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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HARDAP REGION

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HARDAP REGIONAL GOVERNOR, HONOURABLE SALOMON M. APRIL**

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**HARDAP REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR,
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MARIENTAL, NAMIBIA**

Honourable Chairperson, Gershon Daniel Francois Dausab
All Regional Councillors
Her Worship the Mayor of Mariental, Hon Sherine Kock & other Mayors
All Local Authority Councillors
The Acting Chief Regional Officer & all Heads of OMA's
Staff members of the Hardap Regional Council, Local Authority Councils and Line Ministries
Respected Chiefs and Councillors of Traditional Authorities
All political Heads
Different Managers & Staff of the Business fraternity, various stakeholder companies, private partners & SOE's
Residents of Hardap Region & the Media,

I am standing before you today, to deliver the State of the Region Address (SORA) of Hardap Region for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year as mandated by Article 110A subsection (5) and (6) of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia read together with Section 1 (a) and (d) of the Regional Councils Act, Act No. 22 of 1992. Let me on behalf of the region and indeed on my own behalf commend the Namibian democracy who has enabled us a smooth transition after the sudden demise of our President Dr Hage G. Geingob and in the same breath commend His Excellency the President Dr Nangolo Mbumba our fourth President.

It has now been exactly six (6) months since we bid farewell to our beloved late President of Namibia, Dr Hage Gottfried Geingob who sadly left us on the 4th of February 2024.

Dr. Hage G. Geingob was a champion of progress and development; therefore, I stand today in his remembrance to bring to you the progress report of Hardap region.

The departure of His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob was followed by another time where "we had to go down the familiar but undesirable path" of bidding farewell to the southern diamond and southern rose Hon. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, First Female Governor of Hardap Region and also the Former Minister of Education, Arts and Culture on the 14th of July 2024. May both their souls continue to rest in eternal peace. Our Late President in his address to the nation on New Years' Eve declared 2024 as a "Year of Expectations", The expectation of tangible and concrete outcomes.

One such outcome is the recently concluded registrations for the upcoming 2024 Presidential and National Assembly Elections this year. I applaud all 53,407 residents of the region who came in numbers to register and will be exercising their democratic rights.

Honourable Chairperson and dear fellow citizens,

Our communities in the Hardap region are expecting socio-economic developments to curb the issues of unemployment, drought, poverty and quality service delivery.

Hon Dausab, as Chairperson of the Hardap Regional Council and Member of the Green Hydrogen Council, the citizenry of Hardap Region have hopes that the discovery of oil and gas, and green hydrogen will bring to them the much-needed relieve. Three years ago, Green Hydrogen was just a topic of conversation as stated by our Late President, and today it is a reality. Institutions and policies are in place. We are deliberate

in using the interest in Green Hydrogen to stimulate other sectors of our economy and new adjacent industries, including logistics, agriculture and sustainable manufacturing. I implore on you together with the Regional and Local leadership to ensure that the benefits of these discoveries also spill over to our region for its greater benefit.

On this note, allow me to report on activities, programmes and developments of the different Offices, Ministries & Agencies as follows:

Honourable Chairperson & Fellow Namibians, allow me to report on achievements by the Hardap Regional Council through delegated functions in the Region.

Honourable Chairperson and the citizens, the Hardap Regional Council further achieved the following in the different constituencies:

- **Daweb Constituency** established a Poultry project and rehabilitated pits to the tune N\$277 692.31.
- In the **Gibeon Constituency**, the Ministry of Mines and Energy electrified Soutputs, Swartdam, and August-dam, and the Khaibasen Kraal Project, valued at N\$ 50,000.00.
- **Mariental Rural** a total of N\$5 351 692.31 was allocated for the expansion of the oxidation ponds and interlock paved way in Hoachanas and fencing material for the orchard at Bernafay Resettlement Farm.
- **Mariental Urban**, a total of N\$139 690.30 was spent on the establishment of a vegetable garden at Voightsgrund and water pipelines at Neu Haribes.
- **Rehoboth Rural**, a total of N\$576 000.00 was spent on rural electrification for 54 individuals and sanitation for 30 individuals at Naris and Schlip in Steyndraai.
- **Rehoboth Urban East**, a total of N\$42 500.00 was spent on fencing and de-bushing of the graveyard at Banhoff.
- **Rehoboth Urban West**, a total of N\$495 000.00 was spent on a Primary Health Care Clinic in Rehoboth Block G.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH NAMPOWER

Construction and connection of the houses to the main line have been completed by the contractors, and construction and connection fees have been paid. The following places have been electrified:

1. Koherab Village—Gibeon Constituency
2. Steyndraai—Rehoboth Rural Constituency
3. Schlip Auction Avenue - Rehoboth Rural Constituency
4. Farm Naris—Rehoboth Rural Constituency
5. Khoros- Daweb Constituency
6. Meiveld B- Daweb Constituency
7. August Dam post 1—Gibeon Constituency
8. Swartdam-Gibeon Constituency
9. August dam Pos 2- Gibeon Constituency
10. Kruiss-Gibeon Constituency

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS, AND THE PUBLIC, ALLOW ME TO PROCEED WITH MY REPORTING ON THE HEALTHCARE IN THE REGION.

Public Health Programs:

97% of HIV clients were put on treatment.

The **Viral Load suppression** was recorded at **95,4%** in line with the World Health Organization standards. The national **WAD (World Aids Day)** event was celebrated in Hardap Region in the town of Mariental and commemorated in Aranos Town with pre-event activities including HIV counselling and testing, TB and cancer screening as well as Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision. It is worth noting that during the week preceding the World Aids Day commemoration event, **30** men were circumcised.

The **TB treatment success rate** was **91%** for new and relapse cases, a 3% increase compared to the previous reporting period where the region recorded **88%**. For the new Bacteriological confirmed cases, the region recorded **93%** reaching the **World Health Organization set target**.

In addition, the region recorded a **100%** treatment success rate amongst clients with **Drug-resistant TB**. This is a major achievement compared to the 2019 cohort success rate which recorded a mere 31% with a 42% death rate. This indicates that clients with drug-resistant TB do adhere to their treatment regimens so I would urge you all to continue to adhere to your treatment regimens in our quest as a country to Stop TB. The region received an award for the period under review in *“Recognition of the most improved performance in coordinating the implementation of hospital pharmaceutical service standard Operating procedures, promoting rational medicine use and enhancing reporting practices”*.

Measles and Rubella Coverage stands at **78%**. This is 19% less than what was recorded during 2022/23 reporting period. This is a source of concern so I would like to plead with all the mothers to bring their children for vaccination to the health centres.

Staff Recruitment: 2023/2024.

The directorate recorded a post-filled rate of 51.4% which is a 3% increase compared to the previous financial year.

Provision of Medical Equipment:

- Aranos Health Centre has been equipped with a state-of-the-art X-ray machine during the year under review.
- Mariental Hospital received a new dental chair with all its accessories including an Intra Oral X-ray machine.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS & THE PUBLIC I NOW HAVE THE HONOUR TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

Our late President Geingob envisaged a Namibia free from hunger and poverty, therefore I now wish to elaborate on the efforts made by the Government towards this vision.

The country is facing its worst drought in a century, and the situation is alarming. The drought has resulted in poor crop performance and rangeland conditions. This directly has a negative impact on the livelihoods of farming communities.

For the Agricultural sector, the government has allocated a total of 130 million nationally towards, Livestock Support Interventions and Crop Production incentives. The duration of these interventions is from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

For the year under review the region has submitted claims valued at N\$ 2 765 295.79 at the time of this report.

The Directorate of Agriculture Production, Extension, and Engineering Services focuses its efforts on drought management by enhancing agricultural skills to predict and effectively ensure that farmers respond to the impacts of climate change. One such technology is the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS).

In addition, the implementation of Hydroponic Fodder Production is aimed at ensuring that farmers have fodder within seven days to sustain the core breed during periods of droughts. The above mitigates the impacts of droughts and creates resilience thus protecting farmers' safety nets.

The Ministry is implementing Comprehensive Conservation Agriculture. The region has 331 farmers practicing at least 1 of the 3 principles of Conservation Agriculture.

The Ministry is implementing the following schemes under the Harambee Comprehensively Coordinated and Integrated Agriculture Development Programme (HACCIADep):

- 1. The National Horticulture Value Chain** was allocated N\$1,2 million for the year under review. The project started in 2019/2020 and is valued at N\$3,9 million benefitting 269 farmers with subsidized inputs.
- 2. The Poultry Value Chain Development Scheme** was allocated N\$600,000.00. The project started in the 2020/21 financial year and is valued at N\$1.7 million benefitting 245 farmers with subsidized inputs.
- 3. Agricultural mechanization scheme;**
The Namibia Agricultural Mechanization and Seed System Improvement Project (NAMISIP) development goal is to improve household food security and contribute to poverty reduction. Farm machinery is being delivered in the region, and to date the region has received six (6) tractors, 33 walking tractors with matching implements, two (2) balers, two (2) rakers and two (2) mowers, and hand-held equipment. A total of 14 Contractual Farm Machinery Operators underwent intensive training and will operate the tractors and provide ploughing services.
- 4. The Small Stock Distribution and Development in Communal Areas** is a revolving scheme, where beneficiaries are allocated 20 ewes and 1 ram/buck. To date, a total of 1100 ewes and 55 rams were distributed to 55 beneficiaries. Beneficiaries also received veterinary medicine and kraal material. The cost of this scheme is valued at N\$2 million.
- 5. The Dairy value chain development scheme** is new to the region and was implemented in the 2023/24 financial year and is valued at N\$2 million.

In addition, The Directorate of Agriculture Production, Extension, and Engineering Services as per its mandate, provided extension services through advisory, mentorship, and training to over 4500 farmers, including schools, hostels, hospices, and backyard/community/individual gardens during the period under review.

Honourable Chairperson,

Land and the delivery of land remains a very sensitive matter. I will therefore provide you with progress made on addressing this concern.

- Security of tenure was provided in communal areas in terms of registration of 137 communal land rights.
- Two (2) agricultural commercial farms with a combined total size 10,405.4 hectares were bought.
- Five (5) beneficiaries were resettled on four (4) farms with five (5) farming units.

Under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation services,

- A total of four hundred and seventy-six (476) water points are maintained in the region of which thirty-seven (37) water points have bad quality water and therefore supplied with water by a tanker until such time that alternative water sources are developed.
- A total of 16 boreholes were successfully drilled, whilst three (3) were unsuccessful.
- A total of 11 Installation of Newly Drilled Boreholes
- The Rehabilitation of 15 Water Points
- Rehabilitation of the Asab earth dam
- Construction of a new earth dam at Soutput
- Cleaning of two (2) boreholes in-house

Water Tanker Services

Water was delivered by tanker to one hundred and forty-three (143) Water Points in the "Salt Block" area, which have saline water.

Emergency Water Supply

- A total of forty-two (42) emergency water supplies were done, which included assisting Line Ministries.

Water Point Breakdowns on Water Infrastructures

- A total of five hundred and fifty-four (554) repairs on water Infrastructure (engines, solar, pipelines, and windmills) were carried out.

Community-Based Management of Rural Water Supply (CBM) implementation

- A total of 41 water committee established to date.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs Community-Led Total Sanitation

- A total number of five (5) villages were triggered to date and the progress has been satisfactory.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Land Reform under the National Water Sanitation Sector Program has spent a total of N\$90 000 on materials to support targeted households to upgrade/improve their toilets.

User Education on sanitation facilities

- A total of 200 beneficiaries of rural toilets received necessary education on how to use and maintain their toilets during the period under review.

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THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

- The National Symbols Campaign under the Nationhood and National Pride Programme was rolled out in five constituencies, namely the Daweb, Aranos, Rehoboth Rural and Rehoboth Urban West and Rehoboth Urban East constituencies.
- The regional office publishes a quarterly online Newsletter, titled “Hardap MICT Update”.
- The inception of the two Multi-Purpose Community centres located in Aranos and Schlipp are proving to indeed bridge the digital divide gap.
- The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology Hardap regional office, produced more than forty (40) news stories focusing on developmental and current affairs for the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) News for the main news bulletin segment.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE MAY I TAKE YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION

- During 2023 there was a total enrollment of 28,551 compared to 29,590 in 2024, was showing an increase of 1039 learners.
- Out of the registered 28,551 learners during 2023 only 25,267 learners wrote the end-of-year examinations in 2023, indicating 3,284 learners did not sit for the end of the academic year examination, which is a great concern. This was caused by child headed households, poor academic performance, poverty at home which resulted in drop outs due to hunger as high schools do not have school feeding programs, learners turning to drugs and alcohol abuse, this therefore calls for coordinated efforts from all stakeholders to keep children in schools.
- Out of the 10,743 learners in the Junior Primary Phase, an average of 83% were promoted.
- Out of the 9,936 learners in the Senior Primary Phase, an average of 71% were promoted.
- Out of the 4,267 learners in the Junior Secondary Phase, an average of 37.2% were promoted.
- 31% of the enrolled 1,646 learners in grade 10, were promoted to the next grade.
- From the total number of 1,393 grade 11 learners, 232 learners representing 16.7% qualified for AS level compared to 2022 in which 159 learners which constitutes 15.6% qualified for AS level, showing an increase of a 73-learner pass rate.
- The region has a total of seven (7) schools that offer the AS-level. Dr. Lemmer High School tops the list with 32,9% achievement rate.

Capital projects (Infrastructural Development).

- Construction of 16 Classrooms and two (2) ablution blocks at /Anes Secondary School in Rehoboth
- Construction of 4 classrooms at Stampriet Primary School
- Construction of additional classrooms at Empelheim Secondary School in Mariental.

Out of the selected 29 schools’ country wide, the Stampriet Combined School was nominated as ***the top school in the school feeding scheme sponsored by the World Food Programme.***

THE MINISTRY OF SPORTS, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICES

- The old youth center has been demolished for an amount of N\$800,000.00 and the Youth Sports Stadium is under renovation for an amount of N\$ 2 million, anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2024.
- Youth programs such as the 121 Youth Enterprise development, under the HPP, kick-started in Gibeon constituency.
- A total of one hundred and forty (140) adolescent boys and girls were trained under the Government to Government (G2G) between Namibia and USA program, which focused on the curriculum delivery in Sexual Gender Based Violence (**SGBV**), Economic Strengthening (**ES**), and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (**CSE**).
- Another 32 young men were also trained in Maltahohe under the Grass Roots Development Programme where a youth garden was established.
- Kai//ganaxab Vocational Training Centre has officially started with an intake for Skills training in June 2024, with 160 students.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON AND THE CITIZENRY, NOW MY REPORT ON THE SECURITY AND THE RULE OF LAW SECTOR

- The Namibian Police in the Hardap Region consists of thirteen (13) operational police stations and the Police Regional Headquarters in Mariental.
- The Gender-Based Violence Unit in Rehoboth was recently renovated
- A total of 4449 cases were reported with Rehoboth ranking the highest with 2080 and Derm Police Station showing only 4 cases.
- Crime in the region has increased by 6.3% compared to the crime reported during the 2022/2023 financial year. The most common crimes committed in the region are Assault with the intent to cause Grievous Bodily Harm, Domestic related crimes such as **Rape, thefts of all kinds, housebreaking with the intent to steal, and Stock theft.**
- The contributing factors to crime are alcohol and drug abuse, poverty caused due to unemployment, and greed.

Major Cases reported

- Twenty-one (21) cases of murder have been reported, involving eighteen (18) male adults, and three (3) females.
- A total of 54 cases of Rape were recorded in the region.
- One hundred and fifty (156) cases of GBV were reported.

Outreach programs on Gender Base Violence

- A total of ten (10) GBV awareness campaigns were lodged during the financial year.

Culpable Homicide

- Twenty-five (25) fatal deaths were recorded in 12 motor vehicle accidents in the region.

Suicides/Unnatural deaths

- Twenty-nine (29) cases of unnatural death were reported in the region which involved 27 male and two (2) female.

Possession or dealing in dependency producing substances:

- A total of 272 cases were reported in the region.
- 154 cases of possession or dealing in dangerous drugs or substances were detected at Rehoboth and Mariental.
- Hundred and ten (110) arrests were affected which included 94 male adults, 15 female, and 1 juvenile female.
- 2571 kg of cannabis with the value of N\$25,710.00
- 8373 kg of skunk valued at N\$418,650.00
- 583 full mandrax tablets with the value of N\$69,960.00
- 100 units of cocaine with the value of N\$10,000.00. The total value of drugs confiscated is valued at **N\$524,320.00.**

Stock Theft

- A total of 386 cases of stock theft cases were reported
- Four hundred and thirty-three (433) adult males and one (1) female were arrested in respect of these cases.
- The number of large stocks stolen were 133 valued at N\$3,199,300.00, of which only 28 valued N\$62,900.00 were recovered.
- A total of 970 small stocks were stolen to the value of N\$1 518 510.00, of which 282 valued at N\$ 469 297.00 were successfully recovered.

Border Security

Continued border patrols are conducted along the Namibian-Botswana and Namibia-South Africa borderlines to secure the internal security of the region and the country at large.

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF GENDER EQUALITY, POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES

- A total of 23,083 beneficiaries have been registered and are receiving social grants during the period under review and the grants are allocated as follows;
Maintenance grants 3,323,
Foster Care Grant 529,
Special Maintenance Grant 318,
Vulnerable Grants 8,045,
Old Age Grant 8,684
Disability Grant 2,765.

Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

- The sub-division held five (5) advocacy programs throughout the region.

Community Development and poverty eradication

- There are 81 Early Childhood Development Centres in the region.
- Fifty-one (51) Early Childhood Development Centres receive subsidies.
- There are 184 Edu carers of which 4 are male and 180 are female.
- A total of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen (2,218) children are enrolled at Early Childhood Development Centres of which 1,192 are female and 1,026 are male.
- The purpose of the Income Generating Grant is to enhance the livelihood of communities for both rural and urban communities.

Child care and Protection Services

- A total of 94 Children working and living on the street were reintegrated/integrated back into school from January 2024, in collaboration with other stakeholders in Mariental.

THE REGION REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ACHIEVEMENTS FOR GENDER EQUALITY, POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

- Income Generating Activities equipment and materials were handed over to **4 Beneficiaries in 4 constituencies** of (Daweb, Mariental Urban, Rehoboth Urban East, and West Constituencies) totalling an amount of N\$77,000.

LOCAL AUTHORITY COUNCILS

Honourable Chairperson and the inhabitants, the information below reflects developmental projects and initiatives under the MARIENTAL MUNICIPALITY

- The Municipality has an ongoing partnership with the Shack Dwellers Federation Namibia and through their initiatives, 105 erven have been serviced in Empelheim Extension 4 with **water** and **sewer**.
- Council serviced 29 erven with **water** and **electricity** in Aimablaagte Proper and 7 erven were fully serviced in Aimablaagte Extension 1.
- Eleven houses were completed by private developers while two houses are still under construction.
- A total of eleven (11) houses were built in Empelheim (Extensions 4 & 7) under the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia. The area is serviced with water and sewerage reticulation.
- Three (3) houses were built under the decentralized Build Together Programme during the fiscal year in the report.
- Electrification of 30 households in the Donkerhoek area.
- One hundred and seven (107) pre-paid water meters were installed in Aimablaagte and Empelheim.
- Thirty (30) ablution facilities were constructed for senior citizens in the informal settlement areas.

- Council has identified three extensions in which the Informal Settlement upgrading is taking place and they are Aimablaagte Extension 2 and 3 as well as Empelheim Extension 5, where 1265 erven were identified of which 220 erven were allocated.

REHOBOTH TOWN COUNCIL

- Five (5) houses were constructed under the Built Together Program with three (3) still under construction.
- 346 Erven were allocated to Rukoro beneficiaries in Banhoff Extension 2 & 3.
- 180 Erven were allocated to Saamstaan beneficiaries in Banhoff Extension 4.
- 180 Erven were allocated to Development Workshop in Block E, Extension 9 and 10.
- Under the Informal Settlement Upgrading in collaboration with GIZ, 2,200 erven and another 1,500 erven in Burgershoek and Volstruisvlakte were planned.

Joint Venture with Rehoboth Town Council

- Three hundred and ninety-five (395) erven were allocated to private developers for the construction of low-cost houses.

The GIBEON VILLAGE COUNCIL reports the following Capital Projects:

- Phase 1 of the Sewerage Reticulation Project is funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Land Reform and Ministry of Urban & Rural Development, to the tune of N\$ 2 million and N\$ 440,000,00 respectively.
- An amount of N\$ 5 million was earmarked for Phase 2 Sewerage Reticulation of which N\$ 2,083,701.03 was utilized.
- The Gibeon Village Council has requested Keetmanshoop Municipality through Keetmanshoop Electricity Business Unit (KEBU) to assist the Council with the Token Identification Rollover exercise, where a total of close to 700 premises were visited since the inception of the program in February 2024. Overall, a total of **615 representing 88% of** active meters have successfully been Token Identified since the inception of the project.

STAMPRIET VILLAGE COUNCIL

- The Council constructed a septic tank in Soetdoringlaagte, which accommodates 10 houses.
- This project was completed using the Council staff and financial resources.
- Completion of a 135-meter interlock road in Soetdoringlaagte was completed.
- The National Planning Commission (NPC) allocated N\$ 2,4 million, and 189 prepaid water meters were purchased and fully installed.
- Road Fund Administration has allocated N\$ 913,660.00, of which N\$ 325,908.62 was used to pay the previous year's contractor.

KALKRAND VILLAGE COUNCIL

- In terms of land delivery, the Council in December 2023 allocated free erven to 72 beneficiaries (low to ultra-low inhabitants of Kalkrand) in the N\$5 Informal Settlement,
- The Kalkrand Village Council succeeded in drilling three (3) boreholes in the townlands of Kalkrand and two of the boreholes were fully installed with solar-induced water supply points.
- The Town made commitments in December 2023 and has invested an amount of **N\$150 000.00** in repairing streetlights.
- In support of local food security, the Village Council through a Council resolution availed **270ha** of land in February 2024 to the World Food Programme of the United Nations.

MALTAHOHE VILLAGE COUNCIL

- Vaal Kamp Water reticulation valued at N\$3,2 million where 116 households were given access to water through MURD Funding.
- Blikkiesdorp Water reticulation valued at N\$2,7 million, 116 households' benefited access to water through MURD funding.
- Road interlocking Road Fund Administration Funded N\$880 000.00
- Maltahohe Extension 2 Electrification at N\$1,4 million for 22 houses through MURD funding.

GOCHAS VILLAGE COUNCIL

- Interlocking of roads for N\$834,000 in Gomxab !Naus. A total of 300 was reprogrammed as part of the Token Identification Rollover project at N\$851,000.00.
- The rehabilitation of the sewer pond in Gomxab !Naus is ongoing and an amount of N\$1,5 million was spent.
- 31 prepaid water meters, 25 conventional meters, fittings, and pipes were installed to improve the water reticulation at a cost of N\$ 277,130.
- Council acquired a Back hoe loader for N\$1,3 million.
- A Hydraulic Blasting Machine at N\$521,209 was acquired.

TOURISM INDUSTRY

FUNDED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE WOLWEDANS FOUNDATION 2023

- Rural Revive is an initiative designed to empower the marginalized people of Maltahöhe and address economic disparities in the region through capacity-building programs. **The cost of the project amounted to N\$ 3,335,805.**

The Wolwedans Desert Academy which is a key component of The Arid Eden Project – Wolwedans Vision 2030. The project funding in 2023 amounted to N\$ 3,6 million

- **The Desert Academy Hospitality** funding amounted to N\$ 2,4 million.
- **The Desert Academy Horticulture** amounted to

N\$1,1 million.

- **The NAMIBRAND FAMILY HIDEOUT** supports the AME Kindergarten in Maltahohe with monthly food supplies worth N\$1000 per month.
- **The ANDBEYOND MOUNTAIN LODGE supports the** Rev. P. A. Schmidt Primary School in Maltahohe with monthly food supplies valued at N\$ 12 000-00 per month
- **The NAUKLUFT FOUNDATION supports the** Nabasib Primary School in Rehoboth Rural Constituency with stationery, hostel fees, school development fees, uniforms, toiletries, repainting of the school, water supply, and other needed supplies.

PROJECTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HARDAP REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- Phase one of the Uibis Media Library totalling N\$ 645 000-00 has been completed through collaboration with Common Waters & Wild Impact through the Daweb constituency office.
- The Maltahohe Community Media Centre valued at N\$ 1,3 million was sponsored and officially opened with the support of Pro Namib.
- Vaal Kamp Electrification in Maltahohe through Nampower funding to the value of N\$2,9 million, where 109 houses were electrified.
- Construction of a 2-bedroom brick house for people living with disabilities in Hoachanas through financial assistance from the People's Republic of China to the tune of N\$ 200 000-00.
- Construction of one classroom at the A. A. Denk Primary School in Kalkrand to the value of N\$ 350,000-00 through NAMPORT funding.
- An amount of N\$10 million was sourced from donors to construct the Namaqua Kalahari Children's Home in Gochas.
- A Model Early Childhood Development Centre was constructed by the Anglo-American Foundation in Stampriet, Mariental Rural Constituency.
- Construction of 6 classrooms and ablution facilities at the A. A. Denk Primary School in Kalkrand through funding received from the Japanese Embassy valued at N\$ 1,1 million.
- Eight (8) students were sent to the People's Republic of China to pursue further studies in different fields of studies, while seven (7) students were sent for Level 2 & 3 studies in Hospitality, Tourism and Guiding at **NWR—HI (Gross Barmen)**.
- The Namibia Special Risk Insurer Association (NASRIA) through the Governors office donated IT equipment worth N\$40 000,00 to Daweb Secondary and Klein Aub Primary Schools.
- Developmental partners such as the GIZ, World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UNDP-Build Back Better, AgriBank, RISE-Namibia, and the Lutheran church have also contributed to food and nutrition security in the region through training, provision of farming implements, and mentorship.
- Common Waters is a young and vibrant Namibian NGO which is based in Hardap Region. This project aims to support communities by using renewable energy to ensure a sustainable water supply. They are working closely with the Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation Coordination. To date:
Ø Six (6) Diesel engines were replaced with solar pumps

- Ø Eighteen (18) windmills were replaced with solar pumps
- Ø Replaced worn-out pumps with eleven (11) new solar pumps.
- Ø 2.5 km small pipeline extensions from Kaitzub to Slangkop
- Ø 1.5 km from Amalia Post to Amalia Home
- Ø 2.5 km from Tressenburg Home to Tressenburg Post
- Ø 2.9 km from Korakorabes Post to Korakorabes
- The Ministry of Health and Social Services received financial support from ProNamib for deploying three (3) staff members; a Medical Officer, Social Worker & Health Assistant at Maltahöhe Health Centre and Clinic.
- The Namibia Wildlife Hardap Resort donated 26 bags of linen for distribution to different community hostels in the region.
- The Soutputs Community Centre was inaugurated with the generous support by Dr Sara Vakhshouri and husband.
- Handed over cultural attire to the cultural group of the Salomon Boois Primary School.

GOVERNORS SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

- The Governors Kitchen Programme treats community members throughout the region with a meal through its pop-up kitchens.
- **The Governors' office was preoccupied with socio-economic activities such as the provision of proper housing, food parcels, and financial assistance from primary school levels to Tertiary Education, in an attempt to better the livelihoods of the people in the whole of the region.**

Honourable Chairperson and dear fellow citizens, I will now present the Regions Future Development Programmes for 2024/25

- Construction of five (5) social houses in the region where persons living with disabilities and elderly above the age of hundred (100) will benefit in the towns of Aranos, Stampriet, Gochas, Kalkrand, and Rehoboth.
- It is envisaged to expand the Wolwedans Desert Academy to Maltahöhe by establishing a satellite campus called "**Maltahöhe Desert Academy**". This town-based vocational training center will be operated by the Wolwedans Foundation and forms part of the Rural Revive project, which formulated vocational training as one of its main objectives.
- **Rehoboth Town Council**, plans to construct a Solar Plant (to be funded by the developer)
- Engineering Consultant services for design of own water storage to be supplied by the boreholes to supply block E (internally funded Project)
- Refurbishment of sewer ponds (funded by MURD)
- Construction of additional infrastructures (Road, water network, ablution facilities etc.) in the new Cemetery in block H
- Replacement of 1500 dysfunctional Electricity PPMs in block E (**Phase 2**) (internally funded Project)
- Token Identification Rollover project for electricity meters for the entire Town
- Electrification of Block H area (**Phase 1**) (internally funded Project)

- Refuse removal and landfill management - main contract for 2 years of construction and upgrading of a total of 4km of streets to bitumen standard (to be funded by Road Fund Agency)
- Repair of boundary fence around Rehoboth Townlands 302 (Phase 1)
- Upgrading of Henry Bell Street (the road to the new Cemetery)
- **Mariental Municipality** is currently in the process of clearing the land to relocate more households who cannot be accommodated in Aimablaagte Extension 2 and 3.
- Communal water and a mass light will be provided before the relocation process continues.
- Upgrading of the Industrial Area Road. The final phase of the Industrial Area Road is due for completion in the 2024/2025 financial year.
- **Gibeon Village Council** with funding from the Road Fund Administration amounting to **N\$ 900,000.00** for the financial year 2024/2025 for Road Construction under Phase two (2). This is an ongoing project to be facilitated through the Procurement process.
- Stampriet Village Council, with the remainder of N\$ 587,751.38 from the Road Fund Administration will complete a 60-meter interlock road extension.
- Completion of a General Valuation Roll with funding of N\$ 450,000.00 from the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development.
- Construction of a septic tank for 10 houses, funded by the Council and built by its staff.
- **Kalkrand Village Council** foresees to embark upon building of 30 low-cost houses in Kalkrand for the 2024/25 F.Y.
- With the availability and allocation of budgeted funds of **N\$1.5M**, the Council intends to undertake household sewer connections (to the main sewer) to the residents of Donkerhoek and Pappegai informal settlers.
- The Council entered into a rental agreement with Woermann Brock for the construction of a Woermann retail outlet on land measuring 1600m², the contractors have already occupied the site.
- The Kalkrand Village Council integrating Denkrust private land into the urban jurisdiction of Kalkrand at a value of N\$ 3 million and purchasing 45ha of land in Denkrust.
- **The Maltahohe Village Council**, will embark on a Low Seal Volume Road between the town and Andrewville valued at N\$13,8 million through Road Fund Administration (Engagement at a very advanced stage).
- Plans to complete Phase two of the Uibis Media Library to the tune of N\$ 1,1 million.
- Interlocking of Road at N\$1 million (Road Fund Administration Funding)
- Blikkiesdorp water reticulation N\$5,5 million (MURD Capital Budget)
- Blikkiesdorp Electrification N\$6 million (MURD Capital Budget)
- Shack Dwellers Federation Electrification at N\$2 million for 22 houses through MURD funding.
- Shack Dwellers Federation Water Reticulations N\$3 million for connection of water to 100 houses
- **Gochas Village Council** plans to rehabilitate the existing Boreholes.

While concluding, Honourable Chairperson and the citizens of Hardap I call on each one of you to work harder for our collective welfare. I call on all of you to hold hands and to ensure that no one feels left out of the Namibian House.

Finally, I wish to urge all registered Hardapians to make sure in casting your votes during the upcoming Presidential and National elections on 27th November. Make sure your vote is counted.

I thank you.