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## Progress Report August 2009



Men on the  
Side of the  
Road  
( Namibia )

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Creating training opportunities for the unemployed
- Creating job opportunities for the unemployed
- Working towards a better Namibia.

### MSR AT THE SME EXPO 2009



Men on the Side of the Road was fortunate to be offered a stand at the recent SME Expo 2009, held on the 5th and 6th August at the Nampower Convention Centre. Our goal in participating was to raise awareness of what we do, and to introduce our services to the public. We were visited by a large number of people who expressed an interest in our work, including President Hifikepune Pohamba and Mr David Nuyoma of the Development Bank of Namibia.

Over 50 SME's exhibited their products and services at the Expo, the 4th one to be held in Windhoek.

Our thanks go to the team at CIH who created such a professional looking stand for us, and to SMEs Compete, for making the stand available.

## BOARD MATTERS

At the board meeting held on the 21st July 2009, the statement of accounts was approved.

The board agreed to set up two sub committees to ensure the growth of MSR: these are Funding; which will support the operational staff in accessing funding opportunities; and Marketing and Collaboration, which will offer its support in ensuring we develop constructive and mutually beneficial partnerships.



Chairman of the Board: Johan Swanepoel

## INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR JOB SEEKERS

The MSR database is being updated, and we would like to use the pages of our newsletter to introduce to you some of the people who are looking for work. Please contact us on 305892 if you have a vacancy, and we will put you in touch with them.

Johnny Links has a code 08 drivers licence and many years factory experience, and is looking for another job after his last employer closed down.

Abiater Shigwedhla has a Grade 12 and a diploma in urban and peri-urban

organic horticulture, and is a very enthusiastic young man who is looking for an opportunity to use his skills, especially in the field of vegetable or mushroom growing.

Matti Shilongo participated in the truck driver training course, and is now keen to find an opportunity to put his new skills to work, and to gain experience.

Jona Haikali has completed the bricklaying course at KAYEC, and is looking for work opportunities. Contact him on 081 3582504

We are keen to create opportunities for our members. Can YOU make a difference?

## HABITAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Men on the Side of the Road is fortunate to have found office space at the HRDC, which also allows us to use their superb training rooms on an 'as and when needed' basis. If you are looking for an exciting secure venue with plenty of parking for a conference or workshop, that can accommodate up to 200 people, come and have a look..

## LITERACY



Some of the members who have started an English literacy class at MSR, with Mr Ngatjizeko the Director of DAE in the Ministry of Education, Mr Stewart Aston from Janton Consulting and the facilitator of the programme, Mr. Mateus Shipahu.

MSR is pleased to announce that they have been approved by the Ministry of Education as a provider of the National Literacy Programme. The first programme in Basic English skills started on the 13th July 2009 and runs until the end of November. We are lucky to have Mateus Shipahu, a registered NLPN facilitator, (and who is also registered on the MSR database) delivering the course for us.

One of the barriers faced by the members of Men on the Side of the Road is often their limited language skills, and this is just one more way MSR is working to fulfill our goal of seeing every man on the side of the road find employment.

Funding on this occasion has been generously contributed by Janton Consulting cc.

## CLOTHING DONATION FROM HAND IN HAND

Men on the Side of the Road was one of the recipients of items from a container of new clothes that was recently sent from Germany.

We received shirts, t-shirts, jackets and underwear. The jackets were distributed during the recent cold spell to participants in the money skills programme, and were especially welcome.

The remaining items will be distributed to the participants in some of our other training programmes as they are completed

Our thanks to Marybeth Gallagher in Windhoek, and Allan Corrigan in Germany, who coordinated this fantastic donation.