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Windhoek - Hosea Kutako International Airport

...ADDRESSING HOUSING NEEDS

Khomas Joint Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot Project



Our Mandate

Our mandate is derived from the Namibian Constitution, Chapter 12, Article 103, Section 28; the Regional Councils Act (Act 22 of 1992) and others:

- Governing, Planning, Coordinating and implementing socio-economic development activities;
- Ensuring environmental protection and sustainable natural resource utilization;
- Making recommendations to Minister of Finance in relation to preparation of estimates of expenditure; and
- Advising and/or making suggestions on GRN legislation & policy.

Our Mission

To provide an effective and efficient service delivery, in order to improve living standards of our people, by accelerating regional socio-economic development through inter-sectoral collaboration and community participation.

Our Vision

A well developed, united and prosperous region.

Our Strategic Intent

A leading Region in development, knowledge, peace and poverty eradication

Our Core Values

- Accountability: Being responsible and answerable for every action we take.
- Transparency: Discharging our duties and responsibilities in open, fair and pro-active manner
- Integrity: Discharging our mandate with honesty, dignity and honor, in an uncompromising manner.
- Professionalism: Strict and nonpartisan adherence to our core values and responsibilities, embracing partnership with all stakeholders.
- **Responsiveness:** Being proactive, efficient and effective in addressing the needs and expectations of our people in relation to our mandate.
- **Teamwork:** Working together towards attaining our strategic objectives in a collective and collaborative manner.



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It is my pleasure to present to you The Khomas Voice newsletter. This publication is produced by the Khomas Regional Council as a means of communication and information dissemination on the developmental projects, activities, events, services and programmes.

The production of information materials such as this newsletter is in pursuit of the Regional Council's strategic objective of enhancing operational excellence. The newsletter is a crucial initiative as it highlights important news and updates to make the stakeholders aware of the Regional Council brand, activities, projects and other significant information. It also opens a door for better understanding and knowledge of the role of the Regional Council and the particular services it offers.

The newsletter will be published at the end of each quarter so as to cover projects, activities and events that were undertaken during every quarter.

I hope that as you read this publication, your knowledge and understanding on the operations of Khomas Regional Council will be enhanced.

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warm welcome to our very first issue of the *Khomas Voice* newsletter.

The *Khomas Voice* contains news and updates on the activities and projects and other significant information of Khomas Regional Council.

The newsletter consists of a mixture of writeups. This Issue covers articles, amongst others, on the implementation of the water provision programme, implementation of the rural sanitation programme and addressing housing needs in the Region through the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot Project. This Issue also covers the Dordabis Community Hall that was renovated by the Khomas Regional Council in 2020 as well as the ongoing capital projects of Havana Project School and Abraham Iiyambo Primary School. Moreover, Hon Shaalukeni John Moonde, Chairperson of Khomas Regional Council and Councillor for John Pandeni Constituency is also profiled in this Issue.

As we finally publish Issue 1 of this newsletter, I could not be more excited to finally see the product. The production process was made easier by a collection of inputs and ideas through team work, which is one of the core values of Khomas Regional Council. Therefore as I hold this newsletter, I cannot help but reflect on the magnitude of what we have created.

To the readers, this product is for you. I hope you enjoy the first issue and do let us know if there are any topics you would like to see covered in the future. I welcome your feedback and input in order to make **Khomas Voice** the very best that it can be.

Here's to many more publications!

Happy Reading!

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Interview with Hon. Shaalukeni John Moonde, Chairperson of Khomas Regional Council & Councillor for John Pandeni Constituency

Who is Shaalukeni John Moonde?

Shaalukeni John Moonde is a son of the Namibian soil, born by brave Namibian parents many years ago in Walvis Bay. I grew up in Swakopmund and spent most of my school years there.

I am a straightforward person in my dealings and try to live in perfection. I am an introvert and I get along very well with forward thinking individuals. I love my country very much.

I am also a happily married man.

I hold a B-Tech Degree in Business Administration from Polytechnic of Namibia, now renamed as Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).

How long have you been in the political arena?

First of all, I must say that I lived during the war before independence as a small boy, in the sense that I saw the aftermath of war as well as how people were tortured and harassed by the then South African Minority Apartheid regime. We participated in boycotting schools in resistance against the brutality and segregation system by the minority White government. When I got to high school, I joined Namibia National Students Organisation (NANSO) and got elected in various leadership positions up to the Regional Level. Subsequently, I

joined the SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL). In 1998, I was elected as the Secretary for SPYL Soweto then Secretary for District/Constituency until 2004. In 2004, I was elected to head the SWAPO Soweto District/Constituency, now renamed after the Late Comrade John Pandeni, as a Coordinator until February 2021.

I was a member of the Khomas Region National Youth Council from 2007 - 2010. I was also a Windhoek City Councilor from 2011 – 2015.

That is the period I have spent in politics in various leadership positions, and we are talking of 23 years uninterrupted.

What is your favourite quote?

Having been in leadership, striving for the betterment of the lives of our people, I like the quote by Founding President, H.E Sam Nujoma, that united people striving for the common good of the society will always emerge victorious".

What is the one thing that you did as a 21 year old that your current self is grateful for?

First of all, I must thank God for creating me with these characters and thinking capability. At 21 years, my ambition was very high and lit. I was determined to advance my tertiary education despite the social and economic challenges that I faced then. I however managed to withstand them. I am very grateful for the courage I had because then, there were many temptations.

Looking back did you know that you will be in politics today?

You see, this is a very difficult question because, there are individuals or personalities who force themselves into politics and there are personalities, who, because of their natural being, just find themselves in politics. I think I am of the later. Mind you that I see myself more befitting in the business environment. My qualification is also in business administration. So, no, I did not think I will end up in this role.

Where do you want to see the Regional 6 Council in terms of development in 5 years?

After 5 years, as per the mandate of the Regional Council Act of 1992 as amended, I would want to see that, as a Council under my stewardship, we have delivered services to our inhabitants adequately to our best.

This would be in the area of housing, sanitation, education and good health care through the Decentralization Enabling Act, 2000 (33 of 2000) as it is being implemented.

I would also want to see that we have established many revenue streams for the Council in order to supplement our meager resources that the council receives from the central government so that we are able to implement our programmes effectively in the region

What vision do you have for your respective Constituency?

My vision for my Constituency is for the following to be realized:

- Facilitate internships and apprentice programmes for graduates to acquire practical and specialized skills. I will foster the facilitation of young graduates to be assisted in utilizing their skills and knowledge to their maximum potential;
- Creation of a resource center in the Constituency:
- Create social and psychological programmes;
- Collaborate with other stakeholders to expands safety nets;
- Engage different stakeholders in the creation of market places for improved business environment;
- Sport recreational facilities for the young people;
- Engage law enforcement agencies on the response of gender-based violence cases.

I would also want to see a constituency free from all social ills within our young people, especially in curbing the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

KHOMAS REGIONAL COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS WATER PROVISION PROGRAMME

The Regional Council

allocated a total budget

of N\$1.7 Million for

drilling and installing

boreholes.



Kransneus, Hatsamas Post A and Hondingaan. In addition, installation was also carried out at an existing borehole at Hatsamas Post B.

Other localities that previously benefited from the water provision programme include Stinkwater, Satansslaught Post Boois, Satansslaught Post 3 Eiurab, Satanslaught Post 4, Satanslaught Post 5 Ou Dama, Baumgartzbrun (School) and Farm Nauaspoort No. 162

The installation of boreholes as a means of water provision has been welcomed by the community members with great joy.

Josephine Jooste from Stinkwater, who also serves

as a Secretary to the Stinkwater Community Committee expressed that before the installation of boreholes many households had a shortage of water and would buy water from the neighbours who were fortunate to own private boreholes. She thanked the Regional Council for the

intervention and at the same time encouraged the Council to construct another borehole in the future in order to cater for the growing population of the locality.

he Regional Council has 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.

Through its Phase 3 of water provision, the Regional Council allocated a total budget of **N\$1.7 Million** for drilling and

installing boreholes in Windhoek Rural Constituency. A thorough assessment was conducted to prioritize the neediest areas in the various localities respectively. Subsequently, boreholes were drilled and installed at Satanslaught (Diep Rivier), Audabib,

The community members of Stinkwater at the borehole that was installed by Khomas Regional Council.



KHOMAS REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITS
TO IMPROVING RURAL SANITATION



Community toilets in Dordabis.

he Khomas Regional Council supports various projects and programmes within the Windhoek Rural Constituency. The 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.

Through its rural sanitation programme, the Regional Council constructed and completed a total number of 84 portable 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.



Reverend Lazarus Awaseb from Stinkwater. one of the beneficiaries of the toilets.

Before the construction of community and household toilets, the community had challenges in accessing sanitation and hygiene care. Hence, the provision of rural sanitation was an essential development.

The beneficiaries have received the initiative with gratitude. According to Zelda Bock, who was born and raised in Dordabis, there was a severe need for toilets

for a very long time. She highlighted that growing up; those who could not afford to construct their own toilets had to defecate in the open bushes and fields. The construction of toilets therefore posed a positive story for the community.

Furthermore, Reverend Lazarus Awaseb from Stinkwater who is also a beneficiary expressed joy and encouraged the Regional Council to continue with the initiative so that other households could also benefit.

Khomas Joint Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot Project...addressing housing needs

n an effort to address the housing shortage in the Region, the Khomas Regional Council and other stakeholders saw a handover of a total of 131 houses that were constructed under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot project in Okuryangava, Onyika No.2. This project is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Khomas Regional Council, City of Windhoek and National Housing Enterprise (NHE) which was launched in July 2020 with the aim to construct affordable and decent houses for residents in the informal settlement in order to address the housing provision challenge.



Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua, Governor of Khomas Region delivering Welcoming Remarks during the handover of 131 houses that were constructed under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot Project in Okuryangava, Onyika No.2.

The Khomas Regional Council availed **N\$3.5 million**, the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (MURD) also contributed **N\$81 million**, City of Windhoek **N\$10 million**, and the National Housing Enterprise (NHE) **N\$15 million** towards the project.

The Project targets to construct 1200 affordable brick houses over two years in Windhoek's informal settlement. Consequently, so far a total of 200 houses have been delivered in phase one. Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua, Governor of Khomas Region, in her welcoming remarks at the Handover indicated that the joint initiative was a very broad project which formed part of the official upgrading of the informal settlement and provision of the basic services as per the official declaration of humanitarian crisis in the informal settlements by H. E. Dr. Hage Geingob, the President of the Republic of Namibia.

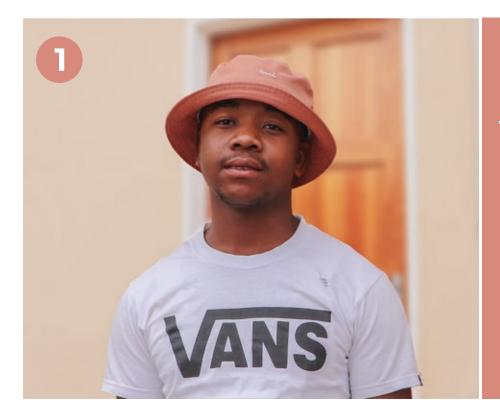


Hon Erastus Uutoni, Minister of Urban and Rural Development cutting the ribbon during the handover of 131 houses that were constructed under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot project in Okuryangava, Onyika No.2.

Hon Erastus Uutoni, Minister of Urban and Rural Development who delivered the keynote address applauded and appreciated the joint collaboration between Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, the Khomas Regional Council, City of Windhoek and National Housing Enterprise (NHE) for having decided to join hands to pilot a low income, ultra-low and ultra-ultra-low income-centric housing initiative called Informal Settlements Upgrading. He further vowed that the Ministry of Urban and Development would continue providing the needed support to the families to acquire shelter, access to affordable land and benefits from infrastructural development especially in the informal settlements.



Khomas Regional Council visited six(6) homes of the beneficiaries of the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot project in the Havana Settlement in Moses //Garoëb Constituency. **A total of 28 houses were constructed in the informal settlement.** The beneficiaries had these to say:



Ruben Geriseb, 19 has lived in a shack with his parents for a s long as he could remember. Today the family lives in a two bedroom house built through the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot project. The family moved into their new home in 2020. Asked about how he feels, Ruben said "I am happy with the development; especially now that we have electricity".



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Mrs Gerhadien Snyders (left), her husband and two children are also some of the beneficiaries. They lived in a shack for 15 years and moved into their new home in June 2021. She expressed joy for the development and urged the project to construct more houses for other people to benefit as well.







Denzyl Booisen (second from right) says his parents lived in a shack for more than 20 years. They moved into their new home in September 2021. He expressed joy for the new development and that he never thought they would ever move to a better shelter.

Maria Jerobeam (left) lived in a shack for 23 years with her father. Although they have not yet moved into their new home as it was recently given to them, she expressed joy at the development. Just like all other beneficiaries, she cited electricity provision as one of the best features of the new house, especially for her school going children who usually require light to study.







Isak Petrus (left) and his family have lived in shack for over 14 years. They moved into their new two bedroom home in December 2020. On behalf of his family, he also expressed gratefulness.



Khomas Regional Council
...ENHANCING ACCESS TO EDUCATION THROUGH
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



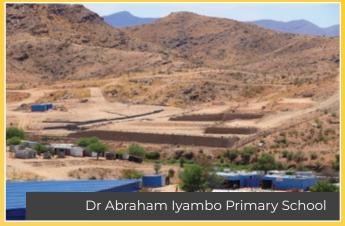
he Khomas Regional Council continues to strive for improvement in terms of access to education, quality of education, and efficiency and effectiveness in education.

The Regional Council is currently undertaking two capital construction projects at Havana Project Secondary School and Dr. Abraham Ivambo Primary School at a total value of N\$99382540.10.

The Havana Project Secondary School is expected to construct a total of 32 classrooms with a seating capacity of 35 whi ch will benefit 1120 learners by September 2022. Thus far, the Amphitheatre at Havana Project School, soup kitchen, ablution block, classroom blocks B and Care completed.

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 soon.









Dordabis Community Hall

...serving the community



he Community Hall in Dordabis which was renovated by the Khomas Regional Council in 2020 through the Cash/Food for Work Programme is making a significant difference in the community through providing shelter for community gatherings and generating income through hiring and rentals. This was expressed by Rosvetha Areie, Chairperson of the Community Hall Committee.

The hall is used as a pay point for pensioners, community meetings and other important community activities. In fact, it is currently being used as a vaccination centre for Covid-19.

With regards to income generation, the hall is hired for official and social events at a cost of **N\$250 per day**. With this income, A reie indicated that the community plans to construct a bigger kitchen, shaded area and storeroom for improved service during events.



Rosvetha Areie (second from left), Chairperson of the Community Hall Committee, accompanied by other members of the Committee.



Community members gathered outside the Hall for Covid-19 vaccination.

New Pre-Primary Classrooms Inaugurated



he Khomas Regional Council hosted an inauguration of classrooms at various schools. A total of four (4) preprimary classrooms were inaugurated at M. H. Greef Primary School and Gammams Primary School in Khomasdal by Hon. Faustina Namutenya Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, and handed over to the Khomas Regional Council. The classes were constructed by the Namibian Correctional Service (NCS) at a total cost of N\$800 000 as part of the government's Public-to-Public Partnership Agreement.

Furthermore, a classroom at Bet-el Primary School in Windhoek was also inaugurated by Katutura East Constituency Councillor, Hon Richard !Gaoseb. The classroom was sponsored by Isuzu Auas motors, Dulux Namibia and Atenu Development.



Hon. Faustina Namutenya Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, unveiling the plaque of a new pre-primary classroom at M.H. Greef Primary School.



Katutura East Constituency Councillor, Hon Richard !Gaoseb, just before he inaugurated a new pre-primary classroom at Bet-el Primary School in Katutura East Constituency.

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Chief Regional Officers (CROs) Forum discussing issues that affect the regional councils during a meeting at the Khomas Regional Council.



Hon. Vezemba Rodman Katjaimo handing over certificates to young mothers who completed a training at Lidar Community Foundation, which runs programmes to foster youth empowerment and education activities for orphaned and vulnerable girls in Katutura Central Constituency.



Windhoek East Constituency Community Development Committee (CDC) Meeting in session.



Handover of building materials to fire victims whose shacks burned down in Khomasdal Constituency.



Khomas Regional Council hosted Senior Managers from **Erongo Regional Council** for the purpose of bench marking.



Inauguration of a classroom at **Bet-el Primary School** in Katutura East Constituency.



Windhoek Rural Constituency Councillor, **Hon Piet P. Adams**, (second from right), accompanied by Prof James Katende (left), NUST Professor of Renewable Energy Systems; Gaos Jualine Gawa-!Nas (second from left), Chief of /Khomanin Traditional Community; and Josef Eiseb (right), Chief Justice of the Hagos Traditional Court during a hand over of the solar plant at Farm !Kharoxas in Windhoek Rural Constituency.



Khomas Regional Council hosted Senior Managers from Omusati Regional Council for the purpose of benchmarking.

Did you know?

amibia was ranked as the country with the best quality roads in Africa for a fifth consecutive time, according to the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report Index of 2020 on the quality of road infrastructure.

Namibia scored a ranking of 5.2 out of 7, beating South Africa and Rwanda, which both scored a

ranking of 5.0. Namibia has an impressive global ranking at 23 – ranking above some of the advanced countries such as China, India, and Italy (ranked at 42, 46, and 56 respectively).

Here is a look at the road infrastructure in Khomas Region:



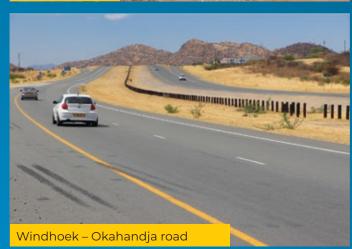








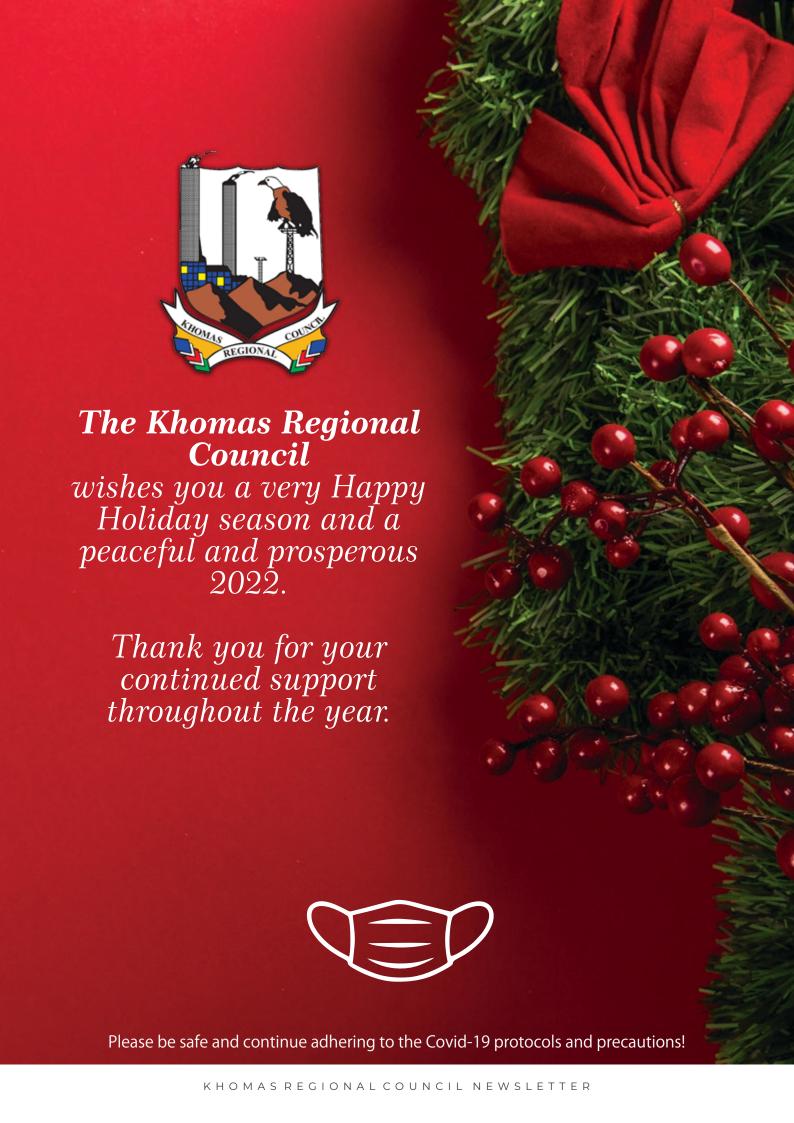




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