



Ohorongo Otavi Community Trust

PRESS RELEASE

OHORONGO CEMENT BOOSTS EDUCATION IN GAM

A new Gam Kindergarten will soon become a reality with the official groundbreaking ceremony that took place on Monday, 27 June.

Gam is a small town 374km East of Grootfontein in the Otjozondjupa Region. The small kindergarten has been in operation for 3 years, It is run by Ms. Kamutati and she takes care of kids below the age of 6 years old.

The initiative came from a request by Hon. Otto Iipinge, Governor of the Otjozondjupa region, during the 25th Independence Celebrations cement truckload hand-over in Kalkveld. He then approached the Ohorongo Cement for assistance to establish a kindergarten in Gam.

Ohorongo Cement, through the Ohorongo Otavi Community Trust (OOCT) agreed support the project, as part of its infrastructure and education pillar.

Sydney J. Harris once said: “The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows”. OOCT aims to assist with the creation of such windows...windows towards a better future...for Namibia and its people, and the key to that, is through Education. Hence the support for the kindergarten, which will have 2 classrooms and a soup kitchen. The total value of the project, including sponsorships received from Henning Crusher and Independent Facility Services, is about N\$ 500 000.

The groundbreaking was attended by the Governor of Otjozondjupa Region, Hon. Otto Iipinge, Chairman of the Regional Council of Otjozondjupa, Hon. Julius Neumbo and Markus Damaseb, on behalf of OOCT.

The Governor commended Ohorongo Cement for the example shown in supporting the Harambee Prosperity Plan, and said that it serves as a real example of what can and should be done. He urged other businesses to follow the example set by Ohorongo Cement. He also urged the community to become involved in initiatives like these, to step forward, and not to wait for things to happen.



Left: Markus Damaseb (OOCT), Hon. Otto Iipinge (Governor Otjozondjupa), Hon. Julius Neumbo (Regional Council Otjozondjupa) during the official ceremony.



Left: Markus Damaseb (OOCT) and Hon. Otto Iipinge (Governor Otjozondjupa Region) did the honours at the Groundbreaking event. Right: Ms. Wonder Kamutati, owner of the Kindergarten and Soup Kitchen, with some of the kids who will benefit from the new Kindergarten.

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