

What people say

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◆ **Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare**
 “Get Tested and be Strong”, the Health Ministry is still running this important campaign. Anuwa many girls are willing to be tested but most boys are reluctant to be tested for HIV. Is this true?

◆ **Cadas Haindongo**
 Just because there are more girls in Namibia than boys, that is it.

◆ **Annelien Nonnoz Van Wyk**
 No Cadas, it's because boys are afraid to face reality, that's why...

◆ **Cadas Haindongo**
 But did you consider that it is just a general assumption? If there are 70 girls and 50 boys making up a total population of 120 tested people, obviously the outcome will be more girls tested than boys.

◆ **Indu Kawedi**
 A big yes, men believe if a lady goes for the test then the result applies to both of them. Since men don't have the guts they go like “oh honey you know I didn't have time for that, you rather go and find out what our result is” ‘ta mufi! You result is not your partner's result.

◆ **Petrina Nandjila**
 Annelien thank you for that correction. @Cadas, the way you have responded is typical of how lots of men, young and old respond to the testing campaign. This has nothing to do with the ratio of men to women in the country. It is just a bad culture which needs to be tested. Why is it then that when it comes to leadership in general, men are at the forefront? Why not women who are many in the country?

◆ **Indu Kawedi**
 Petrina, thank

◆ **Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare**
 Interesting views, again look at the statistic of the response my Cde Cadas is alone against three girls (or would you prefer to be called ladies)...;-); Let us hear what the views of boys (or guys) on this. Is it an issue of population entirely? @I am well Cde Kawedi, hope you are too. We look forward to seeing you on the 26 June 2010 Event...;-), I trust Cde Laina has kept you in the know..!

◆ **Amai Nox Nyangove**
 Dr! do u know what some of our African men do when they want to find out they are HIV negative or positive they impregnate their

wives and we go to the antenatal care we get tested on their behalf or in cases where the woman is not tested at the clinic or hospital they wait 4 the child's birth ne and when we deliver a healthy baby who is not a sickling the man celebrates that he still is negative i believe its absurd but its reality I read a UNFPA report on Zimbabwe which talk abt this



◆ **Henny Seibeh**
 I am afraid, I concur with the ladies views, especially with the last point of Amai. Sometimes one must be honest and say like it is. I have experienced the same problem many times, with many young men. they simply don't want to be tested. I know of a young man who refused to go last and this year but his girlfriend went alone in all the instances. luckily, the results were negative. Perhaps, we must upped our campaign, especially amongst young men.

◆ **Cadas Haindongo**
 Based on this update and responses, can it be concluded that more ladies participate in this discussion than men?

◆ **Indu Kawedi**
 Some men fool themselves if they impregnate a lady she gives birth and still breastfed good news they then conclude that the result was negative but four your information negative babies can still be breastfed by a positive mother until six 6 months after six months she complains that she is tired of breastfeeding and want to retain her beautiful body all kind of good things us ladies can come. See More up with less you know this lady is infected and want to save her baby from being infected and you poor men go do it 40 with her. This goes to you men the safest is to play it safe, tested or not.

◆ **Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare**
 We should break the fear of our fellow men so that it helps to get tested and know the status. Even better if there was a technology to ensure that there is a test made before sex. Cde Indileni, you have a point on men “playing it safe” all the way. It is actually better to accompany one's partner to an HIV test, I think it is COOL...;-)

◆ **Petrina Nandjila**
 Cadas, bro! why don't you just want to accept the obvious reality?

◆ **Hilma Christian**
 When you look at the number of learners in schools, boys are more than girls now, if it's like that, are the men going to be mo serious than women in years 2 come if we

are looking at the ratio of men to women?

◆ **Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni**

Hmm lol i don't understand you men. Don't you want to go and get tested! When it comes to being the head of an organization they are first inline. Now be first inline to get tested as well. Cde Cadas, there is no such a thing of ladies being more than men! One thing I have realized bout Namibian men is that when fires come they are the first to run. Yes Cde Senior, it is totally cool to go with your partner :-). Imao Cde Indu, it is so true what you are saying. I don't know why men are blinded like that. Usually they do it just to prove a point!



◆ **Imms Shawana Nashinge**
 Got TESTED 3x this year already, so no need...!

◆ **Cadas Haindongo**
 In years to come yes, we will surely get there. If ladies are not more than men then why do men cheat?

◆ **Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni**

Cde Cadas that answer to your question lies with you. Only you would know you are a man, answer yourself why you cheat. So tell us. Why do you cheat? Or better yet give us the definition of cheating.

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◆ **Cadas Haindongo**
 I said “men in general” and now it's getting personal as if I cheat. But all I know is men cheat because there are not enough men for the women in the world and in Namibia. @ Hilma. I said in the years to come we will get there.



◆ **Margaret Mensah-Williams**
 Brothers I will rather reserve my

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Zoom In



By Asser Ntinda

With only five months to go before the Regional Council and Local Authority elections, SWAPO Party must really act firmly and decisively to restore order and discipline in the rank and file of the Party. This is too crucial a time to allow for petty differences to ruin and damage the image of the Party in the eyes of the public.

The Party has come a long way and should lead from the front in body and soul. Problems in Hardap Region need thorough investigation, and those who have erred must be shown the exit door and get marching orders without mercy.

I personally believe that there are bigger people behind some of these problems and this, too, must be thoroughly investigated and the culprits dealt with once and for all.

We had similar situations in Okahandja, Otjozondjupa Region, a few years ago, where some individuals from the Party leadership really thought they were bigger and stronger than the Party itself. They placed their interests above those of the Party and nearly caused havoc and anarchy in the membership and leadership.

These were simple individuals who took advantage of their connections within the leadership and started defying Party instructions. But in Okahandja the leadership moved fast and firmly whipped them into order. Those who refused to follow and obey leadership instructions left the Party.

Nobody begged them to stay on. It did not take us long before we realized that the man who was behind such people was none other than Hidipo Hamutenya, who has now defected from SWAPO Party and formed the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP.

He was carelessly using such people to advance his selfish presidential ambitions, which were spectacularly crushed at the 2004 Extra-ordinary Congress, which saw President Hifikepunye Pohamba eventually winning to become SWAPO Party Presidential Candidate during the 2004 Presidential and National Assembly elections, which both President Pohamba and SWAPO Party again won overwhelmingly.

The same thing again happened in Okahandja early this year when Ben Katamila defied Party instructions, arrogantly telling the leadership right in its face that he “would not budge.” He was shown the exit door, firmly and decisively. Where he is today is history. That is what leadership is all about.

What is right must be defended. What is wrong must be equally condemned with the contempt it deserves. The Party cannot allow loose canons to weaken SWAPO Party from within. Indiscipline and anarchy are not alternatives. They are a recipe for disaster. We should not lose focus of the fact that there are vultures waiting in the wings to exploit such differences for their own political advantages.

SWAPO Party cannot entertain such nonsense. It is better to lead and look after a small but disciplined flock than to have a large flock pulling in different directions and going astray. Let us find out what really is going on in Hardap Region and deal with it firmly, once and for all. I won't be surprised if the Hardap debacle resembles what had happened in Okahandja.

After all, 2012 is not really very far for some power-hungry individuals. They will always be the first in the race, sprinting when there are no contenders. As SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, has said, there is no vacancy yet for people to start campaigning. We should work hard and face the upcoming Regional Council and Local Authority elections as a united team and cross the succession bridge when we come to it.

Off to Finland



They are Rajah Martine, Helena Ntinda, Jeandra Bezuidenhout, Dillon Fredricks, Beverley Van Rooi and Ndunde Amunyela. On the left is Dennis Fredricks, Principal of Dawid Bezeidenhout High School, pictured with the learners before their departure.

Six learners from Dawid Bezeidenhout High School are in Finland as part of an intercultural partnership with the Finnish Summer High School Association, which Dawid Bezeidenhout School has established with that School.

They left on Wednesday and will return next week Thursday. The Association offers intensive

and informal alternatives for usual school education. A wide range of extra-mural activities and excursions are also included.

While in Finland, they will explore new arts and crafts and practice conversational and communication skills. They will mix with Finnish learners and learn to develop

understanding and tolerance for other languages and cultures.

The Summer High School Association was founded in 1965 to promote the voluntary study and leisure activities of young people and to organize experimental and research activities relating to studying and teaching.