



Onaushe Combined School, latest beneficiary of the MTC Rural Schools Project

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03 June 2022 – Saying goodbyes to days of being taught in discouraging environment, the pupils of Onaushe Combined School in Uuvudhiya constituency, Oshana region, welcomed a new block of four classrooms and a storeroom by MTC, under its Rural Schools Project.

Built at the cost of over N\$800 000, and donated in partnership with the Ministry of Education, the classrooms will ensure that learners at the school are taught in conducive environment.

The school is the latest beneficiary of the MTC Rural School Project – a national Corporate Social Investment initiative launched in 2020 and driven to answer to the call of dilapidated schools that lack decent structures or have none.

For the year under review – Onaushe Combined School alongside Aussenkher Primary School in !Kharas region are this year’s selected beneficiaries of new blocks of classrooms constructed at a sum of N\$ 1.6 million using local contractors from regions, in an effort to support the local construction industry. To date, the project has supported schools in Kunene, Kavango West, Otjozondjupa, Oshana, and !Karas region, at a sum of 6, 4 million, respectively.

Through the “Friends of Education Initiative”, schools needing help are identified by the Ministry through the initiative and a pre- selection is done – upon which MTC selects from the list provided by the Ministry. MTC is able to only assist two schools per region per each calendar year.

Oshana Governor, Elia Irimari, receiving the classroom blocks, highlighted “It’s a well-known stance that education in its superiority is a catalyst that drives development. Hence, the Government of the Republic of Namibia, shall never be nonchalant about investing in it.

Added Irimari “The Oshana region, just like many other regions in our country, is facing a challenge of either dilapidated or inadequate classrooms.

Getting taught in a conducive environment, is one of the key contributors to learners performing well and achieving good grades. Generally, it is destructive and counter-productive for both learners and teachers, when teaching and learning is done under a tree or building that is almost collapsing, expressed Irimari.

Despite having such unfortunate predicaments experienced at some schools in the country, these teachers and learners are never discouraged to impart knowledge and pursue education - for they understand that education is the key to a better Namibia, and ultimately a better future., whilst applauding MTC for the investment.”

While advising learners to take education seriously, MTC Chief Human Capital, Corporate Affairs and Marketing Officer Tim Ekandjo said “With this project, MTC is purposefully driven with a sole mandate to complement the government’s effort in providing proper school facilities. Every Namibian child deserves to be educationally groomed and developed in a decent and encouraging classroom, for these are the future leaders of this country. We therefore remain intentional in our contribution to ensuring that we assist the education ministry in providing quality school facilities for a Namibian child.” – Tim Ekandjo.

Oshana Education Director, Ms. Hileni Amukana commended MTC for its commitment to supporting various social causes in the country and called on other friends of education to join hands in making sure that, overall, the Namibia education standard is elevated to a desired standard.

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