



**Stop
Talking
and Start
Planting!!!**

**Keetmanshoop
Junior
Municipal
Council - KJMC**

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**CATEGORY:
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**INSTITUTION:
KEETMANSHOOP JUNIOR
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
NAMIBIA SADC GENDER
PROTOCOL SUMMIT**

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WINDHOEK



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STOP TALKING AND START PLANTING!!!

- KJMC aims to plant as many trees as possible, thus far we've planted 30 trees at 3 different sites, we've identified more sites as the Way Forward;
- The reason we chose tree planting as a good practice is because tree planting mitigate the effects of climate change. Trees clean our air by removing tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere which reduce greenhouse gas emissions now and in future;
- After all, trees beautify the area in which it's planted as well as providing shades which will always be welcome in a heat-stricken place like Keetmanshoop.



THE PROBLEM WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS IS THE MERE FACT THAT OUR PEERS AND COMMUNITIES DON'T KNOW ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS ON OUR DAILY LIVES...

- Our generation are faced by the effects of Climate Change on a daily but they are unaware that it is caused by human activities;
- The heat in particular in Keetmanshoop are becoming more extreme, but communities assume that it must be the order of the day.



HOW IS THE PROJECT CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE 28 TARGETS OF THE SADC PROTOCOL?

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
<p>This project address the Millennium Development Goals adopted and signed by Namibia which are to be achieved by 2015, that respond to the world's main development challenges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Tree Planting;✓ Gardening  

TARGET GROUP – SCHOOL GOING AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

- The Keetmanshoop Junior Municipal Council represent School-Going as well as Out-Of-School Youth.



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OBJECTIVES

- To educate peers on Climate Change, it's causes and effects on our everyday lives;
- To get our peers to adapt;
- To create awareness amongst peers and the wider community;
- A mitigation attempt for greater sustainable development with planting trees.



PROCESS

- After we've decided on the amount of trees to be planted, we wrote a request letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to sponsor us the trees;
- Thereafter, we approached the Municipality as well as the Head of Centre of the Youth Centre to seek permission to plant trees at the identified premises;



PROCESS

- We arranged with the Ministry of Agriculture for sand and tools to be used for the tree-planting;
- We arranged with the identified premises for future maintenance of the trees to ensure that the trees receive continued water and feeding.



WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- A greener Keetmanshoop Town;
- Team work amongst Junior Councillors;
- Awareness about Climate Change and Sustainable Development.



KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

- Greater Youth Participation;
- Synergy and Focus;
- Collective Goal



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CHANGING LIVES

- School-going as well as Out-of-School youth are changing their minds and behaviours towards Climate Change and Sustainable Development.
- Young People investing their free time to engage in Environmental Activities.



LESSONS LEARNT

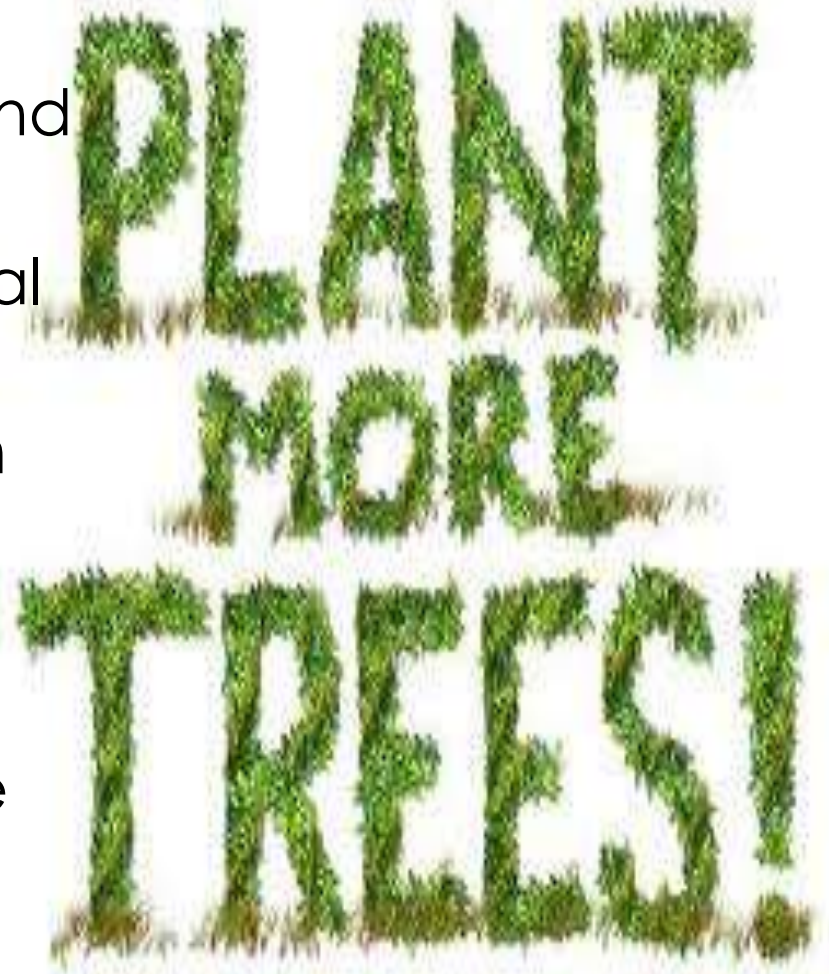
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation needs urgent attention with a collective approach;
- Caring for your environment starts at home;
- Awareness raising is imperative;
- So much more needs to be done for the environment.



WAY FORWARD

- Awareness Raising Campaigns at Schools and Communities;
- Establishing Environmental Clubs in Schools;
- Environmental Education Workshops;
- **“Plant Keetmanshoop Green”** Campaign;
- Climate Change Debate Sessions.

Thank You Very Much ☺





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