

Ambassador Nishimaki's Attendance at the FAO Certificates Handover Ceremony (December 19, 2023)

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The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) to implement a project funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Supplementary Budget Projects 2023 to the tune of USD 1.2 million. The project titled “Emergency response to mitigate multiple shocks and enhance resilient livelihoods in Namibia” aims to deliver, ‘Strengthened local and national capacity to mitigate multiple shocks and ensure resilient and diversified livelihood systems and improved nutritious diets in the project focal regions as an outcome.

The core project focal regions include Kavango West, Karas, Ohangwena and Zambezi whereas at central level, the project supports need-based and result-oriented capacity building interventions including trainings and skills transfer opportunities targeting agricultural extension staff, the Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC), farmers and other stakeholders from all regions.

As part of the implementation of the project, and in line with Output 1, FAO conducted a 3-week Farmer Field School (FFS) Training of Trainers (ToT), which targeted 29 Agricultural Extension Staff drawn from all 14 regions in Namibia. The training was conducted in Rundu town at the Kavango River Lodge, which was also the venue for the Certificates handing over ceremony as well as a brief engagement session with partners.

Following the capacity building training, the trained MAWLR staff said they are re-energized and equipped with new skills to deliver impactful agricultural extension services in their respective regions. In addition, the trained staff are expected to share the acquired knowledge with fellow staff as well as farmers in their areas of operation. The event was a huge success and the trained MAWLR staff were happy to receive Certificates co-presented to them by His Excellency Nishimaki - Ambassador of

Japan to Namibia, Dr. Qingyun Diao – FAO Representative in Namibia and Ms. Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata MAWLR Executive Director after delivering their speeches.

Upon concluding the certificate handing over ceremony, the implementing partners comprising of MAWLR' s Executive Director and senior staff, Regional Governors and Council representation and FAO Country Representative and senior staff, together with the donor representation of the Ambassador and Embassy of Japan staff, had a brief partner' s engagement session at Kavango River Lodge, to highlight core project activities planned for 2024.



Remarks by Ambassador Nishimaki



Remarks by Ms. Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, MAWLR Executive Director



Handing over of Certificate

(From Left) Ambassador Nishimaki, an Agricultural Extension staff, FAO Rep Dr. Diao



Project Poster

(From Left) FAO Rep Dr. Diao Ambassador Nishimaki, and MAWLR ED Ms. Nghituwamata



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