

Kalahari Holdings helps needy schools

By Asser Ntinda

Kalahari Holdings has donated a computer, a printer and a photocopier machine to two needy schools in Caprivi Region. The donated goods were handed over to three officials from the Ministry of Education by Kalahari Holdings Board member, Cde Elijah Ngurare this week.

The two schools are Mafwila Junior Secondary School, which received the photocopier machine, and Mbalastia Combined School,

which received the computer and printer, which can fax and scan documents.

Cde Ngurare said that Kalahari Holdings had made donations to several schools in the past, especially those in the rural areas, adding that this was part of its social responsibility.

"We are all products of the rural areas," he said before the donation. "Most of us hail from there and we know what it is like to study under those conditions. Education is a shared responsibility, which



From left, Cde Elijah Ngurare handing over the goods to Ms Albertina Nangolo, Dr Inaani Kahikuata and Mr Eliphaz Amakali from the Ministry of education. Photo by Asser Ntinda.

cannot just be left to government alone."

He said that at one point Kalahari Holdings, which is wholly owned by SWAPO Party, donated a DSTV set to one school, only to find out later that school did not have electricity. Kalahari Holdings had to buy a generator.

"These are the things that we are talking about," said Cde Ngurare. "There are many needy schools out there. As part of our social responsibility, we will meet the Ministry of Education halfway.

"We are not saying that pupils at these and other schools that we have so far helped should vote for SWAPO Party. We are only helping them where we can. Education is for all. It is the future of this country that we have at heart."

Receiving the donation, Ms Albertina Nangolo, from the Ministry's Directorate of Programmes and Quality Assurance, said the donation came at an opportune time and pledged that she would ensure that the goods were used properly and responsibly.

She said that the goods would directly accelerate the teaching and learning process at the schools and strengthen time on task, as teachers would no longer leave school to make copies in town or at neighbouring schools. She condemned thieves who regularly broke into schools to steal and destroy what was given to schools.

"Schools are built for the communities," she said. "We are taking education to every corner of the country. Please stop destroying public properties. Bad example was what happened in Khomasdal recently. We urge community members to take ownership of schools in their areas and report to the police any act of vandalism."

Heads of State

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then apartheid regime of South Africa for hosting and supporting Namibia's freedom fighters under SWAPO.

Those military attacks, apart from killing innocent people, destroyed economic infrastructures of those countries. The damages suffered by those countries were estimated at about US\$12,00 billion, which is about N\$90 billion at the current rate.

"The coming of these many Heads of State is not only to symbolize that bond of solidarity but also to see and observe how far we have gone in developing our country," said one senior Foreign Affairs Official. "Had it not been for the support we have received from these countries, we could not have been where we are now."

Most of the dignitaries are arriving on Saturday. As part of the celebrations, the Namibia Defence Force, NDF, will stage a military drill from Katutura Hospital, marching through Independence Avenue up to Snyman Circle in down town Windhoek. During the march, the NDF will display its latest military arsenal, graced by fly-pasts of its Air Wing.

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