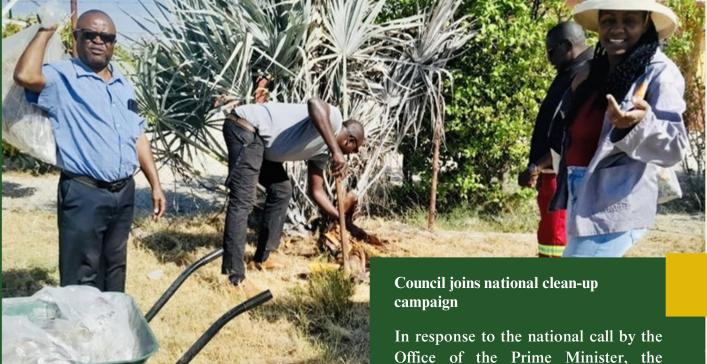
## **ONARC DAILY NEWS LETTER**





## Council prioritises MSME, Youth-Owned Businesses

The Council has adopted a new internal procurement policy designed to promote economic empowerment and ensure a fair distribution of tenders across the region.

The policy prioritizes the inclusion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Youth-Owned businesses, and Informal Traders in the Council's procurement processes. By doing so, Council aims to broaden participation, and prevent the monopolization of procurement opportunities.

Under this policy, at least 15% of the procurement opportunities valued at N\$50,000 or less are reserved for MSMEs and Youth-Owned businesses. In addition, the policy allows suppliers or contractors without the obligatory documents as required for in the Procurement Act to participate in the bidding process.

The policy also limits award concentration by prohibiting one supplier or contractor from receiving more than three tenders valued at N\$500,000 each within the same financial year.

Oshana Regional Council dedicated a day to cleaning its office premises and surrounding areas.

The exercise showcased a strong sense of teamwork and commitment to maintaining a clean and hygienic working environment.

The initiative not only improved the physical space but also reinforced the importance of cleanliness and pride in public service.



RED CROSS supports 1000 household Oshana with food









## Samaritans donate to the region

The Rossing Foundation has pledged an additional N\$250,000 to support the Council's efforts toward achieving food security in the region.

The pledge was announced during the handover of a previous donation of N\$500,000, which the Council used to purchase fencing materials, fertilizers, seeds, garden tools, and a threshing machine.

These resources have greatly strengthened the Council's ongoing initiative to cultivate three crop fields located in Uukwiyuushona, Okatyali, and Uuvudhiya constituencies. The harvests from these vulnerable fields being distributed to communities across the region.

This year, a total of 62 hectares were cultivated, producing 4.6 tons of mahangu and 98 kilograms of beans.

FNB Namibia has donated food supplies, sanitary pads, and mosquito nets worth N\$50,000 to support the people of Oshana. The donation is aimed at assisting vulnerable communities affected by the recent floods.

## **Council develops Inclusive Economic Development Strategy**

The Council has developed comprehensive Regional Local Economic Development (RLED) Strategy aimed at tackling key socioeconomic challenges within the region.

This strategy serves as the Council's blueprint for fostering inclusive participation in the local economy.

The strategy focuses on creating a supportive environment for Small and Micro and Medium Enterprises, as well as informal traders, to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the regional development











