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1. Introduction

The report gives an account of activities that have been undertaken by the agency for the course of 2015. It consists of namely, the agency statements, the aims and objectives of ADRA Namibia, the projects activities and narratives; and lastly, the conclusion.

2. ADRA Statements

2.1 Identity

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is a global humanitarian organisation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church that demonstrates God's love and compassion.

2.2 Mission

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnership and responsible action.

2.3 Vision

ADRA is a professional, learning and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. It reaches across boundaries, empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten, to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society.

2.4 Motto

Changing the world, one life at a time

3. Core Portfolio Activities

ADRA operates in five core portfolio activities:

- Food Security,
- Economic Development,
- Primary Health,
- Emergency Management, and
- Basic Education.

4. Aim and of Objectives of ADRA Namibia

- To improve overall community health, particularly for women and children, through the running of health projects;
- To improve the financial and economic condition at community level through training;
- To provide assistance in chronic/disaster situations and work towards the resolution and long term sustainability, by using resource that will assist community in achieving sustainable development;
- To establish a stable, self-sustainable community by providing food security;
- To improve the quality of life of children at risk by providing day care, feeding-schemes, educare and child abuse support;
- To empower the community to provide shelter and security to AIDS orphans, street children and abandoned babies;
- To create an environment designed to value and improve the quality of life of youth at risk, by operating youth care projects;
- To provide senior care projects, e.g. meals on wheels, service centre and luncheon clubs;
- To provide family wellness projects through pre-marital guidance seminars, marriage enrichment seminars, home management and family budgeting workshops, training in needs and care for the physical or mentally handicapped and rehabilitation of former prisoners, drug and alcohol abusers;
- To assist in the provision of basic housing needs of those people who are poor and disadvantaged, through training;
- To assist in the alleviation of poverty through vocational training and small business development;
- To provide basic education through adult literacy programmes and primary and secondary school; and
- To work in close co-operation with and financially assist registered organisations with similar objectives, thus avoiding duplication of services.

ADRA provide and achieve these aims of humanitarian, development and disaster relief assistance, irrespective of culture, gender, origin or religion and to give the necessary training and services.

5. Fund raising initiatives

From the re-opening of the ADRA office in 2014, the agency had no money in its accounts. Plans were set to put mechanism in which to source funding. The first idea was through the church offering. One shortcoming was, the agency was not known among Namibian church communities. This made things a bit difficult even if the offering initiative is implemented. It was then decided that churches will be

visited to sensitise them on ADRA activities and the need of Namibia ADRA office to function.

In pursuing the plan made in 2014 of sensitisation ADRA activities, many churches were visited; whose main duties was to disseminate information and coordinate ADRA activities in each specific churches. The training aimed not only the leaders but everybody.

Some districts across the country where visited i.e. Walvis Bay district (Walvis bay church), Ondangwa district and Windhoek district. During August 2015 Camp meeting; Eenhana camp meeting was visited, this camp combine churches of three districts; Oshakati, Ondangwa and Eenhana districts. On the other side, far north eastern side of the country, were a camp meeting combined Zambezi and Kavango regions. From All these efforts, it seemed something better is coming out; money through offering and donation of land.

In addition, ADRA Namibia was given a piece of land measure approximately 250 hectors in the Eenhana district for any project as a donation, this land is under registration process. Clothing donation has been also initiated, among church members those who have clothes they do not use anymore to donate them through ADRA local church coordinators.

6 Tsumkwe Projects

6.1 Solar Water Pumps

There are solar water pumps which were installed during the first early day of ADRA operation in Namibia from 2004 to 2007. These assets still provides water to the san communities in the area. In all places where solar water pumps are, there is either vegetable or sweet potatoes garden. In almost seven different villages in Tsumkwe East constituency of the Otjozondjupa Region the agency have this projects, as indicated below:

- **Dam Village;** there is a solar pump system, water tank, wall protection and a garden for vegetables.
- **At Rout Village;** there is wall protection and vegetable garden only.
- **N!om/xom Village;** there is solar pump system, water tank, wall protection and a garden.
- **Inama Village;** there is solar pump system, water tank, 2 wall protection, the pump is located 2 hundred metres from the tank; so to protect each from the elephant both were built protection wall around separately, and there is garden.
- **Dou Village;** solar pump system, water tank, wall protection and a garden.
- **Aha mountain village;** solar pump system, water tank, wall protection and garden
- **Magamis village;** solar pump system, water tank, wall protection and a garden.

These properties; solar pumps and water tanks needs to be taken care of, maintenance and regular servicing. The gardens are vegetable projects in these villages. The communities are benefiting from them as their source of water, food and nutrition. The agency has another garden projects in Otjimbingwe area, but due to lack of funding, it has been not operating.



Figure 6.1 Water point at Dam Village



Figure 6.2 Water point wall protection

Tsumkwe project manager Ms Hilleni Amutenya on the right and ADRA Namibia Finance Director Mr Reuben Masasa on the left inspecting the solar pump system at Dam village. This water point supplies water to a population of more than a thousand people including a primary school in the area.

All water points (Solar pumps) in Tsumkwe are fenced off with wall protection as you can see the pictures above. These wall fences protect the solar pump system, taps and the water tanks from wild animal.

In all the water points in the area, there are vegetable gardens, san communities are benefiting from these gardens.



Figure 6.3 Vegetable garden in Tsumkwe town



Figure 6.4 Garden at Magamis Village

This green vegetable garden in the picture is the main source of other seeds and sweet potato cuts usually used to supply to the villages for training and planting. The Woman in the picture of figure 6.3 is Ms Hillen Amutenya, the project manager.

In figure 6.4, those men were preparing their plots in this garden, digging and levering the land to prepare for plantation.

6.2 Sweet Potato Training and Plantation

Training to communities on sweet potatoes was carried out during the course of the year 2014 despite the organisation not financially viable; this project went on to 2015. The picture on figure 6.5 shows the trainer and the participants engaging in sweet potatoes training and plantation.



Figure 6.5 Potato plant demonstration



Figure 6.6 Potato plants

Sweet potato harvesting in 2015 was not sufficient compared to 2014. This was due to shortfall of rain in the area; even though some would use water from their water

supply to water their plantations but the area was very hot and the atmosphere was dry.

6.3 Mushroom training and plantation

ADRA Namibia in partnership with the University of Namibia (UNAM) had a mushroom training in Tsumkwe in 2015. The University provide training material and guidance; while ADRA Namibia availed training place and mobilising the local communities. The third partner in this project is the Nyae-Nyae conservers, which provides food to the participants. The University of Namibia also provided financial assistance for travelling of the participants. The training on mushroom was facilitated by Ms Isabelle Ueitele and Mrs F Mhanda from UNAM.



Figure 6.7 Mushroom theory training session

Participants were receiving theory lessons on mushroom during the training in figure 6.7. Total number of fourteen (14) people were trained; ten (10) were men and five (5) women. The training took place from 26 – 30 October 2015. The training venue was at ADRA compound in Tsumkwe.



Figure 6.8 Mushroom House

The picture in figure 6.8, depicts participants constructing mushroom house which made of; wood branches, natural grass and the plastic shed cover. This is the room or house which supposed to be used to keep mushroom during sterilisation.



Figure 6.9 Mushroom Spawns

The picture on the left side show participants during the preparation of substrate of mushrooms spawns. The picture on *top right* shows the spawns of mushroom in a drum before sterilisation and the other picture *bottom right* shows participants observing the demonstration during the draining process of spawn (grain) of mushroom.

7 Conclusion

The report presented some of the activities the agency undertook since its revival 2014. The agency is committed to render a helping hand, to assist communities in all aspects of humanitarian needs. The agency is finding it difficult to attract outside donor due to economic ranking. Namibia was ranked as an upper middle earning country in 2013, this category the country among the rich countries; which could sustain its own needs.