



AMICAALL NAMIBIA

NARRATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

APRIL – JUNE 2010

1. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND ACHIEVEMENTS REALISED

1.1. Recruitment of CCE regional coordinators for Oshana and Omusati regions.

Following the resignation of both Regional Coordinators of the above Regions in April and May respectively, Local Authorities and the Regional Councils were tasked with short listing candidates to fill the positions. The interviews successfully took place on the 18th May for Oshana 19th May 2010 for Omusati Regions at the Regional Council premises. The interview panel was composed of AMICAALL Namibia, UNDP, UNV Programme and the Regional Councils.

Ms. Veneranda Amutenya a previous community facilitator was recruited for Oshana Region and Ms. Helena Nalupe for Omusati Region. Both Coordinators assumed duty at the Regional Council Offices of both regions on the 1st June 2010.

1.2. Skills refinement and replacement training in for Karas and Omaheke region

The Regional Governor Honourable Dawid Boois officially launched the community capacity enhancement program in Karas region and opened the refinement training. The opening proceedings included senior staff from the regional councils and Keetmanshoop Municipality.

The Namibian broadcasting corporation was present to capture the launching and the official opening of the program.

In his speech, the Governor reaffirmed the commitment of the regional council and assured the community of his support in the process of scaling up the CCE program in the constituencies.

The skills refinement workshop was conducted in Karas region but involved the community liaison officer, the councillors and the HIV/AIDS focal persons including the community facilitators from Omaheke Region.

1.2.1. Workshop objectives:

- The workshops main aim was to refine the skills of facilitators in order to enhance their knowledge about the methodological frame work.
- The workshop was also used as a platform for the two regions to learn from each other on how they are engaging with the councillors in their respective regions. This approach enriched the refinement since Omaheke region has done very well in involving and advocating for leadership commitment which was lacking in Karas region.
- It was also a vital platform for the Councillors and HIV/AIDS focal persons' roles to be explained so that they can be more involved and functional.
- Another vital aim of the skills refinement was to mentor and coach the Community Capacity enhancement regional Coordinators for Omaheke and Karas region including the CCE program assistant.

1.2.2. Skills refinement best practices and lessons learnt

- The Office of the Regional Governor in the Karas region have reflected exemplary commitment in the process of taking ownership of the CCE program in the region, the regional council have noted the possibilities that the methodology has in halting and reversing the HIV/AIDS prevalent rate in the region, they regional council have pronounced themselves clearly both verbally and in action in using the community capacity enhancement program.
- Among others the official opening was attended by; Chief Regional Officer in Karas Region - Mr S. Kahuika, Deputy Director of planning Mrs Emma Boys, the Honourable Councillors from LAs in Omaheke and Karas Region (Cllr Fransina Nakare, Cllr Justine Hoebes and Cllr. E.J. Noble)
- The regional council co funded the workshop by hiring a journalist to record the entire training session of the week, they created a banner with the big letters COMMUNITY CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT using their own funds, due to the belief that the regional

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council have in engaging with communities and creating democratic spaces as communities change their own attitudes, the council increased the number of participants who attended the workshop and paid for the costs of added individuals.

- The local authorities from Omaheke region reflected great program ownership when they provided S&T to the community facilitators who came to attend the skills refinement, the various teams from Omaheke was comprised of staffs from the regional council and the councillors from the local authorities. This was great reflection of program ownership and political commitment.
- The local authorities from the Karas region provided transport to their facilitators.
- During the practicum of conversations it was found that the conversations were taking place at a shebeen which is not conducive to hold conversations, hence after consultations with the Municipality it was agreed that there was a need to identify another location which is safe for conducting conversations.
- It was very clear that the CCE regional coordinators needed more coaching and mentoring in order for them to internalize the CCE process and there was a great need to do some serious advocacy with the regional council and the local authorities in order for them to provide support to the CCE program, meetings with arranged with the local authorities and the regional council in order to pave the way forward.
- As part of sharing experiences, the councillors and the HIV/AIDS focal persons had an opportunity to be on the community radio in order to share experience about the CCE program with emphasis on HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support, it was a great experience and a strong tool that can be used to market the CCE program across Keetmanshoop.
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1.2.3. No of people who attended the workshop:

	Male	Female	Leaders	Total

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Keetmanshoop Urban	3	7	1	11
Karasburg	4	2	1	7
Berseba	1	1	1	3
Gobabis	3	6	0	9
Witvlei	1	6	1	7
Leonardville	4	5	1	10
Total	16	27	5	48

NB: Leaders refer to the Honourable councillors who attended the workshop.

1.3. Partnership an collaboration; Berseba Constituency Training

After conducting the skills refinement that brought together Karas and Omaheke region, the Karas Regional Governor and the regional council staff took strong interest in using the community capacity enhancement program, they had learnt a lot from what was happening in Omaheke region and they had tested the benefit of engaging with communities in conversations to identify issues that are affecting them and as communities find their own solutions and act on them by taking collective decision. The Regional Governor requested the MRLGHRD to provide Karas with support in order to scale up and scale out the CCE program in Berseba constituency. AMICAALL was requested by the MRLGHRD to offer support in scaling out the CCE program in the constituencies.

1.3.1. Workshop target;

The regional council invited the traditional leaders, Village councils and communities from the settlement areas to be trained as facilitators.

The Regional Governor also requested the senior staff in the regional council who are working on development programs of the regional council to be part of the training.

The Deputy Director for planning and development and the deputy director for rural services were part of the training for the entire week.

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The workshop which took place in Berseba constituency was officially opened by the Regional Governor and the chair person of the Berseba village council. In his opening remarks, the committed Governor advocated for a high spirit of volunteerism and total commitment of the regional council in budgeting for HIV/AIDS activities, and take ownership of the CCE program, he noted that communities were the key assets in championing their own destination and that could only be attained if more democratic platforms where they can be active participants can be created. The CCE training was funded by the regional council as part of scaling up the CCE activities in the region.

1.4. Replacement training for Erongo and Kunene Regions

With the same objectives as the training held in Karas the workshop was graced with the attendance of Cllr. Jeffry //Naobeb from WalvisBay Municipality and the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation was present to cover the official opening.

Number of people who attended the workshop:

	Male	Female	Leaders	Total
Opuwo	4	3	0	7
Outjo	1	2	0	3
Khorixas	2	3	0	5
Swakopmund	1	0	0	1
Usakos	2	3	0	5
WalvisBay	1	4	1	6
Total	12	15	1	28

1.5. Community conversations

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This is an ongoing activity targeting 23 LAs in the same communities.

1.6. Activities for next quarter (July - September 2010)

- 1.6.1. Staff capacity development training
- 1.6.2. Finalisation of operational documents
- 1.6.3. CCE Replacement training for Omusati and Ohangwena regions
- 1.6.4. Onsite technical CCE support visit for KOOKO regions
- 1.6.5. Orientations for the CCE regional coordinators
- 1.6.6. CCE Replacement training for Caprivi and Kavango
- 1.6.7. Capacity development training for LAs
- 1.6.8. On site monitoring and support visits