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**Men on the  
Side of the  
Road  
( Namibia )**

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service we offer  
and call us if  
you need some  
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We have con-  
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people with  
opportunities in  
2011**

## MSR IS ON THE MOVE

At the end of March, MSR moved to much larger premises, but still on the same site. Our new address is Workshop#1, Habitat Research & Development Centre, Claudius Kandovazu St, Katutura.

With MSR entering a new phase in it's history, here are a few highlights from the past, and a brief history of the project. With your support, we will continue our work to get unemployed Namibians on the path to success.



### 2006

A group of people at the Eros NG Kerk decided to try and do something about the people who gathered opposite their church waiting for work, 'two worlds separated by a road...' and Men on the Side of the Road was born, a 'social franchise' of MSR South Africa, using their logo and branding, and their business model, with the aim of connecting unemployed people with jobs and training opportunities.

### 2007

The project was officially launched in September at the Eros job site, where the then Minister of Labour Honourable Alpheus !Naruseb addressed both the people waiting for work, and visiting dignitaries. The first MSR office opened in Maerua Mall with three staff members, one of whom was recruited from the MSR members. We connected 86 people with job opportunities.

**2008**

- In partnership with the DED, Jowells Transport Services, and EMS training Academy, we added a total of 10 Code CE licences to the pool of potential truck drivers available to Namibian companies. All of these people are now employed fulltime in the profession.
- Training in Basic money management skills was undertaken for the first time.
- MSR partnered with City Drop, delivering the Business Digest to local companies, a partnership which lasted until City Drop and the Business Digest closed its doors in early 2010.
- The Pinnacle Metropolitan Empowerment Trust was the first organisation to contribute funding dedicated to vocational training.
- MSR connected 270 people with job opportunities.

**2009**

- The first trainees attended KAYEC Trust. All of these people are now employed, or self employed.
- MSR achieved welfare organisation status (WO348), a major milestone in unlocking additional donor funding.
- Jerry Elago and Gida Sekandi joined the MSR board, following the resignation of James Hill, Riaan Louw and Tertius Stears.
- MSR moved its office to Katutura, to be closer to the people it serves.
- Partner in the EnviroChance Paper shredding job creation project funded by the UNDP.
- We participated in the SME Expo for the first time, and President Pohamba visited our exhibition stand.
- We ran a basic adult literacy class for 10 of our members, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Janton Consulting cc.
- MSR connected 192 people with job opportunities and developed our six step approach to training.

**2010**

- Bank Windhoek sponsored large signboards for the 3 job sites, to raise awareness of MSR and the work being done.
- The Drop In Centre was inaugurated with a donation of two pc's from PWC.
- Mr Johny Smith, Mr Heiko Diehl and Dr Hylton Villet joined the board.

**2010 continued...**

- A volunteer social work student from Germany joined us for 6 months, to work on a one to one basis with the KAYEC trainees. This has resulted in a huge increase in the self confidence of the members she worked with.
- Two members who attended KAYEC through MSR were accepted by WVTC for further training in their respective skills.
- We connected 152 people with job opportunities.

**2011 so far**

- MSR moved to much larger premises and increased staff complement to 3
- Community meetings re-introduced at request of the members
- Selection process for KAYEC ongoing
- Funding pledged for English Literacy classes and Recycled Paper Block project
- Sixty seven people connected with job opportunities
- Over 300 visitors to the office to undertake job search related activity.

**THANK YOU'S**

Thank you to Schoemans Office systems, and Avril Payment Solutions for your continued support of the project.



We now need the following items for our new offices:

- A large white board (wall mounted or free standing)
- A wooden coffee table
- A magazine and newspaper rack or stand
- A large wall mounted notice board (the kind you can pin things too)
- Office partitions (the kind used in open plan offices)

If you can help, please call the office on 061 305892 to arrange delivery. Thanks.

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