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# Editor's Note



It is the middle of the year already but this just signals the end on the first quarter for the 2023/2024 financial year of the government of the Republic of Namibia. Nonetheless, Welcome to the 1st Edition of our quarterly newsletter for Otjozondjupa Regional Council Ondjupa.

This is the mouth piece of the regional council where we bring you are esteemed readers stories of events that happened in the region. during this quarter we witnessed quiet a few exciting events from the re-election of the Otjozondjupa Regional Council Chairperson and other members of the Council's Management Committee, the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Otjozondjupa Regional Council and the World Food Programme on Sustainable Food Systems.

Furthermore, Council donated goats to residents of the Omatako Constituency under its Rural Development programmes and bid farewell to one of its long service civil servants Josephine Mutenda who went on retirement at the end of June 2023. she served at the Director of Education in the region. These are but some of the stories that will make for a good read in this edition of your regional newsletter.

Allow me to take this opportunity to also thank you our readers for inspiring this journey of keeping you informed on events and activities which are hip and happening in the region. You are the reason we strive to do better all the times in keeping you informed as our readers.

You are therefore more that welcome to share your comments and advice with the editorial team on how we can improve on the newsletter by sending us an email at [pr@otjozondjuparc.gov.na](mailto:pr@otjozondjuparc.gov.na), or you can also share your suggestions or comments on our service in general through our website <https://otjozondjuparc.gov.na> through our online suggestion box under the feedback button on the website.

More exciting is that we now have suggestion boxes at all our Constituency and Settlement Offices as well as at Head Office. we humbly implore on you to make use of them to share your views, comments, questions or feedback on how we can better serve you, thereby having a say in what services we deliver to you our residents.

Regards!

*Cornelia Shikongo*





## **OTJOZONDJUPA REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **VISION**

“A REGION THAT ENABLES ITS  
INHABITANTS TO WORK TOWARDS  
PROSPERITY AND IMPROVED QUALITY  
OF LIFE”

### **MISSION**

“TO SPEARHEAD INTEGRATED  
PLANNING AND OVERSEE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO UPLIFT  
THE LIVING STANDARD OF INHABITANTS  
OF THE REGION”.

### **CORE VALUES**

PROFESSIONALISM

INTEGRITY

COURTESY

TRANSPARENCY

ACCOUNTABILITY





## **MTAKERA RETURNS TO THE HELM OF OTJOZONDJUPA REGIONAL COUNCIL**

The Chairperson of Otjozondjupa Regional Council Marlayn Mbakera is re-elected as the Chairperson of the Council's Management Committee. Mbakera who is the Regional Councilor for Otjiwarongo Constituency first took up the political Office in 2020 through a by-election after the death of the then Otjiwarongo Constituency Councilor Julius Neumbo who also served as the Chairperson of Council. During the Regional and Local Authority elections in November 2020 she was re-elected as Regional Councilor for Otjiwarongo Constituency and ultimately as the Chairperson of the Council's Management Committee for a period of two years and six months. On the 8th of May 2023 she was re-elected as the Chairperson of Council as per Article 109 of the Namibian Constitution which states that "The Chairperson and members of the Management Committee shall hold office for two years and six months and shall be eligible for re-election". Others Council members who also retained their positions in the Management Committee are Israel Hukura of Omatako and Johannes Hausiku of Tsumkwe Constituency respectively. Bethuel Tjaveondja of Okahandja, Elder Filipe of Grootfontein and George Garab of Otavi Constituency both remain Members of Parliament, representing Otjozondjupa Regional Council at the House of Representatives, the National Council of Namibia. Abdal Mutjavikua of Okakarara Constituency remains an ordinary member of Council. In her acceptance speech, Mbakera thanked her fellow Councilors for the trust bestowed upon her to lead the Council for another term as Chairperson.





### **OTJOZONDJUPA PARTNERS WITH WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME**

Otjozondjupa Regional Council signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the World Food Programme on Sustainable Food Systems. The Agreement is aimed at coming up with innovative programmes in food production, processing and marketing with the objective of improving the social and economic standards of the region and its inhabitants.

Furthermore the agreement aims to address key drivers of food and nutrition insecurity, stunting the long-term trends of rising hunger, emergency preparedness and market access, distribution and the entire value chain from production to consumption. This also Agreement establishes the framework for collaboration between the Otjozondjupa Regional Council and the World Food Programme aimed at promoting Sustainable Food Systems in the Otjozondjupa Regional Council.

The SFSP under this Agreement is aimed at addressing key drivers of food and nutrition insecurity, stunting the long-term trends of rising hunger, emergency preparedness and market access, distribution, consumption the whole value chain from production through to consumption. The SFSP is further aimed at creating livelihood opportunities and building resilience through implementation of new solutions and strategies to transform food systems.







## MTAKERA'S WINTER DRIVE COMES THROUGH FOR VULNERABLE

The Otjiwarongo Constituency handed over blankets, clothing and food items to about a hundred vulnerable residents at the town. The items were donated to the Regional Councilor's winter drive by employees of the B2Gold mine at Otjiwarongo. Marlayn Mbakera the Otjiwarongo Regional Councilor and Chairperson of Otjozondjupa Regional said her office has a database of about 2400 vulnerable people in the Constituency and since it's winter, she deemed it fit to solicit assistance for blankets, clothing and food items which she has been doing through social media. The B2Gold employees saw the social media post and headed to her plea. Mbakera thanked the employees for their gesture of goodwill adding that the living standard of the vulnerable people in Otjiwarongo is a sad situation and said those who are in fortune situations should try to assist the most vulnerable members of society. "A bit of kindness will go a long way into lending a helping hand" said Mbakera.





## **OTJOZONDJUPA BIDS FAREWELL TO MUTENDA**

The Otjozondjupa Region bids farewell to its Director of Education Josephine Mutenda who went into retirement on the 30th June 2023. Mutenda served the Education fraternity for 38 years in different portfolios. She is described as a humble and soft spoken leader with a strong voice. The Otjozondjupa Regional Governor James Uerikua thanked her for her dedication adding that she epitomizes an excellent public servant and called on staff of the region to emulate the good leadership skills of Mutenda which has contributed immensely to the education sector and the outstanding performance of Otjozondjupa Region in the national examinations.



## **OMATAKO RESIDENTS RECEIVE GOATS**

The Otjozondjupa Regional Council through its Rural Development Program of Support to Poor Rural Farmers handed over 80 goats to four beneficiaries in the Omatako Constituency. The four beneficiaries who hail from Otjongombe, Doringlaagte, Ondomekondo and Oruua each received one Ram and 19 Ewes. The goats were procured to an amount of N\$134 500.00 and they are part of government's efforts to empower rural communities in earning an income thereby becoming food self-reliant. The Regional Councilor for Omatako Constituency Israel Hukura was delighted at the gesture and urged the beneficiaries to take good care of the animals, farm productively, earn an income and be able to support their families. He said they should keep the animals healthy and ensure that they multiply adding that next when Council wants to procure goats, they should be the suppliers. He further thanked the Farmers from the Constituency for supplying good quality animals.



# STAFF MOVEMENT

## APPOINTMENTS



**Mr Charlton Richter**  
Deputy Director: Rural Services  
01 June 2023



**Ms Julia Nampunda**  
Labourer: Grootfontein Constituency Office  
01 June 2023



**Ms Frederika Nenghama**  
Control Administrative Officer  
Tsumkwe Constituency Office  
01 July 2023



**Ms Johanna Lidker**  
Control Administrative Officer  
Kalkfeld Settlement  
01 July 2023



# ONDJUPA THROUGH THE LENS

