

Third Quarterly Programme Management (QPM) Meeting
On UNDP Supported Programmes of the Governance Unit
01 Nov 2013
9h00 – 14h00
Arebbusch Travel Lodge

Attendance:

Chair; Ms. Mary T. Hangula (NPC)

Mr. Abner Xoagub (OPM), Mr. Steven Mukwena (OPM), Mr. Paulus I.T. Kashiimbi (NIED), Ms. Aina Itolua (NIED), Ms. E. Rakow (O.Ombudsman), W.P Oosthuizen (Law Reform), Mr. Hatutale J. Eliphaz (MOHSS, DSP), Mr. Hilaruka J. Katjepunda (LAC), Mr. Benson Matali (MGECW), Ms. Naita Hishoono (NID), Mr. Markus Ihalainer (NID), Mr. Chris Mugerwa (NANASO), Ms. Conny Mazeingo (NANASO), Mr. Jeremiah Ntinda (AMICAALL), Ms. Fiina Nkandi (AMICAALL), Mr. Phillemon Enkali (ACC), Ms. Sarah Mwilima (UNDP), Ms. Cloudina Venaani (UNDP), Ms. Megan van Turah (UNDP), Ms. Kyoko Yamada (UNDP), Ms. Albertina Kisting (UNDP).

Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks
- Objectives of the meeting
- Presentations on progress of different AWP's
- Discussions & Way forward
- Closing Remarks

Welcoming remarks and objectives of the meeting by the chairperson

Ms. Mary T. Hangula (NPC).

- The Chairperson welcomed all participants followed by an overview of the meeting; review progress made on the AWP, build synergies, accelerate activities and reviewing challenges and lessons learned relating to project implementation.

Presentations on progress of different AWP's

1. Government of Namibia and the United Nations Partners Assistance Framework 2014-2018; presented by, Ms. Cloudina Venaani (UNDP)

- The UNPAF is comprised of four pillars which are aligned to the NDP4
 1. Education and Skills
 2. Health
 3. Poverty Reduction
 4. Institutional Environment (includes Execution, monitoring, evaluation and progress reporting).
- The UNPAF Action plan will be implemented within in five years, within this period a two year work plan with activities and budgets that can be reviewed and re-aligned to meet the outputs of the UNPAF.
- The GRN/UNPAF is envisaged to be launched by January 2014.

2. Harmonising Customary Laws and practices to civil law presented by Mr. Hira Katjepunda (LAC).

- The project is aimed at enhancing Traditional Authorities' knowledge of HIV/AIDS and enabling TA's to identifying traditional laws and practices that are deemed to infringe on human rights and fuel the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- The presenter gave an overview of activities conducted throughout the year.
- For the Otjiherero community; the Otjiherero radio station was used as a platform to receive community inputs and consensus on the issues:
 1. Okuyepisa – women hospitality for guest.
 2. Ozonda- wife inheritance in the event of a husband's death.

Pending activities for the year

- The radio dialogues for the Zambezi communities are scheduled for 25-29 November 2013 in Katima Mulilo.
- Traditional Authorities declaration and signing off on abolishment or amendment of cultural practices.
- Documentation of all customary laws and practices, to serve as a document for future reference, as the customary laws may get distorted over the years.
- Translation of the document into Zambezi and Otjiherero languages.

- The project has made use of the CCE methodology to obtain the communities input

3. Community Capacity Enhancement presented by Mr. Jeremiah Ntinda (AMICAALL)

- There is a great need to develop more in-house facilitators of the CCE methodology; NANASO has started the process by including staff members on the CCE training sessions.
- There are monitoring and evaluation officers under the Local Authorities funded by Global Fund; a suggestion made was to train them in the CCE methodology and after 5 years at the end of the project; possibility to absorb them as Government staff.
- It is imperative to develop a handover methodology for CCE projects', funding is needed for monitoring and evaluation of CCE project to ensure sustainability.

4. Integration of Gender and HIV into Environmental Impact Assessment; presented by, Mr. Hatutale J. Eliphas (MOHSS)

- The integration of HIV/AIDS and Gender into Environmental Impact Assessments are conducted to assess the impact of development /capital projects on Women, the spread of HIV/AIDS and the environment.
- The Environmental Assessment Barometer for Namibia was finalised in July 2013; it assesses the weakness, adjustments and recommendations revolving around policies, laws, inclusion of social, Health and Gender Issues.
- The Guidelines for Integrating HIV/AIDS and Gender related issues into EIA in Eastern and Southern Africa was launched in September 2013.
- An EIA meeting was held on 24-27 September 2013 in Tunis ; the following proposals were made:
 1. SACU to incorporate Gender and HIV into EIAs' and implement the Regional EIA guidelines.
 2. SADC to explore taxing issues for improving compliance.
 3. SADC to recognize countries with strong commitment to monitoring and compliance to EIA guidelines and establish accreditation of centres of excellence.
- The National Strategic Framework Midterm review is it's in final stages.

5. Governance; National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan Development presented by, Mr. Phillemon Enkali (ACC)

- The ACC conducted regional consultative workshops in all the regions throughout the months of April and May 2013; with the aim of soliciting public input for possible inclusion into the Anti-corruption Strategy.
- The ACC received the draft document for the National Anti-corruption strategy in August, a technical review meeting will be held in November 2013 to address the documents short comings before the strategy is presented to Cabinet.

6. Sector Response to HIV and AIDS through Governance; by, Mr. Abner Xoagub (OPM)

- NIPAM has formulated a curriculum on Leadership training, to train Government employees. The programme has yet to be launched.
- The first group envisaged to attend the Leadership training will be the PSs' from the different Ministries.
- The Senior Management in Government have received Leadership Development training with focus on the impact of HIV/AIDS and the mainstreaming thereof into the workplaces.

7. Governance; Human rights presented by, Ms. Eileen Rakow (O. Ombudsman)

- The baseline study for the National Human Rights Action plan for Namibia was launched in October 2013.
- Priority sectors identified from the Baseline study:
 1. Health
 2. Education
 3. Water and Sanitation
 4. Housing and Land
 5. Access to Justice
- The National Human Rights Action Plan is envisaged to promote and protect the rights of the citizens; it will contain resolutions and systems with feasible programmes and goals.

8. Governance; In support of increased support of Women and Youth in Elections presented by, Ms. Naita Hishoono (NID)

- The National Institute for Democracy has created a booklet called “Spot the difference” which is available on the NID website. This is envisaged to promote voters’ education and sensitize political parties to address issues when campaigning and not personalities.
- NID will also be conducting public lectures and undertake consultation with the youth and facilitate platforms to voice their issues before elections.
- Civil Societies are encouraged to participate in voters’ education for the upcoming Election.

9. Support to Gender Equality and Equity presented by Mr. Benson Matali (MGECW).

The presenter gave an overview of activities undertaken in 2013;

- The UNAM Masters Degree in Gender Studies; The MA was approved by Senate in August 2013. The Lectures refresher training and the course outline will be finalised during the week 04-08 November 2013.
- Gender Responsive Procurement projects; is to establish a directory of women owned businesses; the inception Baseline Mapping report was presented in September 2013. This exercise is to be concluded by the end of November 2013.
- The study on factors behind passion killing phenomena: the cost and impact of Gender Based Violence on the Namibian Economy; this study is being conducted and will be concluded in 2014.
- Training of political parties to mainstream gender in their legal frameworks and manifestos in reference to the SADC Protocol on Gender Development; this training is scheduled on 22-24 November 2014.

10. Governance; BETD In-Service teacher education programme presented by, Ms. Aina Itolua (NIED)

- The BETD Inset Programme is a unified preparation for unqualified and partly qualified teachers in Basic Education. The programme was initiated in 2006 and will be phased out this year 2013.

- The final graduation was conducted this year, however a group of teachers be allowed to write their final examination next year in February 2014.
- Discussions are underway to absorb the staff of the project into the NIED structures.
- A suggestion brought forward; there is a great need for continuation of the project or establishment of similar centres to provide refresher training sessions to teachers and to ensure that partly qualified teachers complete their courses.

11. The Way Forward

It is imperative for all stakeholders to position ourselves to collaborate on activities and report as one for one Namibia under one Government.

12. Closing Remarks by chair person Ms. Mary T. Hangula (NPC)

- Ms. Hangula expressed her appreciation to the participants.