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MID-TERM REVIEW REPORT

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The Khomas Regional Council held its Mid-Term Review and Reporting Workshop from 04 to 08 October 2021, for the purpose of assessing and reviewing the execution of projects and activities that the Regional Council had planned to implement from April 2021 to September 2021. The mid-term review workshop is conducted annually and serves as an essential element for monitoring and evaluation so as to improve institutional performance and provide effective and efficient service delivery, in order to improve the living standards of the residents.

The workshop brought together 50 participants including the regional governor, regional councillors, senior management and control administrative officers.

The 5 day programme included presentations of review reports from the various divisions respectively, amongst others, Rural Services, Regional Planning, Education, Arts and Culture, Health, Child Welfare, Community Empowerment and Gender Equality. Detailed reports on the implementation progress of projects and activities were presented as highlighted below:

Rural Sanitation

The Regional Council supports various projects and programmes within the Windhoek Rural Constituency. The Regional Council has various programmes such as Rural Sanitation; Regional Specific Action Plan/Food security; Cash/Food for Work Programme; Micro Finance; Rural Employment Scheme; One Region One Initiative; and Support to Poor Farmers. Rural development programmes are tailored to benefit the most vulnerable communities, unemployed youths, SMEs, elderly and previously disadvantaged groups. The projects and programmes aim to improve rural sanitation, create employment, promote sustainable use of natural resources, promote entrepreneurship development in rural areas and reduce poverty.

During the period under review, through its rural sanitation programme, the Regional Council constructed and completed a total number of 84 dry toilets in the localities of Windhoek Rural Constituency, at a total value of N\$ 1, 2 million. To exemplify, nine (9) toilets were constructed in Hamis, forty-three (43) toilets were constructed at Dordabis, twenty-four (24) toilets were constructed at Hatsamas and eight (8) toilets were constructed at Opdam. A total number of 456 community members benefited from this project. Equally so, the project created temporary employment for 37 inhabitants of the Windhoek Rural Constituency.

The construction of 74 portable toilets at a total value of N\$1, 3 million is set to commence in the current quarter. The toilets will be constructed in the communities of Dordabis (10), Stink Water (38), Hondingaan (5), Bloukrans (10) and Nieb (11).

Green Scheme Project

The Regional Council, through its Regional Specific Action Plan/Food security programme, also embarked on supporting a green scheme project in Kransneus in Windhoek Rural Constituency. The support includes the purchasing of materials to construct the Green House Scheme and installing of solar pumps and solar panels at a total cost of N\$ 76 000.

The project will specialise in irrigation farming, with the primary crops being maize and wheat, potatoes, fruits and vegetables. Overall, the project aims to contribute to the Government's agricultural sector goal, which is to increase the contribution of agriculture to the GDP of the country, through the implementation of the Government's Green Scheme Policy by developing irrigation-based agronomic production.

The Project is estimated to benefit 200 unemployed youth and previously disadvantaged groups from the community and surrounding farms, in different capacities.

Water Infrastructure

The Regional Council has also been instrumental in drilling boreholes and installing water infrastructure for its residents who are located in farms or localities of Windhoek Rural Constituency, as part of its efforts to provide basic services to its residents.

A total budget of N\$ 1.7 Million was allocated for water provision in Windhoek Rural Constituency-Phase 3. A thorough assessment was conducted to prioritize the neediest areas in the various localities respectively. Subsequently, boreholes were drilled and installed at Satanslought (Diep Rivier), Audabib, Kransneus, Hatsamas Post A and Hond-ingaan. In addition, installation was also carried out at an existing borehole at Hatsamas Post B.

Preparations for Phase 4 of the water provision project in the same Constituency are underway. A total budget of 1.8 million was allocated for this Phase. Likewise, Phase 4 will provide water infrastructure to prioritise under-served communities such as Hamis, Opdam and Satanslought, which currently survive on 20 litres per day per household. Meanwhile, other communities are still being assessed.

Education

The Regional Council continues to strive for improvement in terms of access to education, quality of education, and efficiency and effectiveness in education.

In terms of infrastructure and maintenance development,

a total of 49 classrooms were constructed at various schools respectively, namely Monte Christo Primary School (12), Mountview High School (12), Michelle McLean Primary School (4), Pioneers Park Primary School (2), Gammams Primary School (2), MH Greeff Primary School (5), and Bet – El Primary School (12), at a total value of N\$ 14 910 798.52. Each classroom holds a seating capacity of 35 learners, hence creating additional space for 1680 learners.

Likewise, a total of 8 pre – primary classrooms were constructed at Gammams Primary School, M.H Greeff Primary School, Orban Primary School and Pioneers Park Primary School at total value of N\$ 1 860, 000.00

In addition, constructions of ablution facilities is underway at Groot Aub Primary School, Groot Aub Junior Secondary School, Mix Settlement Primary School, Mount View High School, Green Leaves Primary School, Namibia Primary School, Goreangab JSS, Bethold Himumuine Primary School, Theo Katjimine Primary School, Augeikhas Primary School, Bloukrans Primary School, Monte Christo Primary School, Gammams Primary School, MH Greeff PS, Pioneers Park Primary School, Olof Palme Primary School, Faith Primary School, Moses Garoeb Primary School, Martti Ahtisaari Primary School, and Elim Primary School at a total value of N\$ 10 325 200.00

Other projects that were embarked on are such as the completed library & laboratory at Rocky Crest High School and Goreangab Junior Senior School, on-going construction of an administration block at Green Leaves Primary School, ongoing construction of a library and laboratory at Acacia High School, ongoing construction of hostel facilities at Groot Aub Junior Secondary School and completed borehole drilled at Bloukrans Primary School. The total cost for these projects is N\$ 8 460 788.87.

In terms of renovations, ablution facilities at Mandume Primary School and Bloukrans Primary School were renovated. Hostel blocks were also renovated at Eros Girls' School, Augustineus Secondary School, Concordia College, and Ella Du Plessis Secondary School with the second phase of renovations at Ella Du Plessis SS currently in progress. All renovations are valued at N\$ 60 399 778.69.

Furthermore, there are two ongoing capital construction projects at Havana Project Secondary School, and Dr. Abraham Iyambo Primary School at a total value of N\$ 99 382 540.10.

During the period under review, an Amphitheatre at Havana Project School was completed, whereas the soup kitchen, ablution block, and classroom blocks B and C are almost completed. The project is expected to construct a total of 32 classrooms with a seating capacity of 35 which will benefit 1120 learners by September 2022.

At Dr Abraham Iyambo PS, the bulk earth work, installation of water pipes, underground cabling of electrical services and transformer have been completed, while the building works are expected to commence during the current quarter.

Regarding the Namibia School Feeding Programme in the Region, during the period under review, a total of 16 402 learners out of 66 569 learners benefitted from the programme. The Feeding Programme targets learners from pre –primary up to Grade 7.

Child Welfare

The Regional Council has been hands-on in order to ensure gender equality and the attainment of girls and women empowerment, and reduction cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and violence against children.

During the period under review, the Regional Council rendered integrated services to victims of GBV from the Gender Based Violence Protection Unit at Katutura State Hospital, in order to achieve a reduction in GBV cases and victims. Moreover, the Regional Council recorded an increase in both child and adult victims, with male engagement also being identified as an area of concern.

To highlight, 250 children and 253 adult victims were provided with integrated services on GBV, Trafficking-in-Person (TIP) and Violence against Children (VAC). These integrated services included counselling, placement of children in need of protective services in places of safety, placement of survivors of gender based violence in safe shelters and ensuring medical interventions.

In terms of services provided to children in conflict of the law, 56 children were screened and 2 police cell visits were conducted. These are children under the age of 18 who are alleged or found to have committed minor offences or crimes.

With regards to alternative care services rendered, 2 prospective adoptive parents were registered and 3 children were adopted. In addition, 2 Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCFs) were visited for supervision and monitoring the progress, and 5 more children were placed in RCCF's as per court orders.

Regarding the provision of children status service, 10 children were recommended and 27 parenting plans were completed for children in access and custody disputes.

In terms of psychosocial support services provided to children, overall, 735 children were reached through various interventions. These are children who were raped, those who

needed protective services, those who were in conflict of the law, those who were in need of counselling or those who were in custody disputes.

Health

The Directorate of Health and Social Services in Khomas Region remains steadfast in its quest to provide quality health care and social services to the people.

The Region provides health care services to approximately 496 546 (without health insurance) through its health care facilities respectively. The region has two (2) public Hospitals, namely Intermediate Hospital Katutura and Windhoek Central Hospital. There are two (2) Health Centres, namely Khomasdal Health Centre and Katutura Health Centre. The Region also has ten (10) Clinics, namely, Okuryangava, Wanaheda, Hakahana, Otjomuise, Robert Mugabe, Maxwiliili, Donkerhoek, Baumgartsbrunn, Groot-Aub and Dordabis.

In terms of the human resource capacity, the Region has 231 nurses, 52 doctors, 95 administrative staff and over 400 temporary health care workers recruited for COVID-19.

To highlight some of its achievement from April to September 2021:

- In its quest to reduce the incidence and prevalence of communicable diseases, a roll-out of the Multi-Month Dispensing of ARV's to alleviate congestion at facilities was implanted at 68%;
- As an HIV prevention measure, a total number of 430 males, aged 15-49 years were circumcised;
- In terms of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) [babies testing HIV negative], the rate of re-testing expecting mothers at 36 weeks was at 98%;
- Regarding conducting port health inspections, the rate of screening travellers against diseases of International concern such as COVID-19 etc. at Hosea Kutako International and Eros Airport was at 100%.

As far as the regional response to Covid-19 is concerned the Region:

- Created 2 additional COVID-19 testing centers at the National Health Training Center (NHTC) and Katutura Community Hall, in addition to Robert Mugabe Clinic;
- Acquired 1 field hospital through private sector partnership with a capacity of 70 beds - with oxygen points;
- Created a 46 Bed facility at the Old Namibia Institute of Pathology (NIP) building at Katutura Hospital;
- Created a 74 Bed capacity (Respiratory Unit) at Katutura Intermediate Hospital;
- Recruited an additional 300 healthcare workers as an emergency response;
- Increased the total hospital bed admission capacity from 7 to 313;
- Improved COVID-19 Mortuary capacity from 10 to 274 capacities.

In terms of its mass vaccination programme, the Region targets to vaccinate a total of 286 641 people by March 2022. By 28 October 2021, a total of 83 195 had received their first doses and a total of 54 841 received their second doses. The daily vaccination rate is 340-3000 people. Moreover, the Region has increased its vaccination sites from 4 to 44. Two (2) mobile teams have also been established.

Furthermore, the Region currently administers four types of vaccination, namely, Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Johnson and Johnson, and Pfizer.

In terms of oxygen system, a 20 Ton oxygen tank was installed at Katutura Intermediate Hospital to buffer up the current oxygen system. In addition, a Manifold oxygen system was installed at Robert Mugabe clinic.

Way Forward

In summary, the mid-term review and reporting exercise served as a feedback mechanism, in order to measure and evaluate outcomes and outputs of the interventions of Khomas Regional Council. Essentially, this process enabled the Regional Council to implement corrective measures that will allow the Institution to get back on track in the implementation of its programmes during its remaining quarters of 2021/2022.

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