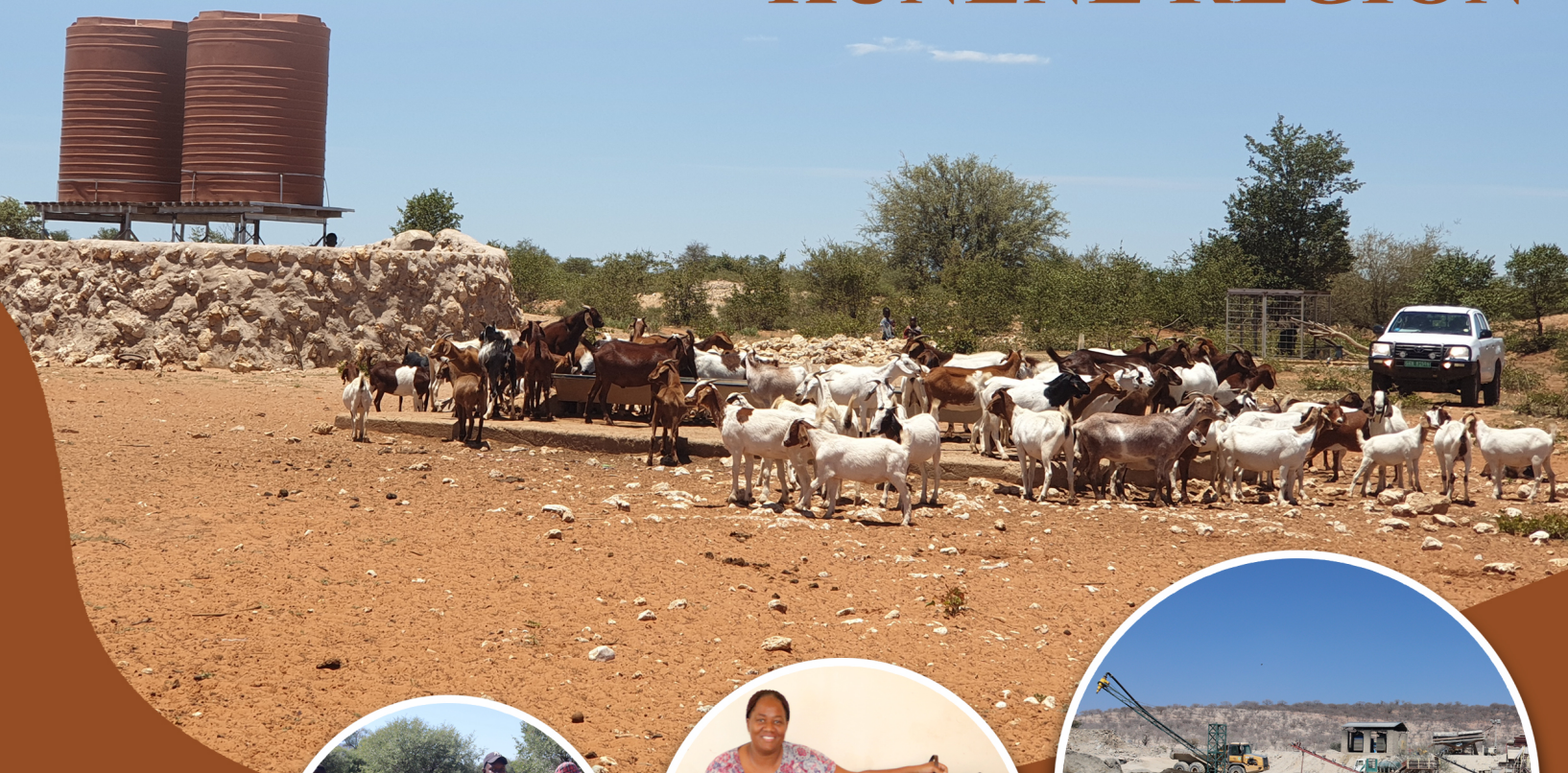
# Great Kunene



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# HIGH LEVEL STATEMENT

## REGIONAL MANDATE

The Mandate specifies the core service area in which Kunene Regional Council (KuRC) has to perform. It specifies the core function and responsibilities of the KuRC to the stakeholders/Public. The Mandate was derived from the following documents:

- Namibian Constitution Chapter 12 (102 &111)
- Regional Council Act 22 of 1992 (As amended)

### MANDATE

To govern and plan for development of the region for the betterment of the people.

### MISSION

To Fast-track development through integrated planning and good governance for investment attraction.

### VISION

Fast developing region by 2022.

### CORE VALUES

To achieve the Vision and Mission. KuRC has adopted the following core values to guide the management and work of all institutions within the Council. These values form the foundation of the Council’s ethical culture and principles, and provide a framework in which decisions should be made. They will guide the policies, strategies, and the daily work and behavior of staff members.

## CORE VALUES

To Fast-track development through integrated planning and good governance for investment attraction

CORE VALUES	WHAT WE MEAN
Commitment	We strive to provide quality services to the community.
Accountability	We are obliged to account for the decisions and actions executed by Council, without fear or favor.
Professionalism	Exercise a high level of moral and ethical principles in our conduct and use the most appropriate skills and competences towards achieving our vision.
Innovative	Be creative in developing new strategies and business processes reengineering (BPR) in service delivery.
Transparency	We will carry out our functions in the most transparent manner to serve our customers in uniformity and make decisions that are free from any biasness and dishonesty.
Synergy	Institutional ability to use resources effectively and efficiently through value for money model.



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## **The Great Kunene**

The Great Kunene journal is an annual publication established to outline and communicate developmental activities and programmes within the region. It will encompass content from all sectors of government and private entities that contribute to the growth of the region.

The journal will enlighten stakeholders on the progress of different projects, strategies and outline the mandate of the Kunene Regional Council which is to govern, plan, coordinate and implementing socio-economic developmental activities for the betterment of the people.





# FOREWORD



**Mrs Emilia Alweendo**  
**Acting Chief Regional Officer**

**T**he Kunene Regional Council in its efforts to achieve its vision in being the fastest developing region by 2022, has implemented and continue to strategize towards service delivery in governing and planning for development in the region.

The Great Kunene being the ultimate frontier for development and tourism hub it is vital that we showcase the various developmental activities of the region to attract and encourage future investments.

In the financial year of 2019/20 the Regional Council was allocated a budget of N\$ 15, 000,000.00 for its capital project of which was utilized for different areas of priority, such as basic sanitation of rural areas which was allocated N\$ 3,000,000.00, construction of service infrastructure in Sesfontein allocated N\$ 3, 000,000.00 construction of services in Fransfontein allocated N\$ 3,000,000.00 and N\$ 6,000,000.00 for the construction of services infrastructure in Okanguati. These above projects are ongoing and are completed in phases.

The journal will hence give an overview of all projects and programmes in the region by the Regional Council as well as in partnership and collaborations with our respective stakeholders that have contributed to the socio-economic of the region and country at large.

Moreover, the Regional Council in the past months has drafted internal policies, approved by Council to assist and guide management in their decision making in line the Namibia Constitution and Regional Council Act 22 of 1992.

These policies include a Risk Management Policy, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan, Land and Housing Policy, Information Technology Policy and Wellness Policy. In the midst of the Council's operations, it is vital that there is a framework against which we govern, plan and execute the Annual Implementation Plan. These policies are the framework against which one can align and evaluate the Regional Council's progress towards the success of its vision and mission.

The financial year 2019/20 has ended with the COVID-19 pandemic, which in so many ways have had an effect on the completion of projects and impacted the planning of projects and programme for the financial year of 2020/21. The budget cut amongst others such as the State of Emergency Lockdown has had a tremendous impact on the time-frame set in completing ongoing projects as well as the commencement of various programmes.

However, despite the pandemic, the Regional Council with its delegated functions have managed to successfully complete the drilling of 16, installation of and rehabilitation of boreholes prioritized to all Seven (7) constituencies of the region through the drought intervention programme.

For the financial year 2020/21 the Regional Council was allocated N\$ 6,000,000.00 additional to the construction of services for infrastructure in Okanguati- N\$ 2,000,000.00 for the construction of services infrastructure in Fransfontein- N\$ 2,000,000.00 for the construction of services infrastructure in Sesfontein- N\$ 673,077.00 for the provision of basic sanitation in the rural areas- N\$ 1,338,461.00 for Rural Development Programs as well as an additional- N\$ 800,000.00 for One Region One Initiative (OROI) Programme. These projects are ongoing, with an implementation time frame of 2-5 years.

The journal will outline various developments, events, initiatives and growth points towards services delivery in the region.



## EDITOR'S NOTE



It is in the Kunene Regional Council strategic plans to have an annual journal published to outline all socio-economical activities of the region. The Great Kunene Journal has invited its respected stakeholders to equally take the journal as its own and take advantage of the platform to forge and strengthen relationships with its stakeholders from all backgrounds.

It is against this background that the “Great Kunene” journal was pursued and compiled. The mandate of the Regional Council derived from the Namibian Constitution, Chapter 12, Article 103, Section 28; the Regional Councils Act (Act 22 of 1992) is:

- Governing, Planning, Coordinating and Implementing Socio-economic Developmental activities for the betterment of the people.
- Ensuring environmental protection and sustainable natural resources utilization.

The Directorate of Planning and Development Services every financial year implements programmes and capital infrastructural projects. These projects are meant to uplift the livelihood of the people and is a growth point that stimulates and attracts international and local investors to the region.

Under the Division of Rural Services, the Regional Council undertakes assessments of applicants for micro-financing projects. Here forth, existing or new projects can apply for funding and are assisted with equipment/materials to extend their businesses. The journal will hence highlight some of the most success projects/businesses once funded by the Kunene Regional Council. The financial year 2020/21 has so far taken in applications, assessed the shortlisted applicants and are busy with the awarding process.

Water provision in Kunene region and the nation at large has always been a necessity and a priority. It is important that every person has access to water and over the years Government has made it a priority in providing water especially in rural areas where its most scarce by installing and rehabilitating boreholes in different areas. The aim is that no persons should walk more than 2.5km in search for portable water for domestic and livestock consumption. Through the Drought Intervention Programme at an amount of N\$ 21 million,



**Tulimekondjo Pandeni**  
**Editor/ Senior Public Relations Officer**

Kunene has drilled 16 boreholes, installed 19 and rehabilitated 18 boreholes across the region.

In this journal we would also like to show gratitude to all our stakeholders that have in one way or another assisted and donated communities within the region that benefited disadvantaged persons for the upliftment of their livelihood.

It is important to note that a lot of programmes within the region have strategically been planned with a completion time frame of 2-5 years and are thus on-going. Government has allocated budgets that allow one to implement various projects and programmes over time.

In this year's State of Regional Address (SORA), the Governor of Kunene, Hon. Marius Sheya has also highlighted majority of the regional achievements and plans in the different sectors alike.

The journal will acquaint all readers with the regional leadership both politically appointed and Management Cadres at the Kunene Regional Council.

The Great Kunene journal will be published once annually. However, for daily and monthly updates on developments within the regional, visit our official website and social media platforms.





## OMAKANGE BENEFITS FROM RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

**T**he Omakange village between Kunene and Omusati Region got electrified through the collaboration of NamPower and the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

On the 19 June 2020, the Minister of Mines and Energy Hon. Tom Alweendo (MP) officially commissioned the Omakange Rural electrification Project.

The project communicates the governments resort and drive to bring modern, sustainable and affordable electricity to all citizens in the country. It is the key drivers to the country's economic and social development agenda, said Hon. Alweendo.

The objective of the Rural Electrification project is to provide electricity to rural communities in order to improve the living standards of people as well as increase economic and commercial activities within the community.

The project involved the supply, delivery, installation, testing of medium and low voltage networks, including streetlights and service connections to different infrastructures and buildings in Omakange. Community facilities included the police station, sub-office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water & and Land Reform, a clinic and approximately 100 residential dwellings.

At this auspicious occasion both the Kunene and Omusati leadership was present at the commissioning of the project. The Governor of Kunene Region, Hon Marius Sheya, Headman of Mr David Tjimuhiva, King of Uukwaludhi Tatekulu Josiah Shilongo, Amongst others, The Ministry of Mines and Energy has earmarked areas within the region that will benefit under the rural electrification project.



*Hon. Tom Alweendo accompanied by Kunene and Omusati leadership as he officiates and switches on the electricity in Omakange.*





## KUNENE RIVER MOUTH JOINT OPERATION 2020

The Kunene leadership embarked on a joint operation with all its stakeholders to assess the furthest and most remote areas in the region.

This operation made it clear that the planning and coordination in the implementation of socio-economical developmental programmes and projects is limited in areas, due to the vastness of the region's geographical challenges.

The monitoring and evaluation of natural resources should be improved in the sense that they are under-utilized in these areas and do not benefit the communities, the region or nation.

During the operation the team managed to visit Terrace Bay, Mowe Bay, Cape-Fria, Kunene river mouth area, Otjavaya village, Othivero, Otjinungwa, Otjiwe, Onungurura, Etimba, Swartbooi Drift (Otjimuhaka), Otjipahuriro, etc.

Despite the unsafe roads, identified challenges include food security, lack of official border posts, mobilization on the necessity of national identification and lack of infrastructures such as government offices to bring public services closer to the people. Access to portal water, health care, telecommunications, radio network and education for children continue to be an issue in these areas and the region at large. The marginalized people continue to suffer due to limited resources in the region.

Whereas the Kunene region has so much untapped potential in terms of socio-economic development, barriers of financial constraints and opportunities for investors are also challenge.

Such an operation was vital for Kunene leaders so as to understand what the communities are going through and to put better mechanisms in place strategized toward the needs of the people.

During the operation, Hon Marius Sheya distributed food aid to vulnerable community members, The Ministry of Gender and Home Affairs managed to assess gender related issues in terms of Child Welfare and National Identification application.

The Ministry of Health administered medical attention to community members. Some members have not received any medical attention since birth and turn to traditional medicine when sick, as the health facilities (clinics) are far from the villages.

Medical professionals on the operation lead by the Head of the Opuwo District Hospital Dr. Magnus Rutakulemberwa administered immunization for children, treating of chronic diseases, immunization for pregnant & breastfeeding women and overall health education.

The Kunene Regional Council took note of roads that needed improvement, areas that had limited access to water, for future rehabilitation of boreholes when funds are availed, as well agricultural interventions needed for food security within the areas visited.

It is undeniable that the process of planning and implementation will not be done overnight and will take years before results of improvement and stability can be seen, however what is most crucial during this operation is the identification of critical areas for planning purposes.

Food security is the most important aspect of development within any community or country, with this in mind, small scale farming is very important for survival. However, it should be noted that to improve the lives of these people, more has to be done.

The need for agricultural training, material such as water tanks, pipes, machine to extract water from the Kunene River for farming purposes and constant mentorship is needed.

In the same light mining activities in the region is vital for economic growth, not just for the region but country at large. The region is rich of resources that with the coordination with stakeholders in the mining sector, through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), community enhancement and growth will take place. This was emphasized by Hon Marius Sheya in a consultative engagement meeting with the management of Northern Namibia Development Company (NNDC).





*Kunene leadership and stakeholders at a supervised mine visit at Northern Namibia Development Company near Kunene River Mouth.*

Hon. Sheya emphasized on the need for institutions operating within the region to plough back into the communities surrounding their area of jurisdiction, and make long term contribution to the community and its people. NNDC explores and mines quality diamonds near the Kunene River Mouth in the Skeleton Coastal area of the region.

The Kunene River Mouth Joint Operation during this COVID-19 pandemic also sought to evaluate areas around the mine that have limited access to health care facilities and clinics nearby which are undercapitalized. Clinics have limited resources to operate, lack of ambulance, equipment of which institution such as NNDC could assist with as part of their CSR strategies.

The monitoring of the effects of COVID-19 on communities as well as the tourism sector was also on the agenda. NAMPOL on the other hand patrolled the all-border crossing for illegal crossing that might cause national security risk especially this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need for official border posts. Overall, the stakeholders' Joint Operation was a great success.



*Opuwo District Hospital healthcare outreach during the joint operation administering healthcare to community members of Otjavaya village.*



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*"Promoting development to enhance the well-being, social and economic advancements of our people, through the provision of access to electricity."*



**Mr. Fillemon Nakashole, CEO of NORED**

## ABOUT US

The Northern Regional Electricity Distributor (Pty) Ltd, (NORED), was established in 2001 as the first ever Regional Electricity Distributor (RED). This was in line with the Electricity Supply Industry Reforms (ESIR) following the Energy White Paper of 1998 by the Ministry of Mines and Energy. The Company started with less than 100 employees and has grown to over 280 during the past 17 years.

The customers within our areas of operation, range from rural households, mass market

segment in townships, Government institutions, to retail and corporate businesses.

In lieu with Namibia's long-term National Development Plans, both Vision 2030 and Harambee Prosperity Plan, NORED is committed to fulfil the aspirations of the Government to close the access gaps and improve the well-being and quality of life of the Namibian people, their social and economic conditions through the provision of access to electricity.

## MANDATE

NORED's core mandate is the distribution and supplying of electricity, covering over eight (8) regions within the North Eastern and Western regions. Our geographic footprints, stretch through the densely populated and underdeveloped parts of Northern Namibia, such as Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, Oshana, Oshikoto, Omusati and Kunene regions.

Our business strategically covers the largest area of operations in comparison to all other REDs in Namibia. Due to the fact that, approximately 85% of our customers are mass market segment, whereas 10% is Government institutions, we are primarily faced with strategic and operational challenges due to geographic spread of our network, across the eight regions.

Our core businesses are network operations, network maintenance, network upgrading and expansion, retail and distribution, and customer service.

## SHAREHOLDERS

NORED is owned by NamPower, Regional Councils, Local Authorities, and NORED Employees' Trust Fund, within its areas of operation.

## ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

NORED recognises that electricity is a catalyst for socio-economic and inclusive development in both rural and peri-urban communities. We are operationally driven and focussed to enhance access to electricity within our areas of operations.

NORED's Board of Directors on an annual basis, allocate a **N\$10 million** budget since 2015, towards Social Investments Programme, for the electrification and connection of the poor of the poorest and also marginalized communities across the regions of operation.

Through the Social Investment Programme, NORED has electrified many peri-urban, rural communities, growth points, and thousands of beneficiaries are enjoying the benefits of independence, through access to electricity. A total sum of **N\$23.2 million** has been



spent in the social investment's electrification projects over the past five years.

For two consecutive years, 2018 to 2019, NORED has been honoured to with a PMR Africa Diamond Awards in the category of companies excelling on socio-economic and infrastructure development in Namibia.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

NORED has developed strategies and operational objectives, to enhance and improve service delivery on a continuous basis. As a learning organisation, we ensure that our business model focus on investing, maintenance and developed of infrastructure. This is core to our existence in that it contributes to revenue growth, quality and reliability energy supply.

Over the past five years, NORED made significant capital investments towards the construction of new substations such as, Omuthiya 2.5 MVA bulk supply, Okapya 5 MVA substation, Outapi 5 MVA Substation, Rundu Intake Station, NamPower Rundu substation, and several others. This is to address critical problems by improving reliability, reducing network constraints and minimising unplanned power interruptions.

We have furthermore constructed a new Regional Office in Rundu, which was the first of its kind in the history of the company, and officially inaugurated in 2019. The new state-of-the-art building serves as a Regional Headquarter for the two Kavango regions, namely, Kavango East, Kavango West regions. In order to promote efficiencies' and decentralization of core functions, Regional Offices are necessary and will form part of our strategic focus, over the next five years.

Due to operational demands and our regional positioning strategies, geared towards promoting efficient customer service, we have commenced with the planning and subsequent construction of the Katima Mulilo Regional Office. The Katima Mulilo Regional Office is necessitated by growth in the Zambezi Region, which required us to expand our service delivery, and staffing alignment, in order to meet the operational demand.

NORED has moved towards a centralized store management, and will also build a centralized facility in Ondangwa, to serve as the Main Store for all NORED materials and



**Commissioning of one of the electrification projects**

equipment's. The investment will address the challenges of material availability, which often result in the delay of connections of new customers to the grid and subsequently, result in customer frustration and also delay in revenue generation. The Phase 1 part of the project was already in 2019.

NORED has rolled out preventative and proactive maintenance strategies, through the development of a Network Maintenance Plan. Upon effective implementation, it is expected to improve on quality of supply, and promote operational efficiency, across our area of operation. The planned maintenance activities will included the planned and unplanned maintenance, de-bushing of network lines, replacement of rotten poles, replacement of faulty transformers and street lights maintenance.

## EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

As a stakeholder for development, NORED is acutely aware that stakeholder relation and consultation is critical in the Utility sector. It was a matter of strategic importance for NORED to enter into Service Delivery Agreements (SDAs) with all eight (8) Regional Councils and sixteen (16) Local Authorities within the eight regions of our operation.

During the third quarter of 2020, NORED will continue to strengthen stakeholder management by developing an aligned and tailor-made stakeholder segmentation operational framework. This will go hand in hand with our brand positioning strategies and enhancement of social and economic relevance within our communities.

## BRAND POSITIONING, RISK AND GOVERNANCE

As part of our new brand positioning

strategies, a new Five Year Strategic Plan was completed, and we have identified four strategic pillars as follows:

- Financial Stability
- Stakeholder Value
- People and Culture
- Operational Efficiency

The new Strategic Plan: 2020-2025 is aligned to Namibia's Vision 2030, the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP), and the Fifth National Development Plan, NDP5. NORED launched a new Enterprise Risk Management Policy (ERM) in 2019. We will continue to roll out a new ERM Policy and Governance Framework, based on ISO 31 000.

## VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

**Our Vision:** to be the leading distributor and supplier of electricity in a sustainable manner.

**Our Mission:** to distribute and supply quality, affordable electricity through best practices, innovation and technology.

**Our Foundational Values are:** accountability, integrity and respect (AIR).

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# KUNENE

## “State of the Region Address” – SORA 2020

This year (2020) State of the Region Address for Kunene region under the theme, “A united Kunene unlocking its potential for shared prosperity”, outlined the implementation of different projects and activities in the health, education, sports and arts, agriculture, tourism and mining sector within the region during the 2019/20 financial year.

***“Step-by-step, shoulder by shoulder collectively we move Kunene towards prosperity”.  
– Hon Marius Sheya***

The Office of the Governor, joined by Regional Councillors and various stakeholders in the region, addressed the region and nation at large on the developmental progress of the region.

Distinguished guests alike, the Honourable Governor was graced by the presence of the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Works and Transport; Hon. Veiko Nekundi, Deputy Minister of Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation; Hon. Jennely Matundu and Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology; Hon. Emma Theofelus.



*From the Left: Hon. E. Tjaritje- Esiungue( Kamanjab Regional Councillor), Hon A. Xoagub (Khorixas Regional Councillor), Hon. E. Theofelus( Dep. Minister of Information and Communication Technology), Hon J. Antsino ( Outjo Regional Councillor), Mrs E. Alweendo ( Acting Chief Regional Officer), Hon. M. Sheya ( Governor of Kunene Region), Hon. V. Nekundi (Dep. Minister of Works and Transport), Hon. J. Matundu (Dep. Minister of International Relations) and Hon J. Kaujova (Chairperson of Kunene Regional Council and Sesfontein Regional Councillor)*



The Governor before his regional address, stressed the issue of “Tribalism” in the region. He condemned it and made emphasized on unity, one region, the “Great Kunene”. Pointing out that there is no Kunene North or Kunene South, just Kunene region, hence that division will not be tolerated.

In his opening remarks, Hon. Sheya acknowledged that there are a lot of challenges when it comes to development in the region, however with unity, brick by brick, shoulder by shoulder, in the spirit of Ubuntu, collective action will reflect socio-economic empowerment. The most important aspect for government is to ensure the provision of services to people, housing, land, health, safety and security, education, agriculture, telecommunication, road infrastructure, energy and rural development.

In his address, he notified the region that **Housing and Land Delivery** takes priority and is a very critical aspect for the people of Kunene, whereas during the financial year of 2019/20 the local authority had a huge task on their hands and are considered to be on the right path in conquering the challenges of housing and land delivery to its people.

**Kamanjab** has installed a water reticulation network in Nuweland informal settlement and Ou Rab connecting 528 households benefited. They have also installed 280 pre-paid meters.

In **Khorixas** the objective was the servicing of land and building infrastructure. There has been the servicing of 628 erven in Khorixas informal settlement. 268 pre-paid water meters were installed and connected to households.

**Outjo** is in the process of providing a water and sewerage network in the informal settlement where it is estimated to be 65% in its complexion state, at a cost of N\$ 7, 000,000.00. Once completed 600 households will be connected of which about 2 500 people will benefit.

In addition to this, a legacy centre is under construction in the informal sector of Outjo Municipality. The Centre will comprise of a clinic, police station, library/small study hall, municipal office and ablution block. Furthermore, 20 houses were constructed under the Mass Housing Development Programme.

**Opuwo** has a total of 20 houses constructed in Opuwo extension 6 and 27 by the Shack Dwellers Federation, electrification projects through NORED for:

1. Orutjandja Informal Settlement
2. Katutura Extension 2

Meanwhile under the Road Fund Administration Fund, Opuwo Town Council re-graveled 3.2 km of roads in Otuzemba location and conducted the maintenance of a

2.2km gravel road in Okatuwo.

Overall, the delivery of land and housing remains a top priority for the region for the next five (5) years.

**Directorate of Education:** During the financial year 2019/20, there has been 36 projects completed under the Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture were an amount of N\$ 168, 704, 511.68 was utilized. Projects involved the building of new classrooms, renovation of classrooms, electrification of school, water supply, renovations of hostel facilities, repairs of sewerage machines, etc.

Hon. Sheya also announced that the much-awaited Kunene Vocational Training Center is in phase two which involves the contractor been on site to start the construction of the actual building.

**Directorate of Agriculture:** The effects of drought had a serve impact on the agriculture sector however through the Drought Intervention Programme Kunene region has successfully drilled 16 boreholes, installed 19, and rehabilitated 18 boreholes at an amount of N\$ 21, 000, 000.00. Boreholes were allocated to all constituencies to assist with portable water for domestic and livestock consumption.

Agriculture constitutes to be an important sector in the Kunene region and country at large as 70% of the Namibian Population is directly dependent on subsistence agriculture and livestock husbandry. However climate change poses an acute challenge to the livelihoods of people country-wide.

**With this in mind, under the Enhance Direct Access (EDA) project:**

- A total of Seven (7) grants were awarded to Kunene Region valued at N\$ 29, 966,937.26 that benefited 16 Communal Conservancy and community Forest in the region.
- Two (2) Commercial Hydroponic Fodder Production Plant powered by solar energy were developed at Ehrovipuka Conservancy.
- Two (2) Solar Plants developed at Sorris- Sorris and Omatendeka conservancies.
- Projects such as the IREMA Kunene Project valued at N\$ 130 million) for Small Farm owners in Sesfontein and Fransfontein benefited 150 farmers.
- The Big Cats Conservation Program valued at (3 million) that seeks advance conservation efforts benefiting big cat’s population, protecting and restoring them and their habitats. Implementation stated in August 2019 and ending August 2021.
- The Game Products Trust Fund hosted by the EIF contracted patrol camps, fences, installed a solar water pump at Ohakarungu, Okongoro Conservancy (Otjiu East) and a protection wall for the pump system, etc.

- A total of 54 farms that covers 296 600 hectares was acquired under the national resettlement programme. 11 farms form as part of Queen Sofia Group Resettlement, 33 farms for resettlement purposes (3 Game/tourism establishment) 7 farms OPM/OVP (Hai//Om community) and 3 farms for Veterans Affairs.

**Telecommunication**, through the MTC 081Every1 campaign a total of 3 network tower were constructed during 2019/20 financial year to boost network coverage in the region namely:

- Sorris- Sorris
- Anabeb (TN)
- Otjomatamba (TN)



*One of the MTC Tower erected in Sorris- Sorris, Khorixas Constituency Office*

**Road Infrastructure** provides economic and social opportunities which promotes better accessibility to markets, employment and additional investments. Roads are meant to connect communities, connecting businesses to markets, driving trade, creating employment and unifying humanity.

The Swakopmund to Hentis Bay to Kamanjab Road Project Single Lane Construction, this project is ongoing.

Section A- Kamanjab –Khorixas (105KMs)  
Section B- Khorixas –Uis (115KMs)

The upgrading of gravel roads also took a priority, where MR 124 Opuwo – Sesfontein (150km) and DR 3700 which is Opuwo –Epupa (180km) has been upgraded and maintained by Road Authority.

For new few year Road Authority will concentrate on:

- Introducing Learner License Testing in Khorixas
- NATIS Mobile services to Kamanjab
- Computerized learners License testing at NATIS centers

**Energy** in form of electricity is pivotal as it's the driving force to development. Communities need electricity for socio-economic growth.

**During the 2019/20 financial year:**

- CENORED invested approximately N\$ 3, 000, 000.00 in operating and maintaining the electricity network in Outjo, Khorixas, Fransfontein, Kamanjab, Palmwag, Anker, etc.
- CENORED connected 22 households in Outjo
- CENORED Electrified Katutura location in Opuwo with 294 connections
- NAMPOWER constructed 1 61km medium voltage line from Opuwo to Omakange and 4.5km low voltage line in Omakange that benefitted 12 Staff Houses, Community projects where 152 businesses, kindergarten and boreholes, Omakange Training Center, 144 community houses. This Omakange electrification, falls under the Ministry of Mines and Energy Rural Electrification project.

In the same light, the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Rural Electrification Project is ongoing and will benefit a lot of areas such as the Ongongo School, Etanga settlement and others through the region.

In addition to this, the much-anticipated project of Baynes Hydro Plant has commenced and is in its advanced stage of planning. It will open the doors to new markets, energy production, linking Namibia (Kunene to Angola).

Other sectors such as Health and Social Welfare, Arts and Sports, Tourism and mining continue to carry out their mandate through various activities which in the long term will be beneficial to the people of Kunene.

Moving forward, the Governor, stated that in the next five (5) years he would like Kunene to place emphasis on talent recognition, accelerated project implementation and collective action to unlocking and reignite a sustainable and inclusive growth for the region.





## ECD Centre for Child Development an essential part of the Kunene Community

According to the Forth (4th) National Development Plan (NDP4), the Early Childhood Development (ECD) challenges are related to the quality and limited access to education in the early phases of life. ECD refers to the growth and change that takes place from preconception until the age of 6/8.

In this early year, the most critical neurological development takes place, with the most significant brain growth occurring in the first three years of life.

In line with NDP4, the Kunene region has an estimated number of 89 centers across all Seven (7) constituencies of which all are active with trained caretakers to carry out all necessary learning activities.

The ECD centers in Kunene varies in structures such as corrugated irons to traditional houses, brick, as well as learning that happens under a tree of which the division of Gender plans to improve in the next Five (5) years to come.

The government as from 2012, has committed itself to Early Childhood Development (ECD) as a key route to the development of the potential of children, youth and workforce and plays a very important role in NDP4.

The establishment of ECD now under the mandate of the Ministry of Gender, Equality and child Welfare (MGEWCW) will be to provide programmes that promote and protect the development for young children.

These are children at infant stages from birth to ages of 6/8. There is a considerable amount of time that the child spends away from the house be it at an ECD center, or other schools. During this time, services of various kinds from nutrition, physical and emotional care, and the cognitive and social development of children. Within the framework and rights of children it is the responsibilities of MGEWCW to coordinate with Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) and Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW).

ECD Centres of current in 2020 as updated by MGEWCW Kunene Regional Office:

Constituency	Number of ECD Centre	Number of learners attending ECD in the region
Opuwo Urban	19	503
Opuwo Rural	18	351
Sesfontein	12	278
Outjo	22	331
Kherixas	8	119
Kamanjab	9	82
Epupa	1	Newly constructed and handed over

In the next Five (5) years the MoGEWCW plans to transform exciting ECD building structure to brick constructed centres, construct more centres in the region as well as have an increase in the number of trained caretakers to improve the level of education and care that children are entitled to, to set the best foundation for early development.

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## Food security a priority in Kunene

**K**unene region being the 2nd largest region in Namibia, covers an area of 115, 260 km<sup>2</sup> of fertile soil that is suitable for farming.

Agricultural activities in the region have since become the main source of food security for people and communities alike. The region has adopted a culture of feeding themselves to meet the government half way.

This is also as a consequence of the increase in unemployment and of poverty amongst communities, where community members have now turned to backyard gardening and farming. The shift in priorities has now become a catalyst and formula to fighting hunger and unemployment.

Through various green scheme projects, individual and communities are able to feed their families as well as make a profit from selling their produce.

Through government support through the micro-financing, poor farmers support and green-scheme programmes and Council development funding, individuals are funded with materials as start-up to start or extend their projects. These materials come in the form of water tanks, pipes, gardening tools, seeds, livestock, etc.

With this assistance individuals and communities are then enabled in improving and growing their projects to a more sustainable level.

Below we have a few very successful gardens in Kunene that produces food such as fresh tomatoes, onions, green pepper, watermelons, sweet potatoes, brown & white wheat, maize, spinach, etc.



*Okombako Community Garden in the Opuwo Rural Constituency that harvests brown and white wheat as well as vegetables.*

Individuals and communities have benefitted from training in terms of organic farming and financial management and are in the position to better run their green scheme projects.

Meanwhile private farmers, Martins Antonio a 74-year-old veteran who has about 27.7 hectares of citrus trees have been assisted with pipes to help in the effective running and growth of his already existing farm.





*Antonio on his farm in the Opuwo Urban Constituency where he harvests and sells oranges, mangoes, lemons, moringa, etc to retail shops and individuals in the surrounding areas.*

With this growth day-by -day, Antonio has reached out to the Kunene Regional Council to assist with the purchasing of pipes so he can easily water his plants faster at a go. He said it has become difficult to water them in a timely manner which has a huge effect on the growth and quality of the fruits been produced. Plants need a lot of water for them to produce big juicy fruits.

The plantation has employed two worker and operates off 2 boreholes. There is a variety of trees such as Orange, Lemon, Naartjie, Mango, Moringa, etc. He also grows chilly of which he turns into homemade Tabasco that he sells to individuals and restaurants in Opuwo.

Apart from a market to sell his produce, elephants in the area are his biggest problem.

Investment in more green-scheme related projects will not only benefit individual and communities in the region but the country itself in terms of food security and self-sustaining communities.



# Micro-Financing Programme empowering Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

**T**he Micro- Financing Programme under Rural Development is a way of alleviate poverty and creating self-employment for rural people.

The main objective of these grants is to promote SME productivity in order for them to be able to compete with other producers in the market. It is also a way of improving the socio-economic conditions of beneficiaries, their families and the communities around them.

Applications through the constituency office within the region are assessed, recommended and approved for small businesses and projects in the areas of:

- Farming
- Small Scale Mining
- Woodcarving & Pottery
- Catering
- Tailoring
- Poultry
- Gardening
- Weaving
- Knitting
- Shoe & Basket Masking and many more

Kunene region like other regions through the Micro Financing Programme have made a huge impact amongst the communities. Individuals through different lines of business are self-employed, have created employment for others, have accomplished food security at small scale.

For the period of 2016/17, 2018/19 and 2019/20 the Kunene Regional Council have assisted an estimated number of 30 beneficiaries across all Seven (7) constituencies.

In the 2020/21 financial have received more than 50 applications that are in the process of being assessed and awarded.

Overall, micro-financing budgets an estimated N\$ 473 139.00 for the funding of different projects annually.

Below are some of the previously micro-financed projects doing exceptionally well within the region.

## OPUWO RURAL CONSTITUENCY

### 1. Okombako Community Garden

The Okombako garden is owned by community members who takes shifts in maintaining it. The garden depending on the season harvest all types' of food such as maize, onions, tomatoes, green pepper, sweat potatoes, etc. However, this time around we found it grazed with Wheat (Brown and White) as well as Ruzi grass for livestock feed. It has about 50 people that are direct beneficiaries who receive food from the garden, as well as indirect beneficiaries of which the food is the produces are sold to from neighboring villages.

Through micro- financing the Okombako was financed with materials worth N\$ 50 000.00 that included the fencing-off of the garden, and a 10 ltr water tank, gardening tools, etc.

Two individuals that supervise the garden had received training on wheat planting in 2019 and have successfully implemented the knowledge received, their only challenge now is Pest control of which they would hope to receive training on.

The garden is at a self-sustaining stage.



*The every green Okombako Community Garden in the Opuwo Rural Constituency*





*Ritjavi Tjawira, Iriapajova Rikambura, Tjiyeterua Herungu and Wakovatua Herungu who supervise the garden as we all Charles Uarije the Control Administrative Officer at the Opuwo Rural Constituency office on a recent visit to the garden.*

## 2. Taviza Tyre Repair in Otuni

Otuni been a rural area faces a challenge basic services especially that of car repairs amongst other. Services of such nature are only found in Opuwo and bigger towns. Taviza Tyre Repair feels this gap of car services in the jurisdictions of Opuwo Rural.

The project received equipment valued at N\$ 56 000.00, that included an Air compressor machine with tyre pressure pump, tyre changer machine, a 2-ton floor jack, and a standard cross wheel spanner.

Mambonde Rikambura the owner of the business said business is going well and that on an average he receives 5-18 customers a week. His biggest challenge is that he needs a better structure for his workshop as well as the fact that he ends up giving locals discount which is cutting on, on his turnover.



*Mambonde Rikambura the owner of Taviza Tyre Repair in Otuni*

## KAMANJAB CONSTITUENCY

### 1. Justus & ≠ Guibeb Funeral Services

Justus & ≠ Guibeb Funeral Service provides salvation for the needy in the community of Kamanjab. To families without the resources to afford expensive caskets for their deceased love ones, Justus & ≠ Guibeb Funeral Services provide quality locally made caskets and funeral services at an affordable price.

Through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), he assists communities with burials for unidentified deceased individual whose bodies are not proclaimed by families for free.

However, due to reduced prices and the assistance he renders for free, his challenge lay in, not been able to afford material to make new caskets.

The owner Justus ≠ Guibeb received a startup capital at the value of N\$ that bought a funeral set of equipment such as material to make caskets, a burial vault/liner, etc. valued at N\$ 50 000.00.



*Arnold ≠ Guibeb stands in for father Justus ≠ Guibeb during a business visit in Kamanjab.*

### 2. Mubasan Poultry and Pig Farming

The Mubasan Poultry and Pig Farming is one of the most successful micro-financed projects in the Kamamjab Constituency. The poultry project that was financed in the 2018/19 financial year has a great market in Khorixas and Outjo in selling its broiler chicken. During the visit, there was over 100 broiler chicken ready for sales.

The only challenge is limited feed for the chicken as well as additional material such as drinkers, feeder, and building material for a bigger structure to extend the poultry farm.



On the other hand, the pig farming which is under assessment for funding in the financial year 2020/21 has shown great potential for growth. Without funding, the farm has managed to raise 70 pigs of which occasionally, after every Six (6) months they would supply pork carcasses to retail shops such as OK Khorixas. The farms continues challenge is feed for pigs and clean water in order to produce the required pork carcass grades and standards accepted by the market.



*From Left: Edward Sabatha, Wimpie Murorua, Gregory Shituleni employees at the farm and Theresia Basson the Senior Administrative Officer at the Kamanjab Constituency Office.*



*An estimated number of 100 broiler chickens at the farm.*



*An estimated number of 70 pigs and piglets at the farm.*

## SESFONTEIN CONSTITUENCY

### 1. Mercia's Bakery

Mercia's Bakery was funded in 2014 with a stove, microwave and pans, supplies fresh bread to the community of Sesfontein, Bed & Breakfast, NWR lodges and Conservancy offices in the constituency.

Mercia Kenare who received SME training in Opuwo before starting the business, has created not only employment for herself but for two other individuals.

She bakes bread of different sizes in the price range of N\$1.00 – N\$35.00. Business is progressing very well however it will more profitable with a bigger baking oven and a mixer so as to reach daily targets for bulk orders from customer, she said.



*Mercia Kenare at her bakery shop.*

### 2. Zebra Campsite

With the limited accommodation facilities in the Sesfontein Community, the Zebra Camp Site caters to campers. It is affordable and contributes to the tourist activities in the region.

The Zebra Camp Site was funded with cements and building material for the structure of the campsite as well as furniture for the site. The facilities are surely used by pass through tourists as a resting place before continuing with their journey through the region.



*The Zebra Campsite premises.*



## OUTJO CONSTITUENCY

### 1. Pakaya Leather Project

Vahora Tjiriange the owner of Pakaya Leather Project makes an income with the sales of bags made from genuine leather. Her price range ranges from N\$ 600.00 - N\$800.00.

The challenges for Pakaya leather project currently lay in ordering the leather material all the way from Windhoek as well as a SME Complex in the community from where she can operate rather than her current business premises, her home.

Pakaya has been operational since 2011 and received funding in 2017 at a value of N\$ 50 000.00 of which Nakara Leather was procured, a Domestic Sewing Machine and walking foot machine.



*Vahora Tjiriange at her home which is also her business premises where she makes bags from genuine Nakara leather.*

### 2. Mercia Trading cc - Fire Wood Processing business

Mercia Trading a wood processing business received funding to purchase a wood saw machine the process wood at the value of N\$ 45 000.00.

She suppliers wood across the whole country and neighboring countries and is very successful at it. The business is growing day- by- day.



*Marcia the owner of the business at her business premises sending of a loaded truck of wood.*

## KHORIXAS CONSTITUENCY

### 1. Jorgen's Tyre Repair

Jorgen Namaseb the owner of the business says that business has been tremendously well and is grateful for the opportunity. His biggest clients are travelers passing through from Khorixas to Terrace Bay and Swakopmund. They pay a good price compared to the locals in the area.

Jorgen is a self-taught mechanic and has received Financial Management training, and received funding of equipment valued at about N\$ 50 000.00 for an Air Compressor Machine with try pressure pump and tyre charger machine and has ever since being able to create an income stream for himself and his family.

Jorgen's Tyre repair is situated in Sorris-Sorris



*Jorgen Namaseb the owner of Jorgen's Tyre Repairs.*



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## Government Drought Intervention Project in Kunene a great Success

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Twenty-One Million Namibian Dollars (N\$ 21 000 000.00) was donated under Government Ministry of Urban and Rural Development for relief. The funds were allocated to Kunene for the drilling, installation and rehabilitation of boreholes across (7) constituencies of the region, namely Opuwo Urban, Opuwo Rural, Sesfontein, Epupa, Kamanjab, Khorixas and Outjo Constituency.

The National Council Standing Committee on Habitat on their second tour to the region for evaluation and assessment pleased with the implementation of the drought relief intervention project.

The Chairperson of the committee Hon. Sipapela Cletius Sipapela gave the Regional Council an overall execution performance rate of 97%. A job well done by the Kunene Leadership for prioritizing areas that have critical water shortage within the region.



*Boreholes installation as far as Sorris –Sorris in Khorixas Constituency*

One of the critical areas identified by the committee and the Regional Council for drilling and installation of a borehole is the area of Otjiparakaha in the Epupa Constituency where 18 lives were lost due to Cholera. To win the fight against Cholera and other disease outbreaks is having access to portable water to maintain a hygienic environment and in so doing reducing the risk of disease outbreaks.

Apart from a few grey areas in the assessment, the region has successfully drilled 16 boreholes, installed 19 and rehabilitated 18 boreholes allocated and prioritized to the different constituencies.

Constituency	Drilling	Installation	Rehabilitation
Opuwo Urban	2	0	1
Opuwo Rural	3	5	1
Sesfontein	2	5	4
Epupa	4	3	4
Kamanjab	1	1	3
Khorixas	1	5	5
Outjo	3	1	0
Total :	16	19	18

In addition to the Drought Intervention Project, the in-house rehabilitation under the 1 million projects installed Five (5) boreholes across the region, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) project Three (3) boreholes, Zuma (SA) project, 12 boreholes, Road Fund Administration (RFA) project Four (4) boreholes and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Installation (Round Table Hochland, Rage Rover Club 15 boreholes. The drilling, installation and rehabilitation of boreholes in the region is ongoing.



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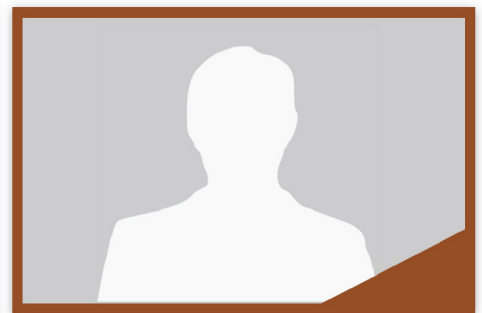
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## Capital / Developmental Projects in 2019/20

**C**apital or development projects are budgeted for under the Development budget. Capital budget is a Budget for public investment geared towards funding of infrastructures such as infrastructure services (roads, electricity, water and sewerage reticulation), office buildings, etc.

The Directorate of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation has been implementing programmes and projects within the region that are aimed at improving the living conditions of the urban and rural citizens. These projects are such as:

Project Description	Amount budgeted	Completion rate in percentage %
The eradication of the Fransfontein bucket system, this involved the design and construction of a sewer line, rehabilitation of sewer ponds, installation of pump stations and installation of prefabricated toilets.	Phase 1: N\$ 3 000 000.00	60%
Citation and drilling of boreholes for the potable water supply of the Sesfontein settlement, this was meant for the upgrading of water infrastructure,	N\$ 3, 415,155.33	59%
Construction of oxidation ponds sewer line and pumps in Sesfontein	N\$ 3 500 000.00	65%
Maintenance of gravel roads within the Sesfontein settlement area, this involved the constant re-graveling of roads	N\$ 637 670.00	87%
Construction of the Ohamaremba to Okanguati Water pipeline PHASE 1, which involved the design and construction of a water reservoirs and electrical power line	N\$ 6 730 000.00	80%
Construction of Early Childhood Development Centres under our delegated function Ministry of Gender, Equality and Child Welfare	N\$ 6.1 000 000.00	Completed
Construction and renovations of regional school infrastructures under our delegated function, Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (NOT COVID-19 Related)	N\$ 30 426 369.29	Completed





*Office building to be used by government institutions in Epupa Constituency*

The progress of the above-mentioned projects are ongoing to be completed in the 2020/21 financial year. In the next Five (5) years however, the Kunene Regional Council envision the completion of the below critical projects amongst other projects.

#### Okanguati Bulk Water Supply

- Sesfontein sewer and oxidation ponds
- Sesfontein Water
- Fransfontein Sewer
- Planning and servicing of new extensions in settlement areas
- Registration of new settlement areas
- Maintenance of more gravel roads in settlement areas
- Build Together Housing in settlement areas

With adequate funding for planning activities, the Division of Development and Planning will be able to reposition the region for the better implementation of projects for the betterment of the livelihood of its people and meet the nation's developmental goals.



*MTC Network Tower in Fransfontein settlement in the Khorixas Constituency*

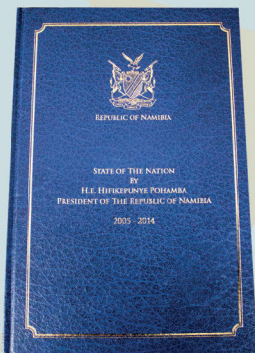




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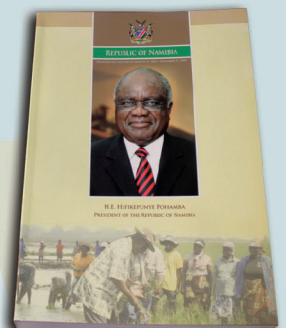
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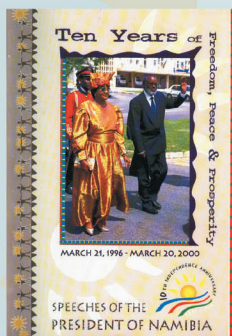
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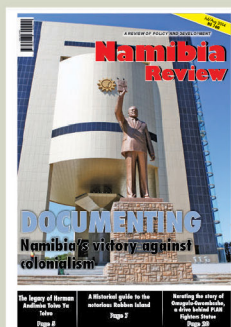
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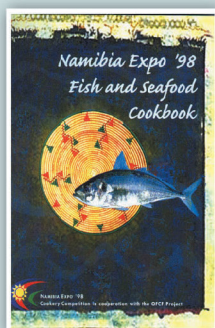
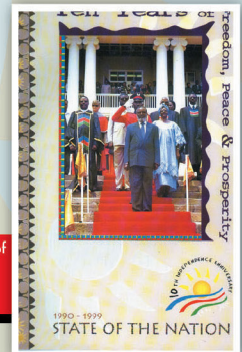


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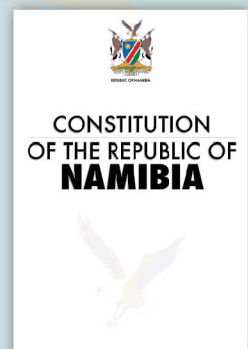
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## IREMA Kunene Kicks off with Small Stock Resolving Scheme

The launch of IREMA Kunene Project was cemented with the official handover of "Small Stock Resolving Scheme" in Khorixas. The event was officiated by Hon. Carl Schellettwein the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) in absentia.

In his speech presented and read by the Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Sophie Kasheeta, he makes empathize on the importance of the project as an intervention as a climate adaptation measure to ensure food and nutrition security in critical for improved livelihoods for rural communities.

The scheme is aimed at providing quality core breeding flock of suitable goats to selected vulnerable households to gain a sustainable means of income generation and improving socio-economic well-being.

On this note, 425 goats were handed over to 20 selected beneficiaries in the project target area at a tune of N\$ 900, 000.00, Fodder valued at N\$ 1. 2 million and energy –efficient stoves valued at N\$ 1.1 million.

The programme aims to distribute 2 500 drought resilient small stock breeds (goats) to more than 100 qualifying beneficiaries at a cost of N\$ 14,874,876.00

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) in conjunction with the Environmental Investments Fund of Namibia (EIF), is set in implementing a Green Climate Fund (GCF) funded project titled "Improving Rangeland and Ecosystem Management Practices of Smallholder Farmers under conditions of climate change in Sesfontein and Fransfontein areas at an estimated value of N\$ 130, 000,000.00 project that will run for a period of 5 years from 2019 to 2023.

IREMA Kunene Project is a responsive intervention to the country's National Development Plans, MAWLR Strategic Plan of 2017/18- 2021/22 and the Harambee Prosperity Plan 2016-20 that strives to improve agricultural output and creating resilience to climate change due to the recurrent devastating drought in Kunene.

The project is aimed at reducing the vulnerability of small-holder farmers under the climate change conditions by safeguarding natural capital that generates ecosystem to sustain agricultural production systems.

Other projects under IREMA Kunene are:

- **The development and operationalization of Warmquelle and Khowarib Green Schemes in the Sesfontein area, covering an area of 22 hectares at a cost of N\$ 32, 000, 000. 00:** Project will produce fodder shortage, fresh produce shortage, install the climate – smart irrigation system and rehabilitate the Six (6) km bulk water galvanized pipelines to supply water to surrounding areas.
- **The development of the Fransfontein & Sesfontein Community Gardens to a tune of N\$ 24, 000, 000.00:** To implement community gardens, rehabilitate water infrastructures, renovate or/and construct fencing for community gardens, training for beneficiaries on Climate- Smart Agriculture which is to benefit more than 50 families.
- **Distribution of 1000 Drip Irrigation Kits for backyard gardens to vulnerable households at a cost of N\$ 3, 700, 000.00:** For the purpose of food security and poverty eradication at household level.





- **Distribution of drought resistant seed varieties to farmers:** This is to benefit 2000 horticultural farmers and 7000 dryland crop farmers at a cost of N\$ 4, 295, and 730.00. The project of current procured improved seed for distribution to the farmers at a cost of N\$ 70 000.00 to 150 farmers.

- **Provision of Energy-Effective Stoves:** The project will procure and distribute energy efficient stoves to 3000 rural poor households at the tune of N\$ 4, 000,000.00 so as to curb the issue of deforestation.

- **Water Infrastructure Investment:** The project will rehabilitate about 35 water points in the region in close collaboration with the Directorate of Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Coordination under MAWLR.

- **Early Warning System (EWS) & Forecasting Investment:** The installation of an automated network of weather measuring equipment at the cost of N\$12, 000,000.00 to provide data that will be used to produce information needed to establish the EWSs.

- **Capacity Building of Nine (9) Associations, Community members and Extension Officials:** The project will capacitate about 82 Extensions, 9 Farmers Association and 200 community members in different areas such as EWS, Climate Smart Agriculture focusing on sustainable fodder and horticulture production, etc.

Overall the projects intervention is intended to benefit 44, 000 poor farmers that have been affected and are vulnerable to drought.





## MINING

# Otuani a Mine Field for Copper “Kaokoland Mining”

**K**aokoland Mining located in Otuani with the Opuwo Rural Constituency has been in operation since 2006. The manager, Mr Du-Preez said the mining activities range from gem quality rocks & stones and copper ore minerals.

The mine employees about 50 local residents from the constituency for its technical staff and operations.

The mine through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), occasionally provides assistance to the community with water for domestic and livestock consumption, as well as the indirect benefit of road infrastructures that were cleared up and graveled from the mine through the village to the main road and other neighboring villages such as the gravel road from the mine to Ongongo village.

Kaokoland Mining has also created earth dams in surrounding areas for the safe keeping of rain water for animals in Otuani.

Kunene region is very rich in natural resources that are untapped and when identified can benefit the region and contribute to the country’s economic stability.

The mine is in constant engagement with the community in terms of collaborating with different stakeholders for the upliftment of the Opuwo Rural community.

Operations at the mine are running smoothly and seemingly very productive.



*Copper extracts from site, ready for transportation.*





# Northern Namibia Development Company (Pty) Ltd

A TRUSTCO GROUP COMPANY

NNDC ML156  
KUNENE PROJECT



## Northern Namibia Development Company (NNDC) owns an alluvial diamond mine within the Kunene Region.

It is located in the far north-western corner of Namibia on the Atlantic coast and is immediately adjacent to the Namibia-Angola border, approximately 660km north of Swakopmund. The Mining Licence (ML156) covers an area of 34km<sup>2</sup> which stretches ~11km southwards from the Kunene river and ~3.5km east from the Atlantic ocean. The eastern area is covered with mobile sand dunes (Kunene Sand Sea).

As a citizen of the Kunene Region, stationed in one of the most remote parts of Namibia, NNDC is committed to ensure that its operations have a positive impact on the community, the environment as well as the local economy, as the strength and health of the Kunene eco system shall ensure sustainability and progress for all stakeholders.







*Otuani's very own Tjavene Virere*

**T**javene Virere received funding through the former regional Councillor of Opuwo Rural Constituency, Hon. Cllr. Kazeongere Tjeundo to study medicine in Ukraine in 2013. Dr. Virere has successfully completed his Degree in Medicine and is currently doing his practice at the Opuwo District Hospital under the COVID-19 Volunteering Division.

Dr. Virere was very fortunate to have benefited from Councillors Donation Programme which aimed to occasionally assist disadvantaged students with funding so as to further their study and become successful students. Dr. Virere is ploughing back to the society of Kunene.

**Fun Fact about myself:** I am highly perceptive and have razor-sharp intuitions. I love learning new things and embrace my inner nerd. I am a health nut.

**Things I am most thankful about:** I am most thankful for my parents. I am mostly thankful to my mother for the love she has shown me. I am thankful to Ms Julia Shafuda, Ndeshi Nghipondoka, Gerson Kamatuka and Eveline Gaseb your support for their support and being there for me during my studies, they are forever in my heart.

## 1. Give us a brief background about yourself?

I was born in Opuwo and grew up at Otuani village. I come from a very poor society and schooled a very low performing school but rose against all odds.

## 2. How did you go about acquiring the study funds from the Opuwo Rural Constituency Office?

With a doubtful mind that I will not get assistance for my study, I built up the courage and with a positive mindset I wrote a letter to Hon. Tjeundo requesting for assistance, to my surprise, it worked in my favour and I received some funding from the Opuwo Constituency office.

## 3. How did this funding assist you during your studies?

The funding was not enough to cater for my whole studies but it assisted with basic necessities such as food for about 8 months, however the assistance from the constituency office help a lot. My wish is for the Constituency office to consider supporting students in full.

## 4. What was the hardest part in the journey towards completing your studies?

The constant need for food, transport, school materials like books and internet, this affected my performance tremendously.

## 5. How do you plan on ploughing back to your region especially Opuwo Rural Constituency?

I would like to motivate younger generations that are in school especially in rural areas to work hard. I would also like to see how I can invest in the education system in Opuwo and help patients at the hospital.

## 6. Advise to the girl child/boy child especially from rural areas of Kunene on not giving up on their dreams because of limited resources.

- There is no better or dust free life Education, so invest in your education
- You don't need money to study, but rather that you need to study so as you can have money
- Think different, be different, and try to explore new ideas without bringing your old ideas along on board.
- Learn how to learn, be curious about everything.
- Be a person of quality and invest in self-growth
- Know what you want and go for it while you are still young.



## Crocodile Farming in Outjo

**P**oortjie Farming that started about 6 years ago with its operations in Otjiwarango has recently opened up a crocodile in Outjo. The farm is about 5 KMs out of Outjo and is set to open up a restaurant which is currently under construction and nearly completed.

While crocodile meat is not very famous to the locals, it is sought for and is a delicacy to tourists passing through to different tourists' attractions in the region.

Victor Smith the manager said the farm currently has over 900 crocodiles big and small that are feed chicken, fish and meat. The farm has created employment for Six (6) locals that clean and feed the crocodiles.

Smith assures that the local employees are safe as at yet no incidents have been reported at the farm. Crocodiles do not attack people unless they are not well feed and at Poortjie Farm the crocodiles are regularly feed.

The farm will not only provide crocodile to the restaurant but will act as a growth point for the town and whole region.



*Two (20 female employees at Poortjie Farm employed to clean and feed the crocodiles.*



# KHORIXAS TOWN COUNCIL

**OUR TOWN OUR PRIDE**

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



Khorixas Town Council has 1000 fully serviced erven demarcated in its Informal Settlement, we are gradually formalizing the Informal Settlement and the ultimate goal is to fully transform our Informal Settlement through the Kunene Regional Informal Settlement Land and Housing Implementation Project.

The Town Council is aggressively creating an enabling environment for investment opportunities and tirelessly forming mutually beneficial relationships to foster developmentally progressive outputs.

Khorixas Strategic Plan 2019-2023 is a collective expression of the shared vision, commitment and desires of the Khorixas stakeholders to work towards. The strategic planning process has been conducted under the Theme ***"Taking a stand together to reclaim our pride-shaping the future"***

Efforts made in attainment of Strategic Plan Objectives:

1. Construction and upgrading (cleaning and rehabilitation) of sewer reticulation in Khorixas.
2. Construction of services (gravel roads) in extension 11 (Informal Settlement) Khorixas.
3. Construction of roads in Extension 7.
4. Allocation of 230 Residential erven in 2020.
5. Pathing mechanisms to enter into Public Private Partnership for developmental purposes
6. Allocation of large portions of land for the construction of Khorixas Vocational Training Centre, Construction of a state-of-the-Art Lodge, construction of a Medical Centre, Construction of the mall and service station.
7. Employment of 42 temporary employees in 2020.
8. Teamwork seminars in order to encourage aligned goals between employees and the organization
9. Construction of services and infrastructure in Khorixas Informal Settlement
  - Prepaid Water Meters in Informal Settlement (280)
  - Cadastral survey processes (Extension 11 & 12)
  - Construction of Roads in informal settlement Extension 11
  - Demarcation of erven

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- Accountants
- Cashiers
- Natis





# ADVERTISING

## KUNENE COMMUNITY RADIO 94.3 FM "Empowering Indigenous Voices"

### RATE CARD 2020/2021

#### SMES AND INDIVIDUAL RATES

##### FIXED PRIME-TIME PLAY [SMEs and Individuals]

Type	# of Plays	Duration	Cost
Prime-Time 30" Daily Ad	4 Times	1 Day	N\$ 250.00

Indicate Date Range Required [e.g. 15 July – 20 July 2021]

##### BUSINESS ACTIVATION [SMEs and Individuals]

Type	# of Plays	Duration	Cost
SMEs, FBOs, NGOs, Groups	1 Time	1 Day	N\$ 850.00

Indicate Date Range Required [e.g. 15 July – 20 July 2021]

##### SMART MARKETING PACKAGES

Type	# of Plays	Duration	Cost
SMEs/NGOs Smart Package (1hour min live interview, 30 radio advert plays, 1x live interviews, production of event jingles/advert)	30 Times [Random Placement]	1 Month	N\$ 1,500.00
Live Reads (Corporate/MSMEs)	25 times [Random Placement]	1 Week	N\$ 750.00

Indicate Date Range Required [e.g. 15 July – 20 July 2021]

##### LIVE READS AND INTERVIEWS

Type	# of Plays	Duration	Cost
30" Call-ins/MSMEs PSA [Individual Community Members]	1 Time [Random Placement]	1 Day	Free
30" Sales Live-Read [Individuals and MSMEs]	3 Times [Random Placement]	1 Day	N\$ 150.00
Interview #1: Youth, Arts, Culture, Music	1 Time [Selected Prog]	15 mins	N\$ 135.00
Interview #2: NGO's/FBO's	1 Time [Selected Prog]	15 mins	N\$ 250.00

##### PAID SLOTS

Type	# of Plays	Duration	Cost
Individuals	1 Time	15 Mins	N\$ 500.00
MSMEs, FBO, NGOs	1 Time	30 Mins	N\$ 1,000.00

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. All ads must be in MP3 audio format, 30"-40" in length.
2. Bookings for advertisement must be done 5 days in advance and material must be submitted for play at least 3 days in advance.
3. Cancellations are only acceptance with 10% admin fee and only if done 48hours before booked day.

Now Advert? Let's produce one for you.

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## Opuwo Town Council opens a Town Market for local businesses.

**O**puwo Town Council has this year opened its doors to its town market for small to medium enterprises and Kapana trading in Opuwo. The main purpose of the town market is to support businesses, to retain and create a more conducive hygienic environment where local businesses can properly operate.

The first phase of the town market is equipped with 44 business units, electricity, water and ablution facilities and is estimated at the value of N\$ 4,5 000,000.00 to accommodate 300 vendors when completed.

The open market is still under construction, with the plan of adding additional trading units to be constructed and completed in the next financial.

The Town Council has further identified the need for more business markets and earmarked Katutura and Otuzemba of where an open market phase 1 worth N\$ 900 000.00 will be constructed with the next 5 years of planning.

Open markets infrastructures are deemed necessary as they will go a long way to support local informal businesses and boost the local economy.







The Opuwo Town Council team has progressively been working tirelessly to nourish the economic viability of the town. Opuwo Town Council is poised to set the stage for the rest of the developmental activities of the region.

The town council enjoys a collegial and jovial working relationship with the Governor of the region and the Kunene Regional Council, this harmonious relationship is pivotal to synchronize the developmental activities of the town and the close adjacent settlements within the town's jurisdiction. Such a relationship not only gives impetus to growth of the town and the region, but it also serves as a catalyst for change.

#### MANDATE:

To provide services to the customers of Opuwo Town Council as per the provision of the local Authority Act No 23 of 1992, section 30/amended Local Authority Act of 2000 and other enabling legislation.

#### VISION:

To be efficient, effective, transparent and most liveable town in service delivery.

#### MISSION:

Opuwo Town Council will employ/utilize the latest techniques and know how to upgrade its tangibles and intangible resources that will enable the Town Council to reach its highest apex possible that will perfect/enhance service delivery.

#### CORE VALUES

<b>Timely</b>	Staff members are committed to make sure that Services are provided in a timeous manner to the residents of the Town of Opuwo. Coupled with that Opuwo Town Council should provide billing information on time to customers, to enable them to defray cost associated with services provided to them.
<b>Efficiency</b>	Opuwo Town Council staff members are expected to exhibit the highest degree of efficiency in the execution of their duties.
<b>Effectiveness</b>	The Opuwo Town Council ensures that services to the end users are provided in the most effective, and sustainable manner.
<b>Accountability</b>	as a public entity. All its staff members are accountable to the people that we serve, whilst at the same time remain accountable to our actions as it pertains to the provision of services.
<b>Accessibility</b>	The Councillors / Staff members of Opuwo Town Council are at the forefront of galvanizing the town to greater prosperity. Therefore, we remain accessible to our clientele base at all-time and exhibit an open door policy.





***His Excellency the Vice-President Dr Nangolo Mbumba during his working visit at the Opuwo District Hospital.***



**The Director-General of National Planning Commission Hon. Obeth Kandoze accompanied by the Director of Education Mrs Angeline Jantze, Director of Planning Mr Emmanuel Nafele and colleagues during the inspection of school Infrastructure under the COVID-19 pandemic at Kamanjab Combined School**



***The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), Hon. Anna Shiweda cuts ribbon to officiate the handover of boreholes donated by Road Administrative (REA) and Road Authority (RA) in the Okauwa village in the Opuwo Rural Constituency.***



***Kunene Regional Leadership conducted a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) on all its projects in February 2020.***



***Kunene Leadership and Stakeholders visit to Northern Namibia Development Company (Pty) Ltd (NNDC) during Kunene River Mouth Joint Operation***



***Hon. Marius Sheya (Governor of Kunene) donating food, blankets, face masks and seeds to pupils at Otjunugua Primary School***



***Opuwo District Hospital Outreach Programme administering healthcare to community members at the Otjavaya village in the Epupa Constituency during the Kunene River Mouth Operation.***

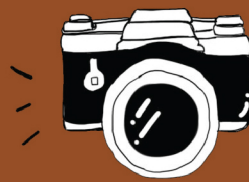


***Regain Trust and the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) engagement with stakeholders about the Gender Base Violence Referral Pathway in Opuwo.***



***Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Hon, Emma Theofelus's work and familiarization visit at MICT Kunene Regional Office***





**The Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Services Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas and Hon. Marius Sheya at the launch of the Horticulture initiative in Khorixas**



**The Kunene Regional Council officially handed over the "Khorixas Cultural Heritage and Interpretative Centre to Khorixas Town Council for administration.**



**Medical graduates assigned to the region to assist the hospitals against the fight of COVID-19 during their courtesy call at the Governor's Office.**



**The Kunene Leadership with the COVID-19 Nampol Task force deployed in the region to monitor the spread of COVID-19 during Kunene River Mouth Joint Operation.**



**Kunene Leadership launching the Sesfontein Constituency Annual Cup 2020, at the Kunene Regional Council Head Office**



**Invited guests at the Kunene State of the Region Address (SORA) 2020 Ms. Venessa Shinuna and Ms Salmi Mvula**



**Invited guests at the Kunene State of the Region Address (SORA) 2020, in the front row; from left: Hon. Jenny Matundu (Deputy Minister of International Relations and cooperation), Hon. Veikko Nekundi (Deputy Minister of Works and Transport) and Hon. Emma Theofelus (Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology)**



**The Patty's Heart Organization during their "Mask Up Campaign" donating masks to community members in the region.**



**Kunene Regional Council Staff Members during a team building activity in Opuwo**



**MTC Namibia Classroom handover ceremony at Okondaune Primary School. (From Left): Mrs. Angeline Jantze (Regional Director of Education), Dr Licky Erastus (Chief Executive Officer of MTC), Hon. Anna Nghipondoka (Minister of Education) and Hon. Marius Sheya (Governor of Kunene)**



**5th Regional Council (Regional Councillors)'s appreciation event on the 20th November 2020. From Left: Hon. U. Kakuva (Opuwo Rural), Hon. J. Kaujova (Sesfontein), Hon. E. Tjaritje Esiungue (Kamanjab), Hon. E. Xoagub (Khorixas), Hon. W. Mupya (Opuwo Urban) and Hon. N. Muharukua (Epupa)**



**One of the Inauguration of water infrastructure in response to Human Wildlife Conflict in Kunene region by GIZ Namibia.**



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