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The new school block funded by the Government of Japan in order for the Moses //Garoëb Primary School to abolish platoon system.



Ribbon Cutting of the new school block by H.E Mr. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, Hon. Ms. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, and Hon. Ms. Laura McLeod-Katjirua, Governor of the Khomas Region (from the right).

### **HANDOVER OF A NEW SCHOOL BLOCK FUNDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO THE MOSES //GAROËB PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MOSES //GAROËB CONSTITUENCY, KHOMAS REGION**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, a handing over ceremony of a new school block which was funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was held at the Moses //Garoëb Primary School in Moses //Garoëb Constituency, Khomas region. **H.E Mr. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, officiated the event and handed over the facility to Hon. Ms. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.**

The Moses //Garoëb Primary School was established in 1998 in response to the growing population in the area after the independence. It currently accommodates 1,263 learners from Pre-Primary to Grade 7 with 46 teachers. The school is located in one of the disadvantaged settlements with the high poverty rate in Windhoek. On top of the continuous population influx into the area, the introduction of free primary education from 2013 has dramatically increased the enrollment. In the efforts of accommodating all the learners, the school was forced to follow platoon (double session) system, sacrificing quality education. It is with this background that the Government of Japan extended grant amounting to NAD 833,597.20. The grant was utilised to build a new school block consisting of four permanent classrooms and one store room. The beneficiary of this new block is 154 learners in grade 3 who were learning in the afternoon session. The handover of the new school block marked the last day of the platoon system at the Moses //Garoëb Primary School and all the learners now attend in the morning session under more conducive educational environment.

Education is one of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP to Namibia. GGP aims at bringing about direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities at a grass-roots level by supporting relatively small development projects in areas of local needs such as education, agriculture, health, to be implemented by Non-Profit Organisations and local authorities. The Government of Japan has been implementing the GGP in Namibia since 1997. To date, 54 projects have been supported, totally amounting to approximately NAD 37.5 million, among which 38, with the total grant amount of approximately NAD 27.5 million, are the support towards basic education.

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