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EDITORIAL



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The month of February has been a productive month all together. The Kunene Regional Council had a monitoring and evaluation trip of projects, where selected staff members, the Councillors as well as the Governor visited all 7 constituencies.

The tour sought to evaluate the progress of ongoing projects and in so doing noting down of all constraints for their completion.

This month the Sesfontein Councillor handed over gardening material to about 13 beneficiaries to the value of N\$ 188 773.78, whereas the Councillor of Opuwo Urban has initiated a Medi Box Health facility in Katutura.

On the other hand, the Kamanjab Constituency handed over food parcels to temporary employed individuals who were responsible for the construction of an

Auction Crawl for the Kainasteb community. Our Councillors are hard at work to bring development to the people of Kunene.

In this month's edition we celebrate 71 learners from the region who were successful for the Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) Special Traineeship Programme. This news is the first of its kind and we look forward to youth empowerment and development upon completion of the programme.

While we are grateful for all the progress within this month, we are sad to announce the resignation of the Acting Regional Council Mr Kisco Sinvula. The Kunene Regional Council wishes him nothing but the best of luck in his future endeavors and in

his new appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality of Grootfontein.

KRC will forever value his contribution towards the growth and development of the region. His leadership skills has not only carried the Regional Council to the position it is today but it will live on in each and every one at the regional council, for his character and courtesy was exceptional. The KRC Family will miss him.

With all the above said the KRC Family is also delighted to welcome Mrs Emilia Alweendo as the newly appointed Acting Chief Regional Officer of Kunene Regional Council. We look forward to her wisdom and leadership at KRC.

Happy Reading!

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KUNENE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONDUCTS A MONITORING AND EVALUATION TRIP ON ALL ITS PROJECTS

The Regional Council conducted a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tour on ongoing projects from the 10-18 February 2020 within all 7 constituencies within the region.

Accompanying the delegation was the Governor Hon. Marius Sheya, the Chairperson of Kunene Regional Council Hon. Julius Kaujova and Councillors from different constituencies.



The purpose of the trip was to assess the progress and constraints of all ongoing projects so as to find possible solutions for their completion. The Regional Council has dedicated itself to being the fastest developing region by 2022, and in so doing there are about 50 projects throughout the 7 constituencies under evaluation.

The ongoing projects are a combination of small capital projects of the regional council as well as project initiatives towards drought relief such as the installation and implementations of boreholes for communities in need of water, Green Scheme Projects, Build Together Housing Scheme, Sewage and Water Reticulation, San Youth Gardening Project, Renovation of Schools throughout the region, Construction of Maternity Homes, Water Supply

Solars, etc.,

The need for additional classrooms, ablution facilities as well as hostel accommodation topped the list. The delegation visited a lot of school construction sites such as that of Mureti High School where ablution facilities for learners were near completion, Okapembumbu School and Road in the Opuwo Urban Constituency, additional classrooms built at Maarsen Primary school as well as Etoshapoort Junior Secondary School that received 5 classrooms meant to be used as laboratory and computer class for learners, in Outjo.

In addition to that, the issue of drought and the need for water for both human and cattle continue to be an issue of which the leadership of Kunene is tackling with the drilling,

rehabilitation and installations of boreholes within the whole region. The Kunene Regional Council under the drought relief project aims to drill, rehabilitate and install about 27 boreholes within the region. All projects are reported to be at a satisfactory stage towards completion.

The Kunene region is a region of a marginalized population, which is behind with development hence all these projects are vital to the cause.

The Kunene region only hopes that the Government will prioritize the region as one of the neediest in terms of finances for development and encourages donations from stakeholders for the upliftment of the Kunene people.



GARDENING PROJECTS, A TOOL FOR POVERTY ERADICATION AND SELF-SUSTAINABILITY IN SESFONTEIN



People from the community of Anker, Omuramba, Warmquelle, Okatambi, Ongongo, Otjindakui and Otjikondavirongo received Gardening Appliances on the 3rd of February 2020 in the Sesfontein Constituency.

The material valued at N\$ 188 773.78 was handed over to the community by the Councillor Hon. Julius Koujova. The selected beneficiary awarded, had previously applied for assistance from the constituency office for their gardening initiative.

The gardening projects are initiatives that allow the community to be self-sufficient,

and there as a tool to fighting poverty within different households. The beneficiaries can now put in work to feed their families as well as earn an income from selling their harvest to other people within the community.

The items handed over were 5000ltr water tanks, 50mm water pipes, 50mm pipe connectors, hand digging forks, spades, rakes, wheelbarrows, 50kg wire and assorted seeds in 500g (such as potatoes, jam squash, watermelon, cabbage, tomatoes, onions, spinach, carrots, butternuts, etc.).

Godfrey Shinonge the Control Administrative Officer expressed his joy in

the number of applications received at the office as a sign of willingness from the community to work towards eradicating poverty in the community.

One can only hope and pray that the gardens will be fruitful, to harvest food to feed the community of Sesfontein.



OPUWO PLANS FOR A WORLD CLASS HEALTH CARE FACILITY



The Opuwo Urban Councillor, Hon. Weich Mupya and his team have welcomed plans of a Medi Box health solution for the community, in partnership with a company from Germany that will later be revealed upon the launch of the construction of the facility.

The Medi Box is an innovative approach to a comprehensive health care system in developing countries, where Opuwo will be the first town to benefit in Namibia. The initiative was brought to the attention of the Councillor by Ms Roswitha Born a tourist who saw the acute need for health facilities in Opuwo and the whole region at large.

The Kunene leadership has resolved to support the plans to construct the Medi Box health facility in Katutura suburb and

welcomes the construction as one of the greatest initiatives in Kunene, which will benefit the region immensely.

It is evident that the Kunene Region is in great need of such a facility, because despite the region having three district hospitals in Opuwo, Outjo and Khorixas, there are still difficulties experienced as majority of its patients are transferred to Oshakati or Windhoek to seek medical attention. This comes as a lack of modern, high quality and standardized machinery at the three hospitals.

The Medi Box health facility will be equipped with world class medical machinery to treat different illnesses and diseases alike. The hospital will have laboratory units for diagnostic purposes, surgery, cardiology,

gastroenterology, otolaryngology, ophthalmology and orthopedics facilities.

It is said that the German company will fund the whole operation of constructing the health center, and medical machinery needed, whereas the Water and Sewage system will be in the hands of the beneficiary. The operation is expected to take about 1-2 years to complete from the day of commencement.

Therefore, Opuwo Urban Constituency under the Kunene Regional Council seeks approval from its line ministry for the implementation of this project as well as the assistance of all stakeholders to spearhead the project to realization.

FOOD FOR WORK INITIATIVE IN KAMANJAB CONSTITUENCY BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY



The Kamanjab Constituency Office recently handed over food parcels to 30 beneficiaries who were temporary employed to construct an Auction Crawl for the Kainasteb community.

The official ceremony took place on the 14 February 2020, were the Village Deputy Chairperson of Kamanjab Hon. Ricardo Mbahee and the Councillor of Outjo Hon. Johannes Antsino assisted with the hand over in the absence of the Councillor of Kamanjab, Hon. Angenesia Tjaritje – Ensingue.

The aim of the Auction Crawl constructed, is to host small auctions within the community to sell their

farming products such as cattle, fruits & vegetables and poultry products. It's a way of creating a market for farmers in the Kainasteb community and neighboring areas.

The "Food for Work" initiative is a programme that is aimed to create short term employment opportunities for the disadvantaged or unskilled individuals and a way of maintaining and building new infrastructure within the communities.

Herein projects within communities are identified, material are allocated and the labourers are appointed for a specific period and thereafter compensated with

either food or cash with accordance to the contract in place.

Hon. Tjaritje- Ensingue strives to bring as much development to the communities in her constituency while contributing to the growth of the region.



KUNENE REGIONAL COUNCIL ASSISTS LEARNERS TOWARDS THE ENROLLMENT OF NIMT SPECIAL TRAINEESHIP PROGRAMME



On the 24 February 2020 the Office the Governor of Kunene Region had an official send-off ceremony in Outjo for the 71 learners who have been successful for the Special Traineeship Programme Intake at Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT). They are scheduled to start classes in March 2020.

Through the Office of the Governor, early school leaving learners were encouraged to apply for the Special Training Programmes in Arandis, Tsumeb and Keetmanshoop NIMT Campuses. The courses open to learners are technical programmes such as Diesel/Petrol Mechanics, Welding, Fitting, Plumbing, Sheet Metal Work, Carpentry/Joinery, Bricklaying and

Clothing Production.

The Kunene Regional Council have resolved in rendering assistance in transporting the learners to their distinct campuses as well as pay registration fees for some of the learners who are not able to afford.

The 71 learners have all been transported to their different campuses, where they await admission and for classes to commence.

Hon. Marius Sheya has expressed his excitement for the high interest from the youth in their willingness to apply for this opportunity. The high number of successful candidates is the first of its

kind for the region and it is set to plough back into the communities.

The learners will get a change to gain skills and expertise for the embitterment of life as well as to foster their skills back into their respective communities towards the development of different business industries and careers. This initiate also serves the purpose of taking the youth off the streets and building a better tomorrow.



Q&A

WITH NEWLY APPOINTED ACTING REGIONAL OFFICER OF KUNENE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Q Name a person who has a tremendous impact on you as a leader?

A My Mother, a woman of substance who has taught me how to remain humble, strong and most of all God Fearing.

Q What is one characteristic that you believe every leader should possess?

A Resilience. This in simple words is the capacity to recover from, or quickly adjust to difficulties. Having strength to endure challenges, which allows one to adapt to changes happening around the workplace so as one can be resourceful towards daily personal objectives and the overall goals of the Regional Council.

With resilience, one is able to withstand all the obstacles and difficulties and persevere past them and succeed.

Resilience is not only needed by leaders, but by all employees so as to develop a tough skin for any challenges faced at the workplace.

Q Tell us about accomplishment that shaped your career?

A Without necessarily having to pin point them, all my accomplishments big or small have contributed to shaping my career.

The courage and will to accept every challenge and opportunity presented as well as the strength to see it through is what builds a person.

To be self-driven, and appreciative of any accomplishments even without merit, the self-satisfaction is what motivates me.

However, with all the above said all is not possible without the grace of the Almighty. His mercy and blessings are what shaped my career.

Q What are the greatest challenges the Kunene Region faces?

A The Kunene Region continues to be behind with development, because of cultural difficulties. The mindset to accept certain changes to the environment interferes with the developmental plan of the region.

However, with coordination and collaboration with traditional leaders in preserving both the rich of our people and interlinking it to the development needed within the communities, to be the first step for investment and tourist attraction.

Q What are you most proud of at the Kunene Regional Council?

A The cultural diversity of the employees integrated into the values of the Regional Council.

The commitment to provide quality services to the community at large.

The teamwork from all divisions within the Regional Council towards one mission in fast tracking development through integrated planning and good governance for investment attraction to the region.

Q What do you hope to accomplish in the next 5 years?

A To continue with the implementation of the Regional Council Developmental Plan and strategy towards its vision to becoming one of the fastest developing regions in by 2022.



NEW APPOINTMENTS



Ms. Litetukeni Shilongo

Chief Internal Auditor

Skills: Auditing, Strategic Management, Corporate Governance and Financial Management

Sports (which sport and favorite team): Soccer and my favorite teams are Liverpool and Barcelona.

Fun Fact about you?

- » Want to read anything that comes my way
- » I spend about 4 (four) trying to figure out what to wear tomorrow.

What are you most thankful for in life?

For being able to enroll for my PHD, something that I have been dreaming about and it has finally come to pass. God I am grateful.

What do you like most about Opuwo?

Being able to get to work within 5 minutes.



Ms. Hertha Haitembu

Internal Auditor

Position: Internal Auditor

Skills: Analytical and adaptability skills

Sports (which sport and favorite team): None

Fun Fact about you? As confident as I am, I can equally be shy too.

What are you most thankful for in life? Being blessed with an understanding and supportive family.

What do you like most about Opuwo? Its diversity

“A new addition to the KRC Family. We are glad to have them in the Great Kunene and may their career goals grow with KRC.”

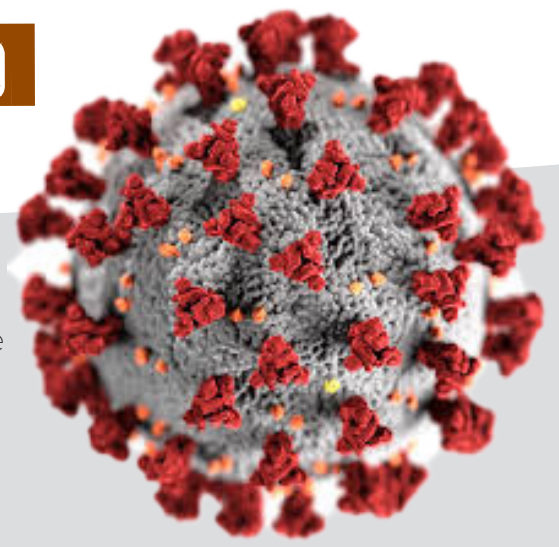
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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Pandemic



WHAT IS CORONAVIRUSES?

The Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases and can infect both animals and humans, but most humans as seen worldwide.

MODE OF TRANSMISSION

Most Coronaviruses spread the same way as common cold through:

- » *Infected people coughing and sneezing;*
- » *Touching an infected person's hands or face;*
- » *Touching things such as doorknobs that an infected person/people have touched*

SIGN AND SYMPTOMS

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms such as:

- » *Fever which is \geq (more than 38 °C*
- » *Cough*
- » *Shortness of breath*
- » *Difficulty breathing*
- » *Fatigue*

METHODS OF PREVENTION

- » *Regular hand washing with soap and running water or alcohol based had rub Always cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow, (NOT WITH YOUR HANDS)*
- » *Thoroughly cook meat, poultry, seafood and eggs*
- » *Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing*
- » *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.*

REFERENCE OF INFORMATION:

- » *Ministry of Health and Social Services in Namibia*
- » *<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>*



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