

UNFPA-JSB Project – Maternity Waiting Home Visit in Opuwo, Kunene Region (April 25th, 2024)

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On April 25, 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki together with Hon. Dr. Kalumbi Shangula, Minister of Health and Social Services, went on a familiarization visit to Kunene Region to assess the impact of the Japan funded projects and he visited the Kazetjindire Angelika Muharukua Maternity Waiting Home.

The Maternity Waiting Home was part of the assistance for a Japan Supplementary Budget funded project implemented in 2022/23 by UNFPA titled, “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”, with an overall value of USD 462,962 (NAD 8,5 million). The Maternity Waiting Home for pregnant women and girls was refurbished and equipped to restore the dignity and confidence of pregnant women residing at the temporary home while providing them an opportunity to gain livelihood skills through sewing activities for potential income for their families. The beneficiaries at the home also received food assistance in 2022.



The delegation presented the pregnant women at the Maternity Awaiting Home with food items to use while staying there. From left to right Dr. Mary Brantuo – WHO Officer In Charge, Ms. Loide Amkongo, UNFPA Assistant Country Representative, Dr Kalumbi Shangula - Minister of Health and Social Services in Namibia and Ambassador Nishimaki.



(Above picture) Ambassador Nishimaki and the delegation receiving a briefing from Director of ceremonies, Regional Health Director - Mr. Tomas Shapumba, in one of the bedrooms at the Maternity Waiting Home in Opuwo town.

(Left picture)

The high level dignitaries who accompanied Ambassador Nishimaki were shown around in the garden at the Maternity Waiting Home which serves as a source of food to the pregnant women and they also get taught basic skills in backyard gardening which they can use to enrich their diets and incomes when they return home after giving birth.

