



**KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT HANDING OVER OF PROJECTS IN
OTJIMBINGWE, OKOMBAHE AND UIS SETTLEMENT AREAS
ERONGO REGION**

**By the
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Honourable Juuso Kambueshe, Chairperson of Erongo Regional Council

Honourable Melania Ndjago; Councilor of Karibib Constituency and Member of Parliament

Honourable Benitha Imbamba, Councilor of Arandis Constituency

The Mayors Present Here

Local Authority Councillors

Madam Habatte Döeses, Chief Regional Officer

Honourable Traditional Authorities Leaders

Beneficiaries of Projects

Esteemed Communities

Distinguished Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

It is my pleasure to officiate the handing over of these valuable assets to the Communities in the Erongo Region. It is indeed a pleasure to see sustainable development which will ultimately result in economic and social recovery in the region. This is a clear testimony that Erongo region is serious about speedy service delivery.

The Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) under the Pillar Infrastructure Development emphasises the modern and reliable infrastructure as critical element for high and sustainable economic growth. Without it, almost everything in the economic value chain tends to be slower, less reliable and more expensive.

Regional Development can only be realised if close cooperation and collaboration with the stakeholders in the region are established. What we are witnessing today is exactly what the cooperation means, and I am delighted to see the relationship established between the Erongo Regional Council and the Local Authorities in the Region. As such the Erongo Regional Council re-invest the 5% Assessment on rateable properties from Local Authorities into the development of Settlements in the Region. This is indeed a remarkable collaboration.

Having said that it is times that all other partners come to the party and contribute to a shared vision and the best possible outcome for the upliftment of livelihood of inhabitants of the Erongo Region.

It is imperative that the traditional leaders cooperate with the regional and local authorities in order to promote:

- peace, stability and cohesiveness of communities
- socio-economic development; and
- social well-being and welfare of communities

For Traditional Leaders to succeed in performing these duties they need to form cooperative relations and partnerships with government at national level in development and service delivery. As such the Traditional Authorities are required to complement and support the work of the government at national and regional level.

I am overwhelmed by the relationship maintained and cherished between the Erongo Regional Council and the Traditional Authorities in the Region. Inclusivity dictates planning and developing together. And I am

a proud Governor to advocate the inclusiveness in the development of this Region.

These projects of which we are celebrating on progress today will bring significant improvements in the livelihood of the inhabitants of this region. Today we are celebrating the mileage covered in the development of the following projects:

1. **Construction of Boardroom at Tsoaxudaman Traditional Authority Office**

The main idea of the project was to construct the Boardroom at the existing Office of the Tsoaxudaman Traditional Authority Office. This is mainly for the Traditional authority to have enough space when holding meetings. The boardroom encompasses of the boardroom with the ablution facilities for both male, female and disability.

The project came through the CDC of Karibib Constituency and was funded under the 5% Assessment rates of 2019-2020 FY. The project was handed to the contractor for the construction on the 12 May 2020 and the anticipated practical completion was on the 18 August 2020. However, due to the lock down of Erongo Region and the COVID-19 Regulation and Restriction as well as the scarcity of material to supplier due to COVID 19, the practical completion was extended to 25 November 2020. The project was funded to the total amount of more than six hundred thousand Namibian Dollars.

2. **Construction of Pensioner Payment Structure in Otjimbingwe:**

The Construction of Pensioner Payment Structure is mainly to provide shades to elderly people when receiving their monthly

grants (social grants). For the past years, they need to stand in the sun, something which is not good for the health of the elderly people and didn't portray good governance from all sphere of governance.

The project came through the CDC of Karibib Constituency and was funded under the 5% Assessment rates in 2019-2020 FY. The project was handed over to the contractor from the construction on 12 May 2020 and the Practical Completion was done in July 2020. The projects were funded to the total amount of more than One hundred thousand Namibia dollars.

3. **Re-fencing of Otjimbingwe Dumping site**

The contract consists of the Re-fencing of 2HA plot which was availed by the Toaxudamana Traditional Authority. The following activities forms part of the contract:

- Fencing of the dumping site (2HA)
- Excavation of 2 General refuse dumping sections
- Portioning of dumping site into different segregation (Recycling section, Tire Section, Building Rubbles Section, Hazardous Section, General Refuse Section and Garden refuse)
- Installation of sign board indicating the operating hours, names of each section and the direction sign that indicated the total distance to the dumping site.

The project was funded under 5% Assessment rate through Open National Bidding. It was handed over to the contracted on the 13 August 2020 and the Practical Completion was set on the 25 November 2020. The project was funded to the total amount of more than seven thousand Namibia dollars.

4. **Construction of Services Infrastructure in Okombahe (Construction of water points in Kandarisis)**

The main aim of the project was to provide water to the inhabitants of Kandarisis Suburb within the Okombahe Settlement with the construction of water points, water reticulation pipeline and installation of stand pipes. The projects implemented through Development Budget (MTEF) into two (2) different phases. It's a 2km pipeline which was constructed to the total amount of two million Namibian dollars.

5. **Construction of Service Infrastructure in Otjimbingwe (improvements to the Gravity Waterborne Sewer Reticulation in Otjimbingwe)**

This project implemented through the development budget. Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and the idea was to upgrade the sewerage network in the whole Otjimbingwe Settlement, to line the Oxidation ponds and clean the sewerage network using a specialist as previous attempts in reference to cleaning proved futile. Therefore, all the activities were done the total amount of One Million.

Director of Ceremony, Ladies and Gentlemen, the following Socio-Economic projects were embarked upon as part of our celebration today:

Upukos Lucerne Plantation (Karibib Constituency)

This is an existing project at Upukos village in Otjimbingwe communal area (+-60km from Karibib), which comprises of local community

members planting Lucerne and Blou Buffel grass on a small scale on a 3HA area under irrigation.

The assistance to the project involved the fencing material, water tank, PVC pipes and fittings for irrigation, water pumps and walking tractor (Estimated at N\$290 000.00)

Ellies Flowers & Vegetable Garden (Arandis Constituency)

The project was selected as a priority for funding in Arandis Constituency for the Financial year 2019/20. It was started with the main aim to produce and distribute fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables to local communities. The project is owned by six (6) women which is part of growth at home and women empowerment.

The assistance provided to Ellies Flowers and Vegetable Garden was the purchasing of a 1-Ton Super AcMini Truck valued at N\$250 000.00 and operational cost to the tune of N\$50 000.00; thus amounting to total of N\$300 000.00

Director of Ceremony, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would therefore call upon all of us today to take good care of these valuable assets. We should at all times safeguard these properties, and report to Law Enforcement of any illegal activities. We should be vigilant at all times.

Although we have not yet attained ultimate objectives in terms of regional development yet, I am sure that we will reassess and make sure that the adequate mechanisms and procedures to deliver are in place.

Thank you very much for listening. May God Almighty bless us all.