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MSR can only undertake their work with support from corporate Namibia, other organisations and philanthropic individuals. We are grateful for the support we have received from the following:

CIH Holdings Ltd

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The Ministry of Labour

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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.

MONEY SKILLS COURSE



The participants in the first money skills course of 2009 pose for a photo at the end of the day.

The first money skills course for 2009 took place at our new premises in Katatura on 15th April, with a follow up on 15th May and 1st June. Participants learned about how to manage their money, and were challenged to come up with an idea for setting up an enterprise that will enable them to generate an income. The course was run by Herman Louw from Skills for Africa.

MSR IS WO 348!

MSR is now fully registered with both the Ministry of Health and Social Services, and the Ministry of Finance as a welfare organisation. This means that we can issue a certified receipt and the Ministry of Finance will allow the contribution to be offset against income tax.

BOARD MATTERS

A strategy planning meeting was held on the 26th March to determine the future course and growth of MSR. It was attended by all board members or their representatives, and supported by staff from CIH and Bank Windhoek. As result MSR has developed a marketing plan and a communication plan. As well as an action plan to raise awareness of MSR. Watch this space!!!



Board member: Gida Sekandi.

MSR teams up with the Ministry of Labour, with support from the Metropolitan Pinnacle Trust

MSR and the Ministry of Labour have joined forces to address unemployment in Namibia by offering a vocational counseling course conducted mainly in Oshiwambo to our members. We are grateful to the Metropolitan Pinnacle Trust for financing refreshments and stipends for these courses. By the end of May three courses involving over thirty members have been completed, with

further courses scheduled for the coming months. The counseling allows our members to examine their lives in the context of their past, their culture and their family background, and to think about their future and how they would like to change their lives.

We are keen to create opportunities for our members.

MSR WORKS WITH THE KHOMAS REGIONAL COUNCIL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the lives of our members we now distribute condoms donated to us by the Khomas Regional Council at all the job sites in Windhoek, during our regular visits, by our fieldworker, who has also been trained in

delivering a 'safe sex' message to our members. We believe this is an important 'value addition' we can make for our members at no additional expense.

AWARENESS RAISING OF MSR

As a result of the discussion at the meeting on the 26th March, we are embarking on an awareness raising campaign, so that more people get to hear about the work that we do, and to use our services when they are looking for employees, or casual workers, to help them out. We are planning some exciting events, so watch this space!

We will also be putting up signboards at the job sites, once we have the necessary approval from the City of Windhoek.

If you have any ideas for raising our profile, please email me:

office@msr.org.na.

WE HAVE MOVED

We are fortunate to have obtained a lease on The Clay House, a demonstration house situated at the Habitat Research and Development Centre in Claudius Kandovazu Street in Katatura. In addition to a self contained office unit we enjoy 24hour security and access to training rooms seating from 40 to 200 people. Please come and see for yourself what a well kept secret these facilities are!!



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR AND SKILLS/REFERENCE CHECKER

We are looking for someone with well developed database management skills that can undertake the task of updating and maintaining the MSR database and creating and printing the MSR membership cards.

We also need someone to verify references and carry out evaluations over the telephone according to set criteria. For this you will need to be fluent in English and Afrikaans, and have a friendly telephone manner.

needs or wants to be at home, but is also looking for something worthwhile to do.

All expenses will be covered.

If you are interested to learn more, please contact Janet on 061 305892 or 081 321 7752.

These part time tasks would suit someone who