# **ISSUES RESPONSE REPORT (IRR)**

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP) FOR GOBOBOSEB SMALL-SCALE MINING HOTSPOTS IN ERONGO REGION

Issues Raised at the Farm Goboboseb Small-scale Mining Hotspot

**Prepared For:** 

Ministry of Mines and Energy Private Bag 13297 Windhoek

October 2020

# 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

# **1.1 Introduction**

The study was subjected to a Public Participation Process (PPP) as defined in the Environmental Management Act, No. 07 of 2007 and EIA Regulations of February 2012.

# **1.2 Approach to the Public Participation Process**

## a) Site visits

The consultant conducted a site visit to the mining hotpots and interviewed Small-scale Miners (SSMs) that were found onsite. The consultant also interviewed the officials from the Uis settlement office as well as some gemstone traders along the Henties Bay-Uis road.

# b) Stakeholders consultations

Stakeholders such as Government Ministries, Daures Constituency Councilor, Erongo Regional Council, Tsiseb Conservancy, National Heritage Council, Daure Daman Traditional Authority (TA), Namibia Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (NACSO) and the Erongo Region Small-scale Miners Association (ERSMA), were informed about the study through notification letters that were sent to them.

# c) Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

Potential Interested and Affected Parties were invited to register through newspaper advertisements that were published in two (2) local newspapers: New Era (24 & 29 September 2020), and The Namibian (25 & 29 September 2020). Stakeholders and I&APs were invited to the consultative meeting which was held on the 29 September 2020 at the Uis Community hall at 14:30.

The consultation period commenced on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and ended on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. This allowed a 21-day period for submitting comments as outlined in Section 3.4 (11) of the EIA Regulations of February 2012. The aim of these consultations was to introduce the study to the relevant stakeholders and I&APs to solicit inputs.

# 1.3 Purpose of the IRR

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of inputs, comments and questions that were received from the relevant stakeholders, as well as from the I&APs. These issues were incorporated in the Environmental Scoping report and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

# 2. ISSUES RAISED DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD

# 2.1 Issues raised during site visits

Issues Raised By	Issues and Concerns Raised
SSMs	- SSMs experience problems with transporting gemstones. The Police normally confiscate
	their gemstones if they are not accompanied with a transport permit. Such permits can
	only be obtained in Windhoek. It is therefore recommended that Transport Permit be
	made locally available to SSMs i.e., at the local Police stations or Councilor's Office.
	- SSMs have problems accessing international markets. The government is requested to link SSMs to the best international markets, so they can sell their products at the best prices.
	- International tourists usually give local gemstones i.e., amethyst different names from the local names when exporting it.
	- Due to the lack of market information, SSMs are forced to be price takers and often sell at prices below the market value.
	- It is recommended for the government to do research on the end-use of gemstones.
	- The government should consider setting up a gallery for SSMs to sell their gemstones
	- There is a lot of conflicts in the area over Mining Claims (MCs) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) does not always react on time.
-	- One of the SSMs has a MC registered under his name and obtained an ECC for this
	MC, but there is someone else mining on that Claim without legit MC registration papers.
	The matter has been reported to MME, but nothing has been done yet.
	- The owner of the disputed MC wants to know why can't MME stop the person from mining while the matter is being resolved? and Why is it taking so long for MME to act on this matter?
	- SSMs often find it difficult to travel back and forth to Windhoek to finalize MC registration process and sometimes when they travel to Windhoek, the person who should assist them is not in the office and this result in time & finances wasted.
	- There is a lot ongoing conflicts in the area regarding MCs ownership. MME should send inspectors regularly and solve these problems before they escalate.
Daure Daman	- Countless MCs were registered without the knowledge of the TA. It is recommended that
Traditional	pegging of MCs must be strictly done in accordance with the Section 36 of the Minerals
Authority	(Prospecting and Mining) Act of 1992 and the Communal Land Act of 2005.

2.2 Issues received through emails and telephone communic	ations
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Erongo Region Small-scale Miners Association (ERSMA)	<ul> <li>SSMs need assistance with machineries and equipment so that they can operate efficiently and make profits.</li> </ul>
MC holder	- One of the SSMs was in the process of pegging a Claim but while he was looking for a GPS to take coordinates, some fellow miners went to the site and started putting marks on the same area. He wants to know if this is right and what should he do to avoid conflicts?
Tsiseb Conservancy	- The small-scale mining activities should not interfere with the migration of Black Rhinos in the area, especially when they are moving from their natural habitats to the water point.
National Heritage Council (NHC)	<ul> <li>NHC would like to notify you that Erongo Region hosts an extensive wealth of heritage resources, amongst others; hundreds of archaeological sites (documented and undocumented). About 900 sites are documented in the Brandberg which is in proximity with Xoboxobos mining hotspot.</li> </ul>
	- It is therefore against this background that the NHC recommends that the proponent be compelled to appoint a person with appropriate professional qualifications and/ or experience to conduct heritage impact assessment study of this area. A site-specific Heritage Impact Assessment should provide NHC with enough information to understand the impact of these activities on the significance of the heritage resources in these areas.

## 2.3 Issues raised during the public Meeting

The public meeting was held at the Community Hall in Uis on the 29 September 2020. The attendance register is provided under the appendix E.

Issues Raised	Issues and Concerns Raised
<b>By</b> Daure Daman Traditional Authority	<ul> <li>Some SSMs, especially the semi-mechanized miners have established permanent residents in the area without approval from the TA and some also keep domestic animals at their temporary camps.</li> </ul>
	- Many people started pegging claims without informing the TA.
	- SSMs should be informed that, no one should peg MCs or establish permanent structures in the area without approval from the TA.
	- Some SSMs do blasting very close to villages. This should not be allowed as it is very dangerous.
	- SSMs should also try to rehabilitate the damaged areas after mining
Attendees	- Since the registration of claims is only done in Windhoek. It always takes time to finalize the registrations or to get assistance. Why can't the Mining Claims registrations be done at MME office in Swakopmund?
	- There are many places of archeological importance in the area, some are marked, and some are not. SSMs should not temper with such areas/places but should report them to the relevant office.
	- How are SSM protected from EPLs and well-off claim owners?
	- One of the SSMs has a MC with abundance of Welwitschia plant, He wanted to know the importance of this plant?
	- SSMs started an association sometime back called "Goboboseb Miners Association". The initial name of this organization and its mandate has been changed without the SSMs' knowledge.
	- SSMs are requesting that MME inspectors should conduct regular inspections in the area and give assistance to SSMs.

## 3. CONCLUSION

The consultant took note of the recommendations and comments made by various parties. Questions and recommendations were forwarded to various relevant institutions for considerations and all issues were incorporated in the scoping report.

Written by: Joseph Kondja Amushila (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)



Date: .....04 December 2020....

## 10 Inside Business

# Low budget hampers agricultural development - Remmert

#### Maihapa Ndjavera

The main national-level issue that relates to policymaking and budgetary allocation is the fact that the agricultural sector does not attract enough investment nor has it received adequate government funding.

The Research Associate at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), Dietrich Remmert, stated that these issues have hampered the development of the agricultural sector for a considerable time and reflect a consistently small annual budget allocation to the Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform.

According to Remmert, over the past years, government has increasingly allocated lower amounts of funding to the ministry, totalling on average just slightly over 4% per annum from 2012/13 to 2018/19.

Furthermore, he noted that investment in agriculture is weak having remained fairly constant since Independence. Consequently, the overall economic performance of the sector has declined since Independence with regards to the overall contribution to the country's GDP.

"Policymakers and government officials have for years maintained that agriculture possesses the potential to significantly contribute to national wealth, job creation, and food security. Namibia's leaders have also placed significant emphasis on sustainable natural resource management and conservation. This compels government and stakeholders in the agricultural sector to consider and



Time to reap... Conservancy agriculture needs to be practised for Namibia to start reaping benefits. Photo: Contributed

adopt agricultural methods that both enhance production as well as protect and conserve the natural environment," elaborated Remmert.

He noted that it is time to reap benefits from the method known as conservancy agriculture (CA) in Namibia. MAWF defines CA as: "An approach to managing agro-ecosystems for improved and sustained productivity, increased profits and food security while preserving and enhancing the resource base and the environment."

NDP5 lists several ambitious agricultural sector targets to be achieved by various strategies. Among others, the plan states that by 2022, a minimum of 50% of farmers should practice CA. CA is also prioritised as one method to improve sustainable land management to conserve and sustainably make use of natural resources.

Remmert said as a sustainable agricultural method, CA has struggled to take hold in the country even after a decade and a half of promotion and support programmes.

"Available literature shows that local CA projects face implementation and funding issues in addition to a range of technical and social barriers. Moreover, Namibia's experience with CA is not isolated as the Southern African region, in general, has struggled to adopt and advance this agricultural method," he stated.

CA's usefulness for an arid and food-insecure country like Namibia is not in dispute. However, it is also evident that CA requires significant resources, promotion, and funding to ensure more widespread adoption. Also, national policies and strategies need to take into account barriers to adoption and actively seek to address them.

Remmert said the agriculture ministry has acknowledged that the successful adoption of CA by farmers requires a range of additional factors such as a market for cover crops. CA was therefore characterised as a long-term investment.

He outlined that there is limited documentation available that critically evaluates past and current CA programmes in the country. Remmert advised that Namibia should carry out a comprehensive stocktaking exercise to determine the exact status of CA in the country.

"It is evident that the government would need to increase budget allocations to the agricultural sector and CA initiatives to realise ambitious national agricultural targets.

Alternatively, donor and commercial interests could advance CA but this would require more commitment from donor organisations and a more conducive investment climate for private businesses," recommended Remmert.

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He further said Namibian stakeholders should explore the promotion of CA to larger smallholding operations and commercial farms as these have access to more resources and could practice the method on a greater scale. - mndjavera@nepc.com.na

# MultiChoice selects DPO Group as digital payments partner

#### Staff Reporter

MultiChoice Namibia has confirmed a strategic partnership with leading African payment service provider, DPO Group, to enable effortless payments for DStv and GOtv customers in Namibia via their integrated solutions. The integration is expected to improve the accessibility and convenience for MultiChoice's customers throughout the country, allowing them to pay for subscriptions conveniently and securely using DPO technology via the MultiChoice website, the MyDStv and MyGOtv self-service apps, as well as through

the DStv WhatsApp service. DPO has developed its own integrated payments technology to support businesses of all sizes across Africa to make and accept payments securely and swiftly with all currencies and payment

methods including via mobile

money. Simba Huni, DPO Group's country manager for Namibia commented on the partnership. "Partnering with MultiChoice Namibia represents a strong strategic fit for DPO, as we continue to strengthen our local presence and build our customerbase. A successful pilot of our payments technology on MultiChoice Namibia's platform demonstrated a strong apetite for smooth online payments from its customers, and we are

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Location: Farm Tubussis and Farm Xoboxobos, Erongo Regio Proponent: Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)



pleased to be able to work with MultiChoice to offer a quicker and easier way to pay."

Eran Feinstein, DPO Group's CEO and co-founder, said, "We are delighted to welcome MultiChoice Namibia on board as a valued DPO merchant and are looking forward to working closely with them across Africa to streamline

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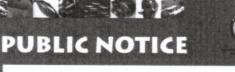
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All potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register, request Background Information Document (BID) and submit comments/inputs to jkondja@gm Public meetings are scheduled to take place as follow:

their payments processes and improve customer satisfaction through the introduction of a secure and time efficient payments mechanism. We hope to continue to build our relationship with MultiChoice in the future, and to roll out our partnership in the other markets in which MultiChoice operates." Roger Gertze, Managing Director of MultiChoice Namibia, commented, "Putting the customer first is at the heart of every decision we make as a business. We're committed to making quality entertainment more accessible and convenient for our subscribers in the changing environment with the available technology - and our payment partnership with DPO is an example of these frontrunning initiatives."

As an active player in developing Namibia's ICT sector, MultiChoice believes that a key ingredient of businesses prosperity and sustainability is having the right partners. "By forging long-term partnerships, we continue to work tirelessly to maximise consumeraccessaround the country. More so we have developed, nurtured and sustained a comprehensive

a comprehensive value chain- which supports local business and communities through investments in infrastructure and empowerment initiatives," Gertze added.



#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FISH SHOPS

NFCPT wishes to notify customers and general public that the following fish shops will close for business on the dates provided below due to scheduled regular staff engagements and inspection of fish shops.

FISH SHOP NAME	LOCATION	DATE CLOSED
Opuwo fish shop	Opuwo	28.09.2020
Outapi fish shop	Outapi	29.09.2020
Ongwediva fish shop	Ongwediva	30.09.2020
Ondangwa fish shop	Ondangwa	02.10.2020
Omuthiya fish shop	Omuthiya	05.10.2020
Eenhana fish shop	Eenhana	06.10.2020
Nkurenkuru fish shop	Nkurenkuru	07.10.2020
Rundu fish shop	Rundu	08.10.2020
Mondesa fish shop	Swakopmund	12.10.2020
Walvis Bay fish shop	Walvis Bay	13.10.2020

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#### ENQUIRIES:

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Our sincerest condolences on the passing of Dieter. As a respected Captain of Industry, team leader and family man he will be missed by many. May you find comfort in your memories with him during this difficult time.

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HOEK and Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher, Quarmby & Pfelfer, at the undermen-tioned address. Dated at WINDHOEK this 6th day of JULY 2020. FISHER, QUARMBY & PFEIFER LEGAL PRAC-TITIONER FOR PLAINTFF c/o Robert Mugabe & Thorne Streets entrance on Cours Streets P.O. Box of VIII/14/DEC

CASE NO: HC-MD-CN-ACT COL-20100381 IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA MAIN OWN-SION - WINDHOEK In the matter between: FIRST NATIONAL, BANK OF NAMBIA LIMITED PLANTHF and GLIEBTI JEWNA FIRST DEFENDATI MATILDAH KABESHA SECOND DE FENDATI NOTICE OF SALE IN EXE-CUTION In execution of a Judgement of the above Henourship Court in the

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Petrus Barnab

DOB: 01 September 15 DOD: 28 September 20

Today marks exactly 9 years since you left us. We all miss you dearly.

Continue resting in peace. From your wife, childre

and entire family

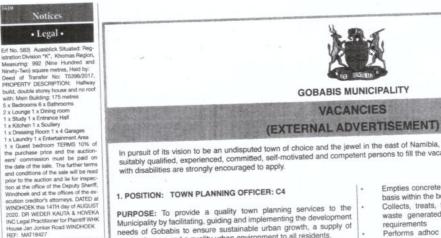
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Thorer Streets entrance on et P O Box 37 WINDHOEK



PURPOSE: 10 provide a quality town planning services to the Municipality by facilitating, guiding and implementing the development needs of Gobabis to ensure sustainable urban growth, a supply of serviced erven and a quality urban environment to all residents. **REPORTING LINE:** Manager: Infrastructure and Technical Services **DUTY STATION:** Gobabis Municipality

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Scheme and by-laws
- Coordinates and plans the demarcation of plots and placement of pegs in conjuction with the Community Development Officer Relocation of households in conjuction with the Community
- Development Officer
- Controls illegal settlements or illegal informal settlement occupants in conjuction with the Community Development
- Assesses building plans conforming with regulations for building lines, use of buildings, coverage, bulk, density, fuel installations and other special conditions
- Prepares and submits proposals to Council for the charging of beterment and endowment fees Town Planning Management and Coordination

#### JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

- Four (4) years' experience in a municipal and town planning environment, of which at least two (2) years would be at
- management level Registration with the Namibian Council of Town and Regional Planners, as a Town Planne
- Valid Code B Driver's license

### 2. POSITION: ASSISTANT TOWN HEALTH OFFICER: C2

PURPOSE: Responsible for the provision of supporting services to the Town Health Officer by planning, organizing and supervision of all the activities related to parks, gardens, cemeteries, and recreational facilities in order to ensure that the operations are carried out efficiently. REPORTING LINE: Town Health Officer DUTY STATION: Gobabis Municipality

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Assist with annual health plan and provides input into relevant budgets
- Supervises the maintenance of parks and gardens, sports fields
- and nursery Conducts meat inspections at the abattoirs within the boundaries
- of the municipality Business Registration, Environmental Health, Meat and Dairy
- Control Disinfects household and businesses premises and carries out Issuing of dogs licences and inspection on premises to see if they are equiped to keep dogs Pounding of animals pest control related activities

#### JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

- National Diploma in Environmental Health or equivalent qualification
  - Three (3) years' experience in Environmental Health or a similar
- nosition Experience in Municipal environment is an added advantage
- Code B drivers' licens Registration as an Environmental Health Assistant with the Allied Health Profession Council or furnished proof that the requirements as prescribed by the board are complied with

### 3. POSITION: 2 X GENERAL LABOURERS: A2 (SANITATION)

PURPOSE: To provide support to Foreman: Solid Waste in carrying out all activities related to refuse removal and solid waste management operations in order to ensure a healthy environment as part of the service of the municipality to the public.

REPORTING LINE: Foreman: Solid Waste

#### DUTY STATION: Gobabis Municipality

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS: Collection of all househould refuse, garden refuse and building rubble within the border limits of the Gobabis Municipality on a daily basis.

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- Empties concrete refuse drums and skip containers on a daily basis within the border limits of the Gobabis Municipality Collects, treats, transports, stores and disposes of all solid
- waste generated within Gobabis Municipality according to requirements Performs adhoc tasks within job scope upon request from
- Supervisor

#### JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

Grade 8 Minimum three (3) months work experience as general labourer Basic communication skills

2 X GENERAL LABOURERS: A2 (PARKS & 4 POSITION: GARDENS)

PURPOSE: To provide support to Foreman; Parks & Gardens in carrying out all activities related to tending the municipal gardens, cleaning and maintaining parks, cemeteries, sport and recreational facilities and the general up keep of street trees and traffic islands

REPORTING LINE: Foreman: Parks & Gardens DUTY STATION: Gobabis Municipality

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Provides cleaning and watering services at parks, gardens, cemeteries, recreational facilities and community halls Numbering, digging and covering of graves
- Cutting and chemical treatment of unwanted trees on municipal and private land it requested by the property owner Cuts and controls wild grasses along Gobabis' main roads,
- intersections, traffic islands and municipal sidewalks Controls and pounding of animals, poultry and doves in residential areas as well as exotic animals that are kept as domestic pets

#### JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

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### GENERAL FRINGE BENEFITS INCLUDES:

- Housing allowance
- Transport allowance
- Subsidised Medical Aid Scheme Subsidised Municipal Pension Fund
- 13th Cheque (Bonus)
- Ample Leave Privileges

Applications on the Council's prescribed application form, obtainable from our website (http://www.gobabis.org/). Interested applicants meeting the requirements are invited to forward their detailed Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of educational qualifications and transcripts/academic records (foreign qualifications must be evaluated by NQA), medical report as attached on the application form must be completed by the medical practitioner, certified copies of two recent testimonials/certificate of service confirming the employment status and/or working experience and proot of the employment status and/or working experience and proof of Namibian citizenship.

Applications by post or hand delivered must reach Gobabis Municipality at 35 Church Street by the same date and time. For more enquiries, do not hesitate to contact Mr. A.P. Shilemba: Human Resources Manager at 062 – 577300. Applications should be addressed to: addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer Municipality of Gobabis PO Box 33 35 Church Street GOBABIS

Gobabis Municipality offers a market related and attractive package.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 23 October 2020 @ 16:00

NO LATE, E-MAILED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED !!!

NB: Applicants who do not meet the above-mentioned requirements or fail to comply with the application procedure will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and no documents will be returned.

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In pursuit of its vision to be an undisputed town of choice and the jewel in the east of Namibia, Gobabis Municipality seeks the services of suitably qualified, experienced, committed, self-motivated and competent persons to fill the vacancies listed below. NB: women and people

- Evaluates and checks that building activities within the Municipality are carried out according to the Town Planning
- Officer

- Bachelor Degree in Town Planning or equivalent qualification in the same field
  - Post-graduate qualification will be an advantage

#### NEWS 4

### Tuesday 29 September 2020 NEW ERA

# ECN briefs parties on nomination process

#### Kuzeeko Tjitemisa

Nomination and submission of candidates by political parties for the November regional and local authority elections will officially start today, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) confirmed yesterday.

In November, Namibians are heading to the polls to elect new regional council and local authority leaders despite fears of the global coronavirus crisis that is testing the world's democracies in myriad ways.

Political parties, organisations and associations have until 16 October, while independent candidates have until 14 October to submit the names of their candidates to the ECN.

ECN's Chief Electoral and Referenda Officer Theo Mujoro yesterday held a meeting with candidates, political parties, organisations and associations where he briefed them on the nomination process, including legal requirements, procedures and arrangements.

He told those in attendance that the signing of the code of conduct for political parties, organisation and candidates is set for 8 October, while the verification and signing of sample ballot papers by political parties, associations and independent candidates are set for 2 November.

He said the central elections results centre, the management system and processes, as well as the briefing on final logistic arrangements dates will be communicated to them.



Ready to vote ... Namibians will vote regional councillors and local authority in November this year. Photo: Nampa

# Sioka calls for child-friendly justice system



The future... In this file photo, Amos Nguaiko from the ministry of information poses with some children of the DRC informal settlement. Photo: Namp

espite the adoption of laws that are specific to children by African governments and the considerable investment into their protection, scores of children are still unable to access or benefit from childfriendly justice systems in a meaningful way

This was said by Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare in a statement to mark the commemoration of the Day of the Namibian Child yesterday.

This year's commemoration is held under the theme 'Access to Child-friendly

Justice in Namibia during the Covid-19 pandemic' and reflects on the challenges faced by children who find themselves in conflict with the law.

Sioka, in the joint statement with Unicef, availed to Nampa, said a childfriendly justice system will ensure the best interests of the child are given primary consideration

"A child-friendly justice system should be a system that better serves and protects all children irrespective of their socioeconomic or cultural backgrounds," said Sioka

The Namibian government's

For Tubussis ue: Community Hall, Tubussis Date: 01 October 2020 Time: 14:30

commitment to building a child-friendly justice system, the minister said, is evidenced through the enactment of the Child Care and Protection Act (Act No. 3 of 2015) that recognises fundamental principles of a child-friendly justice system.

The Act is in line with the Convention of the Rights on the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children and has resulted in various capacity development exercises of all key government officials to ensure the fundamental principles of a child-friendly justice system in the Act are adhered to.

Unicef Representative to Namibia Rachel Odede said when a child is believed to have committed a crime, the way the justice system responds can have a lifelong impact that will be either positive or negative.

"Following the principles established the Convention on the Rights of a Child, we need to treat children with care, sensitivity and respect throughout any procedure or case, with special attention for their wellbeing and needs, and with full respect for their physical and psychological integrity, irrespective of their capacity or legal status.

This calls for our individual and collective effort, especially during emergencies such as the current Covid-19 pandemic," Odede said.

She further said to address some of these challenges, in line with the

# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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- PROJECT LOCATION: Nkurenkuru, Kavango West Region

The Proponent: Nkurenkuru Town Council Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Stubenrauch Plan ning Consultants (SPC)

Public meetings are scheduled to be held as follows Kahenge Reception Area: Kahenge Extensions 5, 6 and 7 Date: 9 October 2020 Time: 09H00 Venue: Kahenge Tribal Hall

Mayara Reception Area: Nkurenkuru Extension 14 Date: 9 October 2020 Time: 12H00 Venue: Nkurenkuru Community Hall

Venue: Nauenkuru Community Hall REGISTRATION OF IAAPS AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: In line with Namiba'ia Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and ELA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all IAAPs are hereby invetto to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing via Email: bromwynn@spc.com.na; Tel: 061 25 11 89 or Fax: 061 25 21 57 on or before 20 October 2020.



implementation of the Child Care and Protection Act, the Namibian Police Force, in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, together with ministry of gender equality, embarked on a training for law enforcement officials, aimed at equipping them, as well as other officials in their response to child protection issues, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. - Nampa

# **Virus** infiltrates **Oshakati police** holding cells

#### Nuusita Ashipala

ONGWEDIVA - The Ministry of Health and Social Services was yesterday expected to continue with its targeted mass testing at the Oshakati police holding cells after 33 more inmates tested positive for Covid-19 this past weekend.

The police station commander, Chief Inspector Allo Matheus said 133 inmates were waiting to be tested.

The cells currently house 180 inmates.

"Arrangements were done and we are expecting the ministry of health to conduct more tests amongst the inmates, as well as the officials who are working with the inmates," said Matheus.

By yesterday, 34 inmates and two police officials had tested positive for Covid-19.

About 13 inmates who were previously tested are still waiting for results, Matheus said. To curb the further spread of the virus, the

inmates who have tested positive and those whose results are still pending have been isolated.

"When we get the results, we instantly separate the inmates from the rest who tested positive, while arrangements are being done to isolate them completely," said Matheus.

Like many other cells in the country, Matheus said Oshakati is also overcrowded.

A week ago, New Era reported that an inmate at Oshakati had tested positive for Covid-19.

The inmate, who is on trial for murder at Oshakati High Court, tested positive on 17 September 2020.

The inmate was allegedly transported from Rundu to Oshakati on 5 September 2020.

He was swabbed earlier this month and his results came out positive on 17 September. The Eenhana police holding cells were last week

also placed under quarantine after 19 inmates there tested positive.

The regional commander, Commissioner Elizabeth Sibolile, said the cases might have infiltrated the cells after two inmates were taken for treatment at a local hospital.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR TUBUSSIS AND XOBOXOBOS SMALL-SCALE MINING HOTSPOTS IN ERONGO REGION

Notice is hereby given to all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevan holders, that applications for Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) will be subrr the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) for the following activities. Activities: Small Scale Mining (SSM)

Description: The two mining hotspots consist of mining claims which are owned and operated by individuals and/or groups. The mining activities mainly include artisanal and semi-mecha-nized methods which are used in extracting a wide range of genstones. Although the mining activities have been taking place for many years in these areas, this has been done in the ab-sence of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) and Environmental Clarance Certificates. However, in terms of the Environment Management Act (Act No 7 of 2007), and the Environ-mental Impact Assessment (EM) Regulations of 2012, alt mining and quarying activities require EIAs to be undertaken. In order to facilitate the development of EMPs, and subject in terms of the Environmental Commissioner, MME is assisting Small Scale Miners in the two mining hotspots to comptly with the statutory requirements.

All potential interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register, request for the Background Information Document (3ID) and submit comments/inputs to kondja@gmail.com. Public meetings are scheduled to take place as follow:

For more Information: Cell: +264 811422927 Mr. Joseph Kondja

puts is on the 14 October 2020

Location: Farm Tubussis and Farm Xoboxobos, Erongo Region

Proponent: Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)

Community Hall, Uis 30 September 2020

For Xoboxobos

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Environmental Scoping and Development of Environmental Management Plans for Tubussis and Xoboxobos Small-Scale Mining (SSM) Hotspots in Erongo Region

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