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2010 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

1. Election Observation Programme: Namibia 2009 Elections *Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*

The overall program was concluded very successfully by 30th September 2010 with pre-set results and targets being exceeded. The NID's role in the elections process was positively acknowledged by stakeholders, political parties, the media, civil society, analysts and government. During the course of the program, a total of 22 training workshops for civil society election observers were conducted throughout Namibia, during which a total of 301 observers were trained and subsequently observed the 2009 National and Presidential elections. An observers training manual was produced specifically for this purpose and was updated in 2010. Six training workshops on campaigning were conducted with all political parties, in which 99 party officials participated. A training manual was compiled in cooperation with EISA. Two training workshops on elections coverage were conducted with media practitioners, who numbered 17 representatives from all media institutions. 5 issues of the monthly elections related newsletter, *FairVote '09*, were published.

2. Strengthening the institutional, advocacy and anti-corruption capacity of civil society and selected government institutions *Funded by the Embassy of Finland*

A funding agreement between the NID and the Embassy of Finland was signed in June 2010 for a programme which aims at strengthening the involvement of civil society in policy and decision making, and enhancing interaction and responsiveness between citizens and government officials through training and technical assistance in NGO management, advocacy skills and monitoring and evaluation capacity. Through NID's ongoing Zero Tolerance for Corruption Campaign (ZTfCC), the Finnish support is used to enhance citizens' awareness and involvement in the prevention of corruption. In addition, a number of publications related to the rule of law and good governance will be developed.

Among the educational printed material are the 4th edition of the popular *Guide to Namibian Politics* and a revised *Guide to Civil Society*. Among the technical assistance workshops for civil society organisations are 16 organizational management skills training workshops, 16 advocacy workshops and 16 monitoring and evaluation workshops, which are currently being presented country-wide utilizing previously produced training manuals.

As part of the ZTfCC and in order to assist civil society organizations and local authorities to implement organizational ethics programmes and integrity systems within their organizations, the NID will still conduct eight ethics training workshops for specific civil society organisations and local authorities. A training guide on organizational ethics is currently being developed for this purpose. Subsequently, dedicated technical assistance will be provided to organisations on an individual basis.

Furthermore, anti-corruption educational workshops are conducted for civil society organisations and faith-based organisations, for school children and at the grassroots level. As part of the civic education programmes in schools, a *Youth Integrity Survey* among learners is currently being conducted to assess norms and values among the young generation.

Apart from the anti-corruption media surveys mentioned below, the NID is in the process to compile and publish three editions of the publication series *The Justice Sector and the Rule of Law in Namibia*.

3. Zero Tolerance for Corruption Campaign *Funded by the Embassy of Finland*

Under a previous corporative agreement with the Embassy of Finland, the Zero Tolerance for Corruption Campaign was concluded early in 2010. The NID provided support to the implementation of integrity systems on local authority level through technical assistance and training to the Namibian Association of Local Authority Officers (NALAO) and direct technical assistance and training on integrity systems, code of ethics, fraud control and anti-corruption policies to local authorities.

In 2010, the NID conducted 11 integrity-related training workshops for civil society organisations and faith-based organisations. Under this corporative agreement, 10 grassroots education workshops were presented. The NID produced an integrity-related radio programme that was broadcasted in February 2010 on NBC German Service, Base FM, UNAM Radio, Fresh FM, Kudu FM, Omulunga Radio, Channel 7, Cosmos Radio, Radio 99/Namibia FM, and Radio Ecclesia.

The media survey *Actual Instances of Corruption as Reported in the Namibian Print Media, 2008-2009* has been printed, while the following edition on the time period 2009 to 2010 is currently in the production phase.

4. August Public Lecture Series *In cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), the Department of Sociology at the University of Namibia (UNAM) and the Bank Windhoek Arts Festival*

The 2010 August Public Lecture Series has been jointly organized by the NID, the Department of Sociology at UNAM, the FES and the Bank Windhoek Arts Festival. The annual August Public Lecture Series is now staged in its fifth year. This year, the topic of the Series was "Poverty - 20 Years into Independence". The Series commenced on 4th August 2010 and concluded on 10th September 2010. Altogether, 304 persons attended the Series.

5. The Constitution after 20 Years *In cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)*

The publication examines the relevance of the Namibian Constitution after 20 years of independence. The IPPR and the NID co-publish the book with funding provided by the FES. The Constitution's "coming of age" provides an opportunity to assess the ways in which it has become part of the fabric of Namibia's life since 1990. Have Namibians taken the Constitution's principles and values to heart? Has Namibia internalized its Constitution? How do the founding fathers and mothers who drew up the Constitution view the significance of the work today? How does the younger generation regard the supreme law? The book takes the format of a series of essays and interviews which explore the Constitution's historical context,

its present standing, and its future reference. The intention of the book would be to act as a key reference document and educational resource of the Constitution.

6. Poverty Impact Assessment

In cooperation with the Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement (MRL)

In partnership with the GTZ and the MRL, the NID published a poverty impact assessment of various land reform programmes. The Ministry commissioned this study to assess and interrogate the process of economic development and the impact of various Government initiatives on the beneficiaries of various land reform programmes. It is envisaged that the findings and recommendations of the study will continue to enhance the efforts on targeted policy initiatives to mitigate challenges faced in the programme implementation and be widely used within and outside the Ministry as a point of reference on land reform programmes.

7. Communal Land Registration

In cooperation with the Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement (MRL)

As part of the *Namibia Land Management Series*, the NID in cooperation with the GTZ and the MRL published the booklet *Communal Land Registration*. The publication was compiled by Marcel Mejis, GIS and Land Registration Advisor German Development Service, MRL, and Donatha Kapitango, Secretary Oshikoto Land Board, MRL.

8. Guide to Civil Society in Namibia

Funded by Embassy of Finland

In order to further strengthen civil society in Namibia and support the interaction between government and civil society, the NID published the first edition of this guide in 2009 to provide an overview of the mandate of NGOs and CSOs in Namibia, together with contact details and the sectors in which they are active. Organisations who responded to a questionnaire that was distributed and announced in the media are included. The guide is currently being updated and the second edition will be published early in 2011. It is hoped that the guide will serve as reference tool to local and international development institutions and NGOs requiring information on the activities of civil society or looking for partners for specific programs in Namibia.

9. Understanding democracy

Funded by the Embassy of the United States of America

A new publication entitled *Understanding Democracy - A Guide to the Principles of Democracy* was published and distributed early in the year. This booklet covers basic democratic principles and concepts, the rule of law, elections, individual rights and their defense, the role of civil society and the political system in Namibia. This publication may serve as a resource for the development of a civic education curriculum in schools, as well as be used as manual for formal and informal civic education programs in institutions of learning, by civil society organisations and within society as a whole.

- 10. Identifying the relationship between HIV and AIDS and fragility in local government structure in Namibia**
In partnership with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa)

This publication interrogates the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on the functioning of the political and administrative systems of local governance. It seeks to unravel and discuss the implications for governance in an era when HIV and AIDS have widely ravaged working age populations, skilled labour forces and leadership at various levels of society. Its primary aim is to understand in what ways AIDS has affected councilors, the political decision-makers in local government, and supportive staff that are essential in service delivery. This multi-country research project, which is simultaneously done in Namibia, Zambia, Ghana, Uganda and Burundi, follows on a pilot study on South Africa that has been published in 2009.

- 11. The influence of civil society on the parliamentary law-making process in Namibia**
Funded by the Embassy of Finland

This publication focuses on advocacy efforts by Namibian non-governmental organisations targeting the parliamentary law-making process in Namibia. The methods used for this study include literature review and desk studies, interviews with representatives of parliament and civil society activists as well as the incorporation of findings of the Afrobarometer and the African Legislatures Project that have been put at the NID's disposal by the Centre of Social Science Research (CSSR) at the University of Cape Town.

- 12. Southern Africa: Vision 2030. Public policy priorities for the next decade**
In cooperation with the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

Edited by Mark Hannam and Jonathan Wolff, this publication is based on a conference held in August 2009 on the theme *Southern Africa: Vision 2030*. The conference brought together academics, civil society activists, politicians and business people from Namibia, South Africa and Europe to consider topics in four areas: economic development, health care, democracy and governance, and legal and civil rights. The presentations from the conference are collected in this volume, which provides rich and varied account of the current state of, and challenges for the region.

- 13. Study on political finance**
In cooperation with Transparency International and the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

A study on how political parties finance themselves, jointly conducted by the NID, Transparency International and the IPPR, was launched in March 2010 in Windhoek. The study forms part of a regional study simultaneously conducted in five Southern African countries. It uses the CRINIS research methodology to investigate the legal framework regulating political finance, the financing of parties and election campaigns, accountability and the role of state control agencies. This study has recently been completed and a public briefing will be conducted on 26th November 2010.

- 14. Study circles programme**
In cooperation with the Studieverbundet Vuxenskolan (SV) and Forum Syd

Until mid-2010, the NID continued implementing the study circles programme in the Khomas, Erongo and Hardap regions. The programme has been implemented in working relationship with

the Stockholm-based Studieverbundet Vuxenskolan (SV). A total of two study circles were continued in the Khomas Region, while a total of nine study circles have been maintained in the Erongo Region. Two study circles have been established in the Hardap Region. In March, the NID conducted an anti-corruption workshop for Zimbabwean study circles.

15. Strengthening elections management systems and civil society elections observation capacity
(Funded by SIDA)

Through this programme, options and recommendations for electoral reform will be drafted to feed into the current amendments to the electoral legislation in Namibia. An international elections expert, Anders Eriksson, will assist the NID in the compilation of this report. As part of this process, NID participated in an observation programme of the Swedish national elections, which were held on 19th September 2010. This programme also makes provision for the development of technical expertise in elections observation/monitoring and elections related advocacy internally to the NID to enable the NID to pass on such knowledge to the Namibian civil society, political parties and the media. As part of this process Theunis Keulder and Naomi Kisting will participate in an observation mission organized by the Carter Centre in either Tanzania or Sudan early in 2011.

Mr. Kaapama remarked that this program comes at an opportune time, as the NID would be in a position to positively provide input into the electoral reform process. Prof. Katjavivi voiced his support, stating that close liaison with the ECN should take place so that the ECN can be at the forefront of this process.

16. Namibia and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM): Lessons from others and implications of accession
In cooperation with the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) and the South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA)

This workshop for government officials and civil society representatives was jointly organized by the NID, the IPPR and SAIIA. The two-day workshop took place on 24th and 25th March 2010.

17. Why democracy? Film series
In partnership with Goethe-Centre/NADS, the Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC) and the American Cultural Centre (ACC)

To commemorate 20 years of Namibian independence and democracy, the NID in partnership with Goethe-Centre/NADS, the FNCC and the ACC has been screening a series of ten-award winning documentaries and thirteen short-films. The series is entitled *Why Democracy* and has been produced by Steps International. This documentary film series reflects personal perceptions of and experiences with democracy of independent filmmakers around the globe.

18. Participation in international events

From 17th to 20th February 2010, Dr Justine Hunter participated in an international symposium that had been organized by the Volkswagen Foundation and the Institut für Afrikastudien (IAS) at the University of Bayreuth in Germany. The topics were "Political, economic and social dynamics" as well as "Violence, its impact, coping strategies and peace building".

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Dr Justine Hunter also participated in panel debates and provided presentations on the study circles project at the Göteborg Book Fair in Sweden. The Book Fair took place from 23rd to 26th September 2010 and focused on Africa.

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