



# Red Cross News

NOVEMBER 2007

## Red Cross Volunteers find a missing two year old toddler!

A missing two year old boy Mbapewa Katupao was miraculously found safe by the Red Cross team, six kilometers away from home.

On October 2nd, Mbapewa went missing in Staan, Grootfontein. The boy had been playing with his friends in the street, when he later wandered off and couldn't find his way home.

Immediately after the boy went missing, family and friends notified the police.

However, they later also brought it to the Red Cross' attention and Red Cross volunteers were divided in group and tasked to go out and search of the boy.

24 hours later, Mbapewa was found walking alone along a very busy highway.


Two year old Mbapewa had-slept in the bushes alone despite many free roaming game and wild animals in that area.

Mbapewa was reunited with his mother, who after she saw her son immediately fell to the ground and cried with joy after her son's ordeal.

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**Did you know?**



**2007**

There are 625 staff on the Red Cross payroll. The Namibia Red Cross Society is also believed to have the largest network of volunteers with 3088 registered volunteers.

Join your Namibia Red Cross and Make a difference!!!

## NEWS in brief - Nov.

- I. The meeting between NRCS and potential donors to establish and maintain long-term relationships took part as scheduled on the 13th of October 2007.
- II. Belgium Red Cross and a Belgian TV crew, travelled to Opuwo to film the construction of water pumps and other various aspects of the water and sanitation programmes. Footage will be shared with NRCS to develop the National Society's corporate DVD.



Health and Social Services and various constituency councillors to give information on TB and HIV and AIDS and motivate the patients on TB treatment as well as their adherence to their TB treatment.

## NATIONAL UPDATE

has NRCS's only drop-in center and feeds about 177 orphans and vulnerable children. The center has also just started hosting music lessons for the kids.



### First Aid

The Tracing officer have successfully aided the repatriation of an unaccompanied minor from Osire refugee camp to his family in Angola.

### Ohangwena Region

TB awareness week was conducted by NRCS in collaboration with the Ministry of

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### Kunene Region

During the month of September the Kunene regional office constructed water pumps at 4 sites. The region gave drama performances in 4 villages.

### Kavango Region

The Kavango regional office received various donations, amongst them were, clothing, art supplies, and sports equipment from the USA. The Kavango regional office

## Donation \$\$\$

The Kavango Regional Office, received a donation of N\$10,000 from the United States of America. The donation is ear-marked towards the Mbungururu Project which is a drop-in center for orphans and vulnerable children in the Kavango region.

### Desert Soul

The mass media health education programme, Desert Soul, has taken on a new challenge: Developing and targeting its new HIV and AIDS messages to people with more than one sexual partner.

### Income Generating Activities

A total number of 220 peer educators were trained at Etunda in Ohangwena and at Sibida in Caprivi. The peer educators will disseminate information on HIV and AIDS, TB and malaria in their respective constituencies.

## NRCS Welcomes Delegate Getachew

### A Delegate with a mission!

Getachew Ta'a Woyessa is an International Federation Representative and will be based at NRCS for the next two years.

Getachew who hails from western Ethiopia, holds high qualifications in Management and law, public administration and sociology.

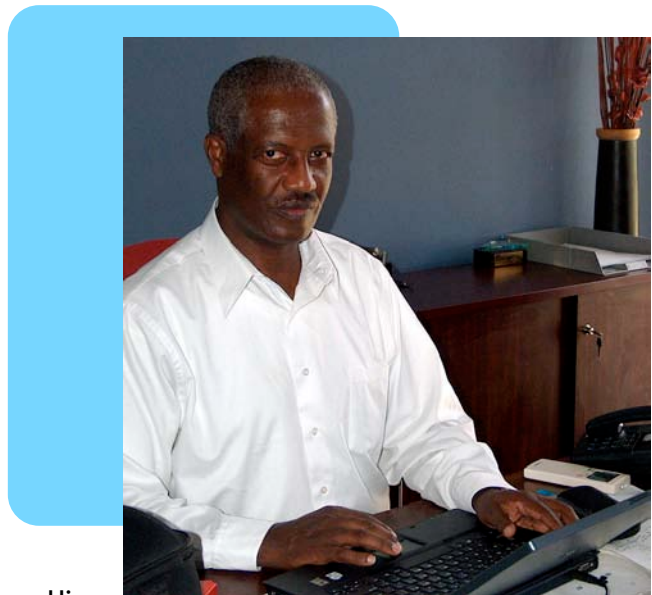
An earnest man, Getachew is thoughtful and solemn.

“ Our colossal needs in Africa make it difficult to place them in a hierarchy. Making ends meet, therefore, becomes critical.”

Getachew T. Woyessa  
International Federation Representative

This is attributed to his vast experience in change management over the years.

Getachew has worked for the Ethiopian state for 15 years, and has been in the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement for over 12 years.



His journey in the Movement was highlighted by his ability to introduce the comprehensive development programme which entails various elements of change process.

Having been the Secretary General of Ethiopia Red Cross, Getachew has perfected the art of examining National Society's programmes, resources (financial, material, human), service delivery and development of strategic development plans.

He later joined the International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent

Societies as a Movement coordinator in Nairobi, Kenya, at the International Federation East Africa Zone Office.

“I come to Namibia to offer my support in the strengthening of the National Society within the Fundamental principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement”. Getachew says.

Getachew concludes, “... at the end of the day, the most important thing is to be able to assist our people and have a positive attitude towards those under difficult situations.”



Next month...	November	1 - 30	2007
<p>Is Christmas Month. The NRCS closes its offices for the festive season on the 20th of December 2007 to the 7th of January 2008.</p> <p>Don't forget to write your wish lists. Father Christmas is waiting. :)</p>	<p><b>18</b> World Day of Remembrance for Road traffic victims</p> <p><b>18</b> Extra-Ordinary session of the Governing Board, IFRC</p>	<p><b>19</b> General Assembly - IFRC: All National Societies, Heads of Zone and ICRC</p> <p><b>20</b> Universal Children's day</p> <p><b>22</b> Council of Delegates: All National Societies, Heads of Zone and ICRC</p>	<p><b>25</b> International day for elimination of violence against women</p> <p><b>26</b> 30th International Conference: All National Societies, Heads of Zone and ICRC</p>

## Welcome to Namibia Red Cross Society

The NRCS welcomed a new colleague, Christian Kasheeta as a temporary procurement officer. Kasheeta holds a National Diploma in procurement and marketing management from the polytechnic of Harare, Zimbabwe.

He brings to Namibia Red Cross Society 17 years of working experience in the field of procurement.

We wish him a warm hearted welcome.

## Coming up next month in December...

- We bid goodbye to Mr. Mc.Bain Kanongodza in style.
- Find out what is in store for NRCS next year.
- We meet NRCS Livey Samaria and Unicef's goodwill ambassador after her visit to Sweden.
- How did the highly anticipated community counselor project's retreat go?
- Which colleagues are spreading their wings in 2008?

Don't miss the December issue!!

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Christian Kasheeta, the new temporary procurement officer