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Progress Report January 2010



Men on the
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 (Namibia)

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ENVIROCHANCE:
 SAVING TREES,
 CREATING JOBS



In partnership with Business Financial Solutions (BFS), the HRDC, and with start-up funding received from the United Nations Development Fund, Men on the Side of the Road is pleased that we will be working to create at least 20 new self employment opportunities in 2010. Through this self sustainable project, will come the opportunity to create many more such micro-enterprises in the following years.

EnviroChance is a paper recycling scheme that involves collecting recyclable paper from companies and offices around Windhoek, taking it to a central location where MSR members will shred the paper using their own shredder, supplied by the project. Alternatively, a project member will go to the office with their shredder, and work on site if preferred.

The shredded paper is sold onto companies to use as packaging material. Each person will be self employed and earn according to the amount of paper they recycle, and over the course of a year they will pay off the cost of their shredding machine, so that it becomes their property. All the participants will be supported by business training provided by BFS.

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**Please
 remember to
 use the
 service we
 offer and
 call us if you
 need some
 casual help.
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The project will support the entrepreneurs through finding suppliers of paper, and clients to purchase the paper once it has been processed. If you would like to discuss either supplying paper to the project or as a purchaser of shredded paper, while making your contribution to saving the environment, call MSR on 305892, or BFS on 388600.

We have published on our website details of a number of items and projects we would like to undertake. Contact us for more detail if you are interested, or can offer expertise.

Items we need:

- A telephone to replace one that blew in a recent storm
- A new server and computer equipment

Projects we want to undertake:

- Paper briquettes Small scale vegetable production
- An IT Drop in and Job Centre An awareness raising campaign
- An MSR soccer team to build self confidence and life skills

WISH LIST

Introducing more MSR workseekers

Over the past year we have sent some of our members to The KAYEC Trust for training in vocational skills.

If you can offer internships in plumbing, small engine repair, painting tiling and glazing, or bricklaying, or if you have small jobs that need doing around the house let us know, and we can put you in touch with Nikodemus, Simeon, Simon, Matheus, Fanuel or Philemeon.

If you can offer any of these members work, and would like to interview them please call MSR on 305892.

NAMIBIAN CONSTRUCTION SKILLS ACADEMY

A Level 2 course in bricklaying has started at the HRDC workshops, and we are pleased that four of our members have taken the opportunity to improve their skills, and are attending the course.

A welding and sheet metal work course will be starting in April, at which we hope to have even more MSR members.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Creating training opportunities for the unemployed
- Creating job opportunities for the unemployed

Working towards a better Namibia

We are keen to create opportunities for our members. Please contact us if you can help.

BOARD MATTERS

The first board meeting of 2010 will take place in March. Watch this space for feedback in the April issue.

Board member Herman Mans



Remember to keep an eye on the website at : www.msr.org.na.
Your feedback and suggestions are important to us.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are still desperately looking for some-one who can help us out at least one morning a week to work on maintaining the database, and checking references. It is not necessary to work at the office, and expenses will be paid. If you would like to learn more, please call Janet on 081 3217752, or the office on 305892. Perhaps you know some-one who would like an opportunity to learn new skills before they start further education, or is between jobs and looking for something to do.

NEWS SNIPPETS

THANK YOU DB AUDIO

DB Audio regularly employs some of our work seeking members when they need extra help, and they have donated some bright and durable signage for the office in Katatura, so now we will be easier to find.

The KAYEC Trust

Two of our members are currently undergoing training at KAYEC in Windhoek. One is doing plumbing and pipefitting, and the other one is doing welding. If you can offer them an internship when they complete their course, please contact MSR on 061 305892.



One of our smart new signs!