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Party and I am happy to say that our hard work has been rewarded with a well-deserved victory," he said.

Daures Constituency in Erongo has now been taken over by SWAPO Party for the first time since independence. It has been under UDF since independence. All the constituencies in Erongo Region are now under SWAPO Party.

SWAPO now controls all constituencies in Oshana, Oshikoto, Omusati, Ohangwena, Kavango, Caprivi, Hardap, Karas and Erongo regions. Aminuis and Otjinene in Omaheke Region were won by NUDO, leaving SWAPO Party to control the remaining five – Gobabis, Epukiro, Kalahari, Steinhausen and Otjombinde constituencies.

Only Okakarara Constituency in Otjozondjupa Region went to NUDO, while in Khomas Region, Windhoek



Part of the crowd that converged at SWAPO Party HQ to celebrate victory. Photo by Levi Upula.

East, went to RDP, the only constituency the party won in all the regions. Okakarara has been under NUDO since independence.

President Pohamba said that he was happy that the elections went well, a demonstration that

Namibia had the capacity to hold free and fair elections. The President said that SWAPO Party's newly elected councilors should hit the ground running to implement undertakings made during the campaign and development policies and

programmes outlined in the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto.

"We will continue to build on the achievements that the SWAPO Party government has recorded across the country over the years in different areas of

social and economic development at both regional and local authorities levels," said President Pohamba.

"The campaign message of the SWAPO Party during these elections was loud and clear. The voters have heard it loudly and clearly. They have responded positively and have made their voices heard through the ballot box."

New more towns will be proclaimed in the coming years, he said. Decentralization will be accelerated, education and health care systems will be improved, rural electrification will be expanded, feeder roads and houses, especially in rural areas, would be built.

"The collective hard work of all the cadres of our party has delivered a victory that we can all be proud of. As we have done in the past, we must insist on hard work, efficiency and effectiveness on the part of all our regional and local councilors," he said.

"This is the only way we can live up to the undertakings that we have made to the Namibian

people during the election campaign. It is the only way we can bring about the economic empowerment of our people and accelerate the eradication of poverty in our society."

The President said that councilors would be held accountable in their individual capacities to implement SWAPO Party development programmes in their constituencies and local authority areas. He added that the landslide victory that Namibians were celebrating should motivate councilors to do their best to serve the nation over the next five years.

"I must emphasize the point that the resolve of the SWAPO Party to develop our regions, cities, towns and settlements is beyond question. Our dedication to serve the Namibian people will continue and grow stronger with each passing year."

"The SWAPO Party councilors will serve the nation with passion and to the best of their abilities. This is our undertaking, as a Party, to the nation," he said.

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production in the next four years.

The Minister was also confident that royalty from mines would increase considerably in line with the number of mining licences issued during the year 2010, in addition to exist-

ing ones.

Namibia is currently considered as the world-class producer of rough diamonds, uranium oxide, special high-grade zinc and acid-grade fluorspar as well as a producer of gold bullion, blister copper, lead, zinc concentrate, salt and is soon to produce cement.

The uranium industry has also picked up. Rossing Ura-

nium and Langer Heinrich production was reported to have increased due to their completion of the phases of expansion.

"The combined output of both mines allowed Namibia to cement its position as the world's fourth largest uranium producing country, and with that we expect to become the world's third largest uranium producing country within the next few years," said Minister Katali.

"I wish to inform the public that the future, and in particular, the year 2011 looks more promising than 2010."



Employees at one of the diamond cutting and polishing factories in Windhoek. Photo by Levi Upula.

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manner.

"The agreed mechanisms must be enforced to ensure that the decisions of Cabinet are implemented and properly monitored," he said. "In the same vein, I wish to continue insisting on the need for all Cabinet Committees to carry out their assignments expeditiously at all times."

"Thus, each Cabinet Committee must ensure that all matters referred to them are dealt with in a speedy manner, while not compromising on in-depth analysis and consideration of all relevant issues."

"This is vital to ensure that Government work is carried out effectively and efficiently at all times so that we can find solu-

tions to the challenges facing our people in their daily lives."

As Namibians prepare for the Festive Season, the President called on road users to take the necessary care and to obey traffic rules and regulations in order to make roads safer.

"Unfortunately," he said, "this is also the time when the number of road accidents on our roads increases. These accidents rob our nation of productive citizens who could contribute in many ways to the social and economic development of our nation."

"Anyone who violates traffic rules and puts the lives of other road users at risk must face the full force of the law. I call upon all our law enforcement officials to forcefully and without fear or favour, maintain law and order and to promote the safety of all road users during this busy time of the year."

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Shalom Primary School benefits from RFA Computer Donation



Computers being handed over to the Shalom Primary School. From left to right are: Mr. Munisola Qwala, Head Master of Shalom Primary School, Mrs. J. Shilungu, Head of Department: Upper Primary, and Mr. Penda Kiiyala, CEO of the Road Fund Administration.

The Shalom Primary School in the Otjozondjupa Region received a donation of 2 computers from the Road Fund Ad-

ministration recently.

The donation was made in response to a request from the Shalom Primary School. Mr Penda

Kiiyala, Chief Executive Officer of the Road Fund Administration, handed over the donation to the Head Master of

Shalom Primary School, Mr Munisola Qwala.

In a thank you note to the Road Fund Administration, Mr Qwala stated, "your donation means a lot to us and will contribute greatly to the realisation to make Shalom Primary School a centre of excellence."

The Road Fund Administration focuses on education as one of its pillars for charitable donation for its Corporate Social Responsibility drive and has donated equipment to schools throughout Namibia during 2010, including computers to a school in the Hardap Region and two photocopiers to schools in the Oshana and Omusati regions respectively.

"For as long as we can, our donations to the education sector will continue," said Mr Kiiyala, "we remain committed to easing the burden experienced by teachers and learners and to make the environment of learning as pleasant as possible," he concluded.

The Road Fund Administration focus on children, women and education in the Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes.