

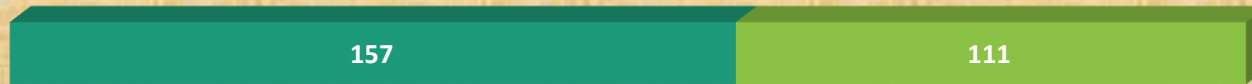


Japan's Recent Development Contribution to Namibia



Embassy of Japan in Namibia

Japan's Contribution: US\$ 268 M



(Grant US\$ 157 M, Loan US\$ 111 M)
(1990 – 2021)

3rd place donor after US and Germany in 2016, 2018, 2019

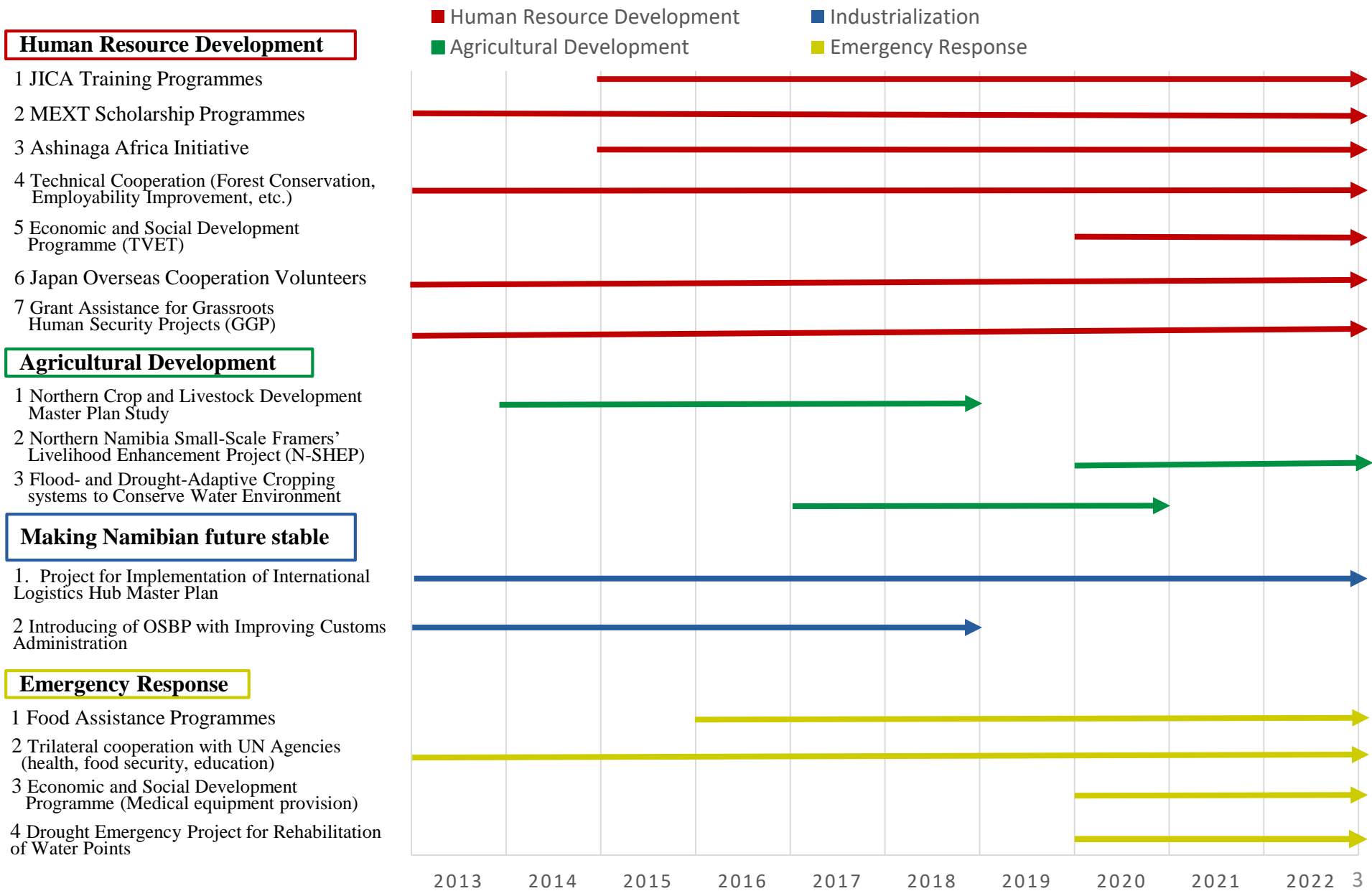


Fisheries Research Vessel M/V “WELWITCHIA”
(Granted on FEB 1994)



Rundu-Erundu (270km) road rehabilitation
(L/A AUG 2006)

Japan's Major Contribution to Namibia



Human Resource Development

1. JICA Training Programmes in Japan

- (1) Long Term Training
 - Master's Degree and Internship Program of African Business Education (Abe) Initiative for Youth
 - SDGs Global Leader
 - Human Resources Development for Governmental Officers and Researchers in Mineral Resources Rich Countries
- (2) Group and Region-Focused Training
- (3) Training for Young Leaders

2. Japanese Government Scholarship Programmes in Japan

- (1) Scholarship for Research Students
- (2) Scholarship for Undergraduate Students
- (3) Scholarship for Teachers



Attending a seminar
"Promotion of Carbon Market in Namibia"
hosted by UNDP (with Hon. Shifeta and Ms. Bhatia)
on 29 August 2022

3. Ashinaga Africa Initiative (AAI)

Full scholarship for study at international universities for orphans

4. Technical Cooperation

- (1) Employability Improvement Training (2011-)
- (2) Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources (2015-2020)

5. Economic Social Development Programme

Provision of TVET equipment to Zambezi Vocational Training Centre (approx. 50 million NAD) (2020-)



Opening of the kitchen building for school lunch at Egambo
Primary and Secondary School, Ohangwena Region
(Press Tour on 29 September 2022)

Human Resource Development

6. Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

JICA has dispatched more than 160 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) mainly to schools, regional government offices and vocational training centers since 2006.



A JOCV is teaching Grade 4 learners addition using original visual aids she made at Erongosig Primary School in Usakos.



A JOCV specialized in sound engineering is showing UNAM students what he does during production at National Theatre of Namibia.

7. Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP,1997-)

- (1) Ongoing classroom construction projects (FY2021)
 - **Ontanda Primary School**, Tsandi Constituency, Omusati Region
 - **Savo Nuts Private School**, Oshikango Constituency, Ohangwena Region
 - **Malundu Junior Primary School**, Sibbinda Constituency, Zambezi Region
 - **St. Barnabas Primary School**, Katutura East Constituency, Khomas Region
 - **Oipya Primary School**, Engela Constituency, Ohangwena Region
 - **A.A. Denk Memorial School**, Rehoboth Rural Constituency, Hardap Region(7 additional projects are in the pipeline for FY2022)

60 school projects out of total 86 GGP projects completed and 6 ongoing with a total grant amount of approximately 70 million NAD, since 1997.

- (2) Project for the Provision of Reconditioned Ambulances for the Municipality of Swakopmund, Erongo Region (FY2020)



Handover of a new building (The Project For Construction Of Community Learning Development Centre In Aroab Village, Keetmanshoop Rural Constituency, Kharas Region) on 6 December 2022 (project of FY2021)

Agricultural Development

1. Northern Crop and Livestock Development Master Plan Study

2. Northern Namibia Small-Scale Framers' Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SHEP)

3. Flood- and Drought-Adaptive Cropping systems to Conserve Water Environment

A technical cooperation project (2014-2017, approx. 9.2 million NAD)

One of the main pillars of Japan's assistance to Namibia is in the agricultural sector, in which the majority of the working population is engaged. Therefore, the strengthening of which is essential for the sustainable development of Namibia.

It is for that reason that Japan has been providing support to Namibia in an effort to reduce poverty and improve livelihood through agricultural development in the northern regions.

The aim of the technical cooperation projects “Northern Crop and Livestock Development Master Plan Study” (2012-2017, approx. 10 million NAD) and “Northern Namibia Small-Scale Framers' Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SHEP)” (2020-2026) are to introduce market-oriented agriculture for small-scale farmers in order to uplift lives of those farmers by enhancing productivity and market access.

This Project is implemented with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform for the improvement of livelihood and basic living conditions of small scale farmers in target areas.



Market survey at Oshakati open market



Harvest of tomatoes in the market place

Making Namibian future stable

1. Project for Implementation of International Logistics Hub Master Plan

The Government of Japan sets out deep regional integration as one of the key areas of focus for broadening partnership with Africa, and considers that the Logistics and Transport sector is vital for the economic growth in Africa, including Namibia. This sector plays a crucial role in revitalizing the region inclusively, and in bringing strong sustainable economic growth for the people in Africa. Thus Japan actively supports the Logistics and Transport sector.

For Namibia, as a country which enjoys geographical advantages of having good ports on the Atlantic Ocean and corridors leading to greater markets within the SADC region, the sector will be a game changer for economic transformation of Namibia towards industrialization and poverty eradication, the goals set in its National Development Plans.

The Government of Japan had worked closely with the Government of Namibia in producing its strategic “Master Plan for International Logistic Hub” from 2013 to 2015.

From 2016 to 2019, JICA supported the implementation of this Master Plan (Project Phase 1). Phase 2 of the Project deals with the increase of the cargo throughput of the Port of Walvis Bay through efficient operations in line with the Master Plan from 2020-2023.

(1) Project for Implementation of International Logistics Hub Master Plan (approx. 5 million NAD) (2013-2019)

(2) Project for Implementation of International Logistics Hub Master Plan Phase 2 (2020-)



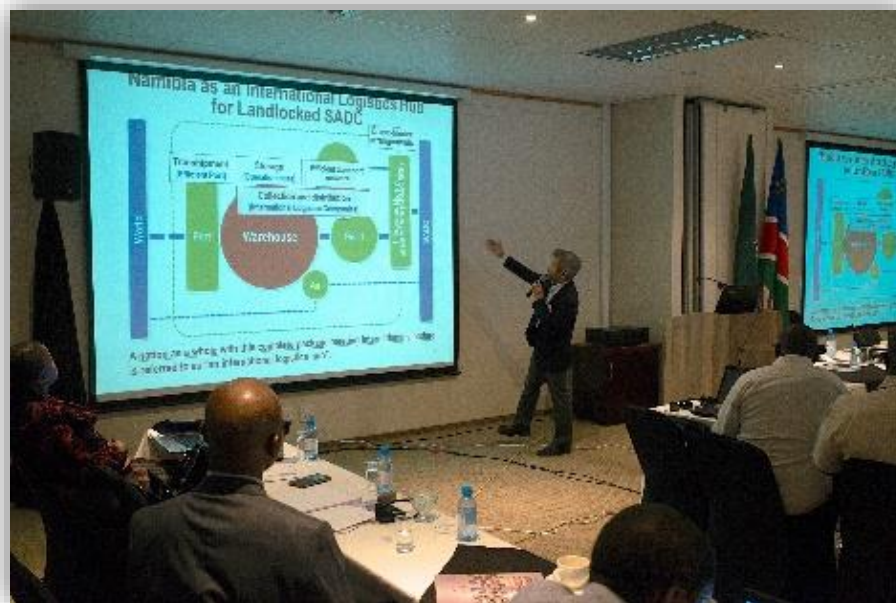
Survey for project site, the Port of Walvis Bay
(Project for Implementation of International Logistics Hub Master Plan Phase 2)

Making Namibian future stable

2. Introduction of One Stop Border Posts (OSBP) with Improving Customs Administration

Since 2010 Japan has been providing technical cooperations which facilitated Logistic Sector under the concept of “ Making Namibia “ An International Logistics Hub for SADC” .

Japan presented a ‘Master Plan for International Logistic Hub’ and promote improvement access channels, cargo handling operation , cargo handling equipment maintenance.



A Japanese expert presenting the framework of the Logistics Hub Master Plan to the delegations of SADC member countries

Emergency Response

1. Food Assistance Programmes and Emergency Grant

- (1) Donation of over 400MT of wheat worth around 4.7 million NAD (2017-2018)
- (2) Donation of over 3,000MT of rice worth around 42 million NAD (2021- 2022)
- (3) Donation of Cold Chain Equipment worth around 24 million NAD (2022-2023)

2. Trilateral cooperation projects with UN Agencies

Trilateral cooperation projects with Japanese funding to support vulnerable populations in regions where disasters such as drought and Covid-19 have endangered the livelihood of entire communities

- (1) WHO “Mitigating the impact of multiple emergencies on the nutritional status and health of women and children in selected regions in Namibia” (750,000 USD, 2022-)
- (2) UNICEF “Mitigating the impact of multiple emergencies on protection, health, nutrition, and learning outcomes for women and children in vulnerable communities” (approx. 813,462 USD, 2022-)
- (3) FAO “Emergency response and resilience building to improve livelihoods, food security and nutrition in locust affected regions in Namibia” (226,000 USD, 2022-)
- (4) UNFPA “Leaving No One Behind: Filling the gaps in health, addressing gender-based violence (GBV) in emergency response as it relates to refugees and escalation of COVID-19 spread in Namibia” (462,962 USD, 2022-)
- (5) UNDP “Promotion of Carbon Markets in Namibia for an Enhanced Implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Towards Net-Zero Emissions and Climate Resilient Development, in Response to the Climate Emergency. (1,003,142 USD, 2022-)

3. Economic Social Development Programme

- (1) Provision of Medical Equipment to 17 Namibian hospitals (approx. 50 million NAD) (2020-2022)
- (2) Provision of Vocational Training Equipment to Zambezi Vocational Training Center (approx. 50 million NAD) (2019-2022)

4. Drought Emergency Project for Rehabilitation of Water Points

With Japanese funding worth about 1.25 million NAD, Namibia Red Cross Society (NRCS) rehabilitated 16 water points in Kunene region, which enabled 480 households to be provided with safe drinking water and more than 2,000 community members to go through training in safe drinking water and nutrition. The project is a response to the needs of communities severely affected by the drought in recent years.



Handover of gardening tools to project beneficiaries of “Emergency response and resilience building to improve livelihoods, food security and nutrition” at Marema Village, Kavango West Region on 15 December 2022

Govt lauds Japan for schools support

■ Kuzeeko Tjitemisa

ONGWEDIVA – Oshana director of education Hileni Amukana has said the Japanese embassy has shown its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which call for the implementation of inclusive, equitable quality education for everyone by 2030.

Amukana made this remark during a visit by the Japanese ambassador to Namibia, Hisao Nishimaki, to the Eluwa Resource School (ERS) on Wednesday.

Eluwa was one of many



Giving... Japan ambassador to Namibia Hisao Nishimaki.

Photo: Contributed

schools in Namibia to benefit from a Japanese government grant.

The school earlier this year received a new block, consisting of four permanent classrooms and one storeroom, valued at N\$925

000. Established in 1974, Eluwa is one of only two government schools in the country that offers special education for the hearing impaired.

It currently has 194 students from pre-primary to grade 9, 30 teachers and 42 support staff members, including hostel matrons, cleaners, an administrative officer and a watchman.

Nishimaki, who arrived in the country earlier this year, is on a three-day tour to the Oshana and Ohangwena regions to access schools supported by Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGHSP) and the Namibia Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) agricultural projects in the two regions.

He is accompanied by embassy staff and JICA resident representative Takehiro Susaki.

"The construction of this high-valued infrastructure

is an intervention to achieve the sustainable development goal four and its outcome-oriented targets, specifically to free primary and secondary education, equal access to quality pre-primary education, elimination of all disparities in education, universal literacy and numeracy for sustainable development," Amukana said.

She said this in her speech, delivered on her behalf by her deputy Hilma Nuunyangog-George.

Amukanathanked the Japanese government for developing quality, reliable sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

"This is the reflection of realisingSDG17onstrengthening the means of implementation and revitalising the global partnership for sustainable development," she said.

Speaking at the same event, Oshana governor Elia Irimari said the presence of Nishimaki at the school represents government's

commitment to supporting the Namibian children through their education.

He also expressed his gratitude and humility for the gesture.

"You strongly believe in supporting the Namibian child through equitable quality education. I believe we should all share in for a brighter future for our country and the world at large," Irimari said in a statement delivered by Ongwediva constituency councillor Andreas Utoni.

Ndinela Nangolo, the acting principal of Eluwa, claimed the school receives a large volume of admissions applications, and that not all applicants are accepted.

On her part, Nangolo said she receives a large volume of applications and that not all applicants get admission.

"We need more classrooms to accommodate more learners," said Nangolo, while calling on other stakeholders to come on board.

New Era, 30 September 2022: Govt lauds Japan for schools support

Japan embassy gives hope

• **NOMHLE KANGOOTUI**

SEVEN-year-old *Shakuka escaped death when his mother tried to strangle him earlier this year in Windhoek. Sadly, his baby sister did not.

His 28-year-old mother is currently in custody for the alleged murder of his 10-day-old sister. Police spokesperson Silas Shipandeni said after the woman allegedly murdered the girl, she attempted to strangle Shakuka but his grandmother intervened and rescued him.

Family members told *The Namibian* that Shakuka is still traumatised and narrates his ordeal to anyone he meets.

Shakuka is one of 195 pupils of Eluwa Resource School in the Oshana region.

Since the school was built about 50 years ago, pupils have faced many challenges, such as classrooms without windows.

It is due to this that the government of Japan extended a donation of US\$63 581 (about N\$1,15 million) to build a new school block consisting of four permanent classrooms.

Acting principal Ndinelago Nangolo, during a familiarisation field tour with the new Japanese ambassador recently, said the school's pupils are struggling.

"It was not easy to teach pupils who need special care in dilapidated classrooms. We are indeed grateful that the special needs of our pupils were met by the government and the people of Japan. Now they can learn critical life skills such as information, communication technology, to become self-reliant in the information age," Nangolo said.

She said Shakuka is one of the lucky pupils to benefit from the donation.

"He was born with hearing challenges, but I was made to believe he never attended a formal school or institution for the hearing impaired. So, with him we are starting from scratch. He really needs to concentrate and the design of the new classrooms makes the teachers' jobs easier," she said.

Japanese ambassador Hisao Nishimaki said so far Japan has completed 59 school projects at a

cost of approximately N\$70 million since 1997.

"This really makes me happy to see the smiles on the children's faces and I'm proud of how the principals, teachers and the learners are keeping the classes so neat and clean. The partnership is aimed at supporting the government of Namibia in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals," he said.

Nishimaki and his delegation visited four schools.

At Eluwa Resource School and Okeeholong Primary School in the Omusati region, they built two permanent classrooms, a latrine block and one storeroom.

At David Shingo Combined School in the Ondobe constituency, four permanent classrooms and one storeroom worth US\$65 031 were built. The school was established in 1976 and is situated near the border of Angola, and has 550 pupils from pre-primary to Grade 11.

Lastly, the delegation visited Egambo Combined School, established in 1955. The school has 300 pupils, from pre-primary to Grade

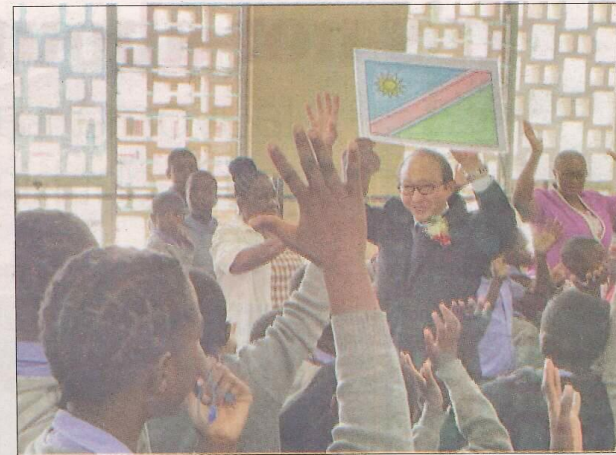


Photo: Nomhle Kangootui

HOPE ... The Japanese ambassador to Namibia, Hisao Nishimaki, said Japan has completed 59 school projects at a cost of approximately N\$70 million since 1997.

9, and 12 teachers.

School principal Ambrosius Ndemufayo said due to a shortage of classrooms, some pupils have been studying in corrugated iron structures and classrooms made of mud.

He said the school recently built their much-needed kitchen, using the

balance of funds donated by Japan.

Meanwhile, Oshana governor Elia Irimari expressed gratitude to Japan, saying he strongly believes it's important to share in the bright future of the Namibian child through equitable quality education.

*Not his real name

The Namibian, 20 October 2022:
Japan embassy gives hope

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■ Steven Klukowski

Aroab development centre to uplift village

AROAB – Deputy minister of education Faustina Caley said many young people who will go through the Aroab Community Learning and Development Centre will have access to better choices other than leaving the village in search of elusive opportunities in other parts of Namibia.

This was her reasoning earlier this week during the handing-over of the centre, funded by the Japanese Embassy in Namibia, to the education ministry in this south-eastern village of the //Kharas region.

“This CLDC is intended to serve as an enabler for the rural community of the settlement to enhance positive development and increase acceptable social networks amongst the youth,” Caley added.

It would also be a hub for community engagements relating to cultural events, thereby serving as indirect marketing of the image of Aroab to the rest of the world.

The politician said the donation of the facility should be seen as part of a greater effort to connect communities through the provision of quality education, and furthermore stimulating the next levels of socio-economic development for the village and its surrounding areas.

“We believe that investing in the youth will secure a better future for our country. Hence, from this support, government will be able to provide continued accessible, equitable and inclusive education to this younger segment of our population,” Caley noted.

The facility will have a ripple-effect in that it will have additional classroom space for senior secondary learners, in addition to hosting learners who dropped out of school.

She then called on other local and international agencies to emulate the good gesture of the Japanese embassy in supporting government's efforts to provide quality education for Namibian learners.

“So, we are grateful to the government and people of Japan for this gesture, as we can finally provide a safe and conducive school environment,” she continued.

In her welcoming remarks, //Kharas governor Aletha Frederick said it makes sense

to agree that community-based learning through this space will act as a catalyst for sustainable development.

“It will certainly enable people to take self-directed and applied action to manoeuvre the challenging circumstances of the constantly-changing socio-economic environment, and this will eventually increase their chances to make a living,” she observed.

Hisao Nishimaki, Japanese ambassador to Namibia, said although the world is currently facing a multitude of global challenges emanating from the aftermath of Covid-19, climate change and the conflict in Ukraine, he trusts that the inauguration of the Aroab Community Learning

and Development Centre will cast a bright light upon the south-eastern corner of Namibia.

“It will become an oasis for those (out-of-school youth and unemployed community members) who seek to reskill themselves to be masters of their own businesses,” he emphasised.

The building, constructed at a cost of N\$1.1 million, consists of a multipurpose hall, seminar room, two administrative offices, storeroom, reception area and ablution facilities. The government of Japan has up to 2021 provided financial assistance to Namibia to a total amount of US\$268 million, consisting of US\$157 million in the form of grants and US\$11 million in loans in the areas of human resources development, agricultural development, stability of the country's future, and lastly emergency response programmes.

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Aroab development centre to uplift village

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Striving towards development... Various stakeholders present during the handing-over, with Japanese ambassador Nishimaki Hisao and Kharas regional governor Aletha Fredericks (fourth and fifth from the left) on the picture. Photo: Japanese Embassy

New Era, 13 December 2022: Aroab CDLC lauded by stakeholders

■ Steven Klukowski

AROAB - Members of the community as well as political and administrative leaders all heaped praise on the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) for handing over a first-of-its kind Community Learning and Development Centre last week at this south-eastern village.

Lamech Salupito, a teacher at Oosterheim Combined School in Aroab, said it is indeed a great step forward to address the raging unemployment rate of the youth in the village.

"Through this noble deed by the Japanese embassy, our youngsters are now provided with the opportunity to upgrade their skills and receive the needed knowledge to improve their socio-economic conditions of life," he observed.

Salupito said the youth can also be enabled through this venture to become employment-creators, and urged them to take this lifeline thrown at them with both hands. He then thanked the embassy for such a great, noble deed bestowed on the community.

Meanwhile, Aroab resident Gordon Titus said since the youth comprise an integral segment of the village's population, they should lead the developmental agenda and aggressively partake in skills development programmes to be offered at the facility in future.

"Let this building please not turn into another 'white elephant', and you should now take ownership of this golden opportunity as you are the future of this community," he pleaded.

He added that residents should feel honoured and be thankful to the government of Japan for its concerted efforts in uplifting their livelihoods.

"I am overjoyed that we were able to devise a strategy to create a promising future for the children with the work that we do ourselves," said Ingrid

Coetzee, principal of Oosterheim Combined School, on whose grounds the facility was constructed.

She noted that the CLDC will serve as a focal point for the Aroab community, and also be of assistance to learners attending the school before and after school as well as during examination time. "It is a solution that benefits everyone in every way," she added.

The education ministry's deputy executive director, Gerard Vries, at the event stated that the inauguration of the CLDC in Aroab will be a first step in ushering in opportunities for the communities in the catchment areas to access learning and skills for self-reliance and sustainability. I am optimistic that this small step will reverberate for generations to come," he noted.

Also contributing was Seraphine Hangue, chief education officer for Adult Education and Lifelong Learning at the Kharas regional education directorate, who said they would like to start activities at the centre with hands-on training in income-generating skills such as small-scale livestock farming, agriculture and baking, to mention but a few, and as identified by the community.

Adult education director Mzingisi Gqwede reasoned that the CLDC will allow the community to make the most of the opportunity so that everyone can benefit from it to the fullest extent possible. "We would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to the people of Japan, through their embassy in Namibia, for illustrating the importance of genuine concern and friendship, as well as for continuing to work together on a variety of levels of government," he said.

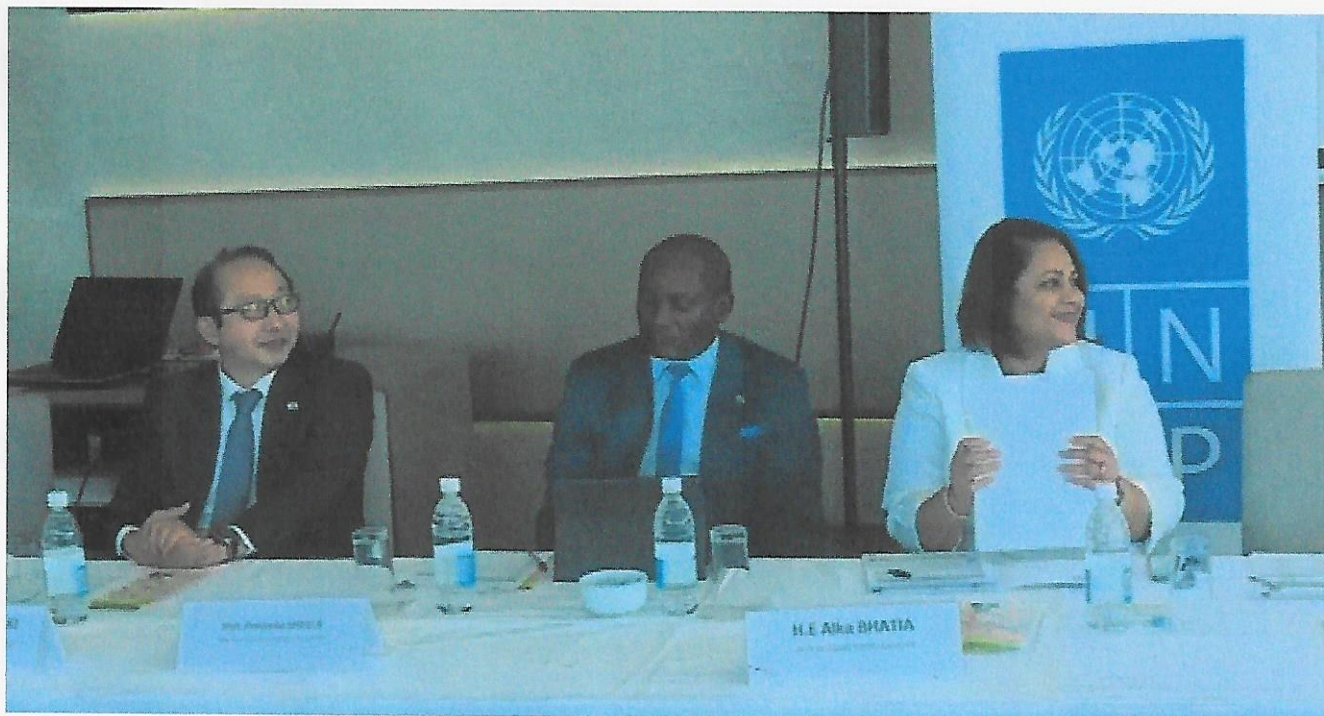
A decision was made by the ministry to use the CLDC in Aroab as one of the pilot cases for small-scale CLDC's. The other pilot case will be for such facilities on a medium-scale, whilst the ministry's long-term goal is to implement CLDCs on some scale in each of Namibia's 121 constituencies.



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The Japanese government, through its Supplementary Budget Climate Promise, has availed N\$16 million for the implementation of the "Promotion of Carbon Markets in Namibia" Project. This was revealed during an information-sharing seminar on the project held in Windhoek. #NBCNews #nbcDSTV282 #nbcdigitalnews 表示を縮小



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Namibia unveils carbon market project

ABSALOM SHIGWEDHA

EFFORTS are underway to establish carbon markets in Namibia – a trading system in which carbon credits are sold and bought to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the impact of climate change.

A seminar on the project, called Promotion of Carbon Markets in Namibia, was held in Windhoek yesterday.

The project is funded by the Japanese government to the tune of US\$1 million.

Speaking at the seminar, minister of environment, forestry and tourism Pohamba Shifeta said Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change requires Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to formulate robust targets to address climate change – one of which is establishing carbon markets.

He said the project has come at the right time, when Namibia is also im-

plementing its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are also aimed at addressing climate change.

NDCs are non-binding climate-related national plans highlighting climate-change mitigation, including climate-related targets for greenhouse emission reductions.

Shifeta said the project is designed to create an enabling environment for all stakeholders to participate in the carbon markets in Namibia, adding that key sectors in which carbon credits can be traded in Namibia includes forestry, agriculture and the energy sector.

The project is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

According to the UNDP, carbon markets incentivise climate action by enabling countries to trade carbon credits generated by the reduction of greenhouse gasses.

This can be done by switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy, or

enhancing or conserving carbon stocks in a forest.

Some progress has thus far been made on the implementation of the project, according to the UNDP.

Engagement with the ministry to set up an emission registry unit linked to the current measurement reporting and verification (MRV) framework has been done, while national and international carbon market specialists have been recruited to prepare a detailed carbon market for Namibia, including the regulatory and legal review.

In addition to this, targeted stakeholders have been consulted and engaged.

The project started running in March this year, and will run until March 2023.

The Japanese ambassador to Namibia, Hisao Nishimaki, said the project is a response to the fight against climate change, and carbon market trading systems require countries to cooperate in the reduction of green-

house gas emissions.

He said Japan wants to support other countries in the fight against climate change in Africa, including Namibia.

Nishimaki said it is his hope that the project would result in the setting up of robust carbon markets in Namibia.

UNDP representative in Namibia Alka Bhatia said the project is an important new initiative in Namibia, and is crucial for the future as well.

She said the world is still off track to keep global warming below 1,5 degrees Celcius.

Bhatia said Namibia needs to be commended, as the country always takes the lead in efforts to address climate change, despite the fact that its carbon footprint is very low.

She said once carbon markets in Namibia is set up, it will be the first in Africa.

In its updated national determined contributions, Namibia aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 91% by 2030.



Pohamba Shifeta