

Red Cross News

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The Namibia Red Cross Society shows “way forward” at 2007 AGM

The Namibia Red Cross Society (NRCS) hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday September 15, 2007.

The AGM is the highest policy making body of the NRCS and this event brings together the governing board, regional committees, senior and middle management at head office and all regional offices.

Speaking at the event, governing board Chairperson, Mr. Andimba Toivo ya Toivo

marked the importance of the AGM as “a forum that gives the NRCS an opportunity to look at some key strategic developmental issues, rules and policies and other issues that impact the work of the Red Cross”.

Invited International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, Head of Zone for southern Africa, currently based in Harare, Zimbabwe, Ms. Françoise Le Goff acknowledged the challenges that had faced the

NRCS in the past few months. Ms. Le Goff further expressed gratitude to the NRCS’s governing board for taking a step into strengthening the National Society in focusing on service delivery and main-

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Did you know?



2007

The Namibia Red Cross Society has three kinds of volunteers. Youth volunteers are between the ages of 6 and 25, Home based care volunteers have to be at least 23 years of age and professional volunteers are people who have some kind of professional qualifications. Professional volunteers can be teachers, doctors, pharmacists, artists, pilots etc. JOIN YOUR RED CROSS AND VOLUNTEER!

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taining the integrity of the Red Cross.

An International Federation of Red Cross Societies's Representative in the NRCS, Mr. McBain Kanongodza worked with the management of the NRCS in developing a "recovery plan" during the change management process at the National Society and this document has been adopted by the AGM. The said document seeks to strengthen programme service delivery at all levels in accordance with the NRCS' constitution and its National strategic plan 2010.

As the Namibia Red Cross Society continues to assist the most vulnerable in Namibia, the mission remains, to render humanitarian assistance by mobilizing the power of humanity. This is a mission that the NRCS will keep, uphold and guide the National Society.

The AGM has ratified the appointment of Mrs. Laurette van Zyle as second vice chairperson and Mr. Martin Mwinga as the honorary treasurer of the governing board. It was further resolved that the expertise of the outgoing second vice chairperson Dr. Helena Ndume who has done the maximum two to three-year terms be retained, for institutional memory.

HUMANITARIAN VALUES

During the month of September the Red Cross website was launched. You can log on at www.redcross.org.na. The department also held an International Humanitarian Law media morning workshop. The ministries of Defence, Justice and Foreign affairs legal advisers, NSHR, LAC and NCCI were among the guests.

NEWS in brief

- I. All national coordinators, will be meeting existing and potential donors to establish and maintain long-term relationships. This will take part at the partnership meeting to be held in Windhoek, on the 12 and 13 of October 2007.
- II. A letter of request to remove the Red Cross emblem was sent to a private practice in Ondangwa, Oshikoto region recently. The practice has since changed their logo to a black cross.

HEALTH AND CARE

39 Community counsellors were sworn into their jobs at Keetmanshoop recently. Regional Community Counsellor

PROTECT YOUR EMBLEM

The Red Cross emblem is protected by International Humanitarian Laws. It is crucial to protect it in times of peace.

Coordinator, Immanuel Machichi said "It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the community counsellor project, we are here to serve the most vulnerable, There-

fore remember to ensure respect for human dignity.”

The Desert Soul team is working on its draft booklet on Food security and gardening. This booklet was sent to expert in the field so as to make sure that the messages are correct and relevant to the identified target audiences.

The social empowerment and resource mobilisation office assisted the San communities in Ohangwena’s Epembe constituency to have their own water points. The office also assisted in negotiations with the Ministry of Agriculture for provision of land for mahangu and livestock.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The National Society Governing Board, has began the process of recruiting a Secretary General.

The post is expected to be filled by end of November 2007.

The post of International Federation Representative is also advertised and application forms are available on Fed-Net. This delegate will assist the National Society in the implementation of the recovery plan and is scheduled to

be with the NRCS for a period of two years.

ongo health district. And the community counselors attended a refresher meeting .



REGIONAL UPDATE

Kavango

The OVC boys participated in the OK food league and started a window of hope, This is an after-school activity that deals with reproductive health, improving self esteem and informing children on how to make positive choices in their lives.

Kunene

The office trained and raised awareness on health education to Okorongombe, Otjamaungu, Okatjimbaku, and Ondoodhu villages. The office also constructed hand pumps in five villages.

Ohangwena

The region conducted a one-week training for NRCS’ village committees. A stakeholders meeting was also held in conjunction with ok-

The regional office, continues to conduct home support visits in the villages in and around Eenhana

Khomas

The Khomas Regional Office has trained 30 HBC volunteers in HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

The training was conducted by Khomas Regional Manager, Gabriel Mwaninga, Oshikoto regional Manager, Saara Hawii, Human Resource assistant, Tuhafeni Fabian and OVC coordinator, Diana Iiyambo.



Next month...	October	1 - 31	2007
<p>Its exam month. Most of the Red Cross employees studying part time or through correspondence will be away.</p> <p>Good luck everyone and Study hard!</p>	<p>1 International Day of Older persons</p> <p>3 Federation, 16th session of the Governing Board</p> <p>9 International Disaster Reduction day</p>	<p>16 Regional meeting: Federation, RC SGs and PNS</p> <p>16 World Food Day</p>	<p>17 International Poverty day</p> <p>24 World Development Information Day</p> <p>24 United Nations Day</p>

Welcome to Namibia Red Cross Society

The NRCS welcomed 3 new colleagues. John-Bosco Katjiua takes on the portfolio of HIV and AIDS coordinator. He has 7 years of experience in the field and a degree from University of Namibia in Psychology and Sociology.

Another colleague on the team, is Elifas Luaanda. He is the new accountant in the finance office and possesses 3 years of experience in his field. Luaanda also has an accounting degree from the University of Namibia in 2004.

Managing the Khomas Regional Office, is Gabriel Mwaninga. He brings to the Red Cross vast experience in health related issues, teaching and upper second class research. Mwaninga possesses a degree from University of Namibia in Adult education and community development programmes.

We wish our new colleagues a warm hearted welcome and many years of productivity in their respective departments at Namibia Red Cross.



Proudly Red Crossers... are Elifas Luaanda and Gabriel Mwaninga.

Do you know your Governing Board Members?

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Chairperson

Peter HANGULA
1st Vice-Chairperson

Laurette VAN ZYL
2nd Vice-Chairperson

Martin MWINGA
Honorary Treasurer

Dr. KABANJE
Governing Board Member

Eva WEITZ
Governing Board Member

Robert NANDJILA
Governing Board Member

Meet Mr. Amos

A calm soul

We have come to affectionally call him, "Tate Amos", but do we know who he really is?

Well, Tate Amos Amutana, hails from a village called Oshikashika, in Eheke far north in Oshikoto Region. He was born in 1941 and spent his school years there.

As a young boy, he enjoyed looking after his father's livestock and harvesting "eenyandi" a dry local fruit.

Tate Amos got married in 1971 and after 36 years of marital bliss, 12 children were born to him.

"Today I enjoy spending my time at my homestead in Oshikashika. I try to go there at least four times a year to see my wife and take flowers to her when I get a chance." Says Tate Amos with a wide smile on his face.

Tate Amos has been at NRCS since 1989. After 17 years with the National Society, Tate Amos sees himself as fit as ever and sees many more productive years ahead.

"I enjoy my work at NRCS, and one day when I retire, I look forward to spending quality time with my wife and working my field." Tate Amos says happily.



We have grown to love you and we appreciate you.

Notes.

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Resource Mobilization



Namibia Red Cross Society will launch its HIV and AIDS appeal on the first week on December. Dates yet to be announced. It is important to establish long-term partnerships with local donors. This is part of the new Resource Mobilisation strategy developed by the fundraising committee with the help of the IFRC' Grants Manager's expertise recently.

Do you know that after the website was launched, many people have written to the information office, wanting to become volunteers?

Success with website



Soon after the volunteer database is up and running effectively, NRCS will have many professional volunteers.

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