



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

STATEMENT

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DURING THE OCCASION OF THE ONAMBUTU PHC

CLINIC

IN OHANGWENA REGION

7TH NOVEMBER 2008

**SPEECH DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION
OF ONAMBUTU PHC CLINIC BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DR. RICHARD N. KAMWI ON
THE 07 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 1430**

Program Director

Honorable Governor of Ohangwena Region- Mr. U. Nghaanwa

Headman of Onambutu- Tk Nande

Eenhana Constituency Hon Councilor – Mr. N. Haufiku

Honorable Regional and Town Councilors

Church Leaders

Heads of Government Departments from MoHSS and Line Ministries

Representatives of Non Government and Private Sectors

Traditional leaders

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Learners

Programme Director,

It with great pleasure that I'm here today to inaugurate and officiate Onambutu Clinic. This new clinic was constructed by MoHSS to the value of N\$ 1 784 044.39. This facility consists of: 1 consulting room, treatment room, a pharmacy and a waiting room.

According to the year 2001 updated National Census this clinic serves a population of 5000 and 60- 50 clients are seen daily. The GRN under the leadership of SWAPO Party is committed to provision of accessible, affordable and acceptable health delivery to various communities countrywide.

For instance;

- Omboloka Clinic was opened last year.
- Ongha Health Centre in completion stage.
- Oshaango Clinic under construction and will start operating next year.
- In Eenhana Hospital the Directorate Management Team Office extension, Dental Clinic, General Stores and Mortuary are under construction.
- In all 3 district hospitals, of Oshanaana Region the ART Clinics are under construction.
- All the districts dilapidating buildings are under renovation.
- A new clinic with staff accommodation at Onangolo and Omungwelume Clinic staff accommodation has been approved.

It was brought to my attention that the Onambutu provides the acceptable services which really indicates the good attendance.

From January to September 2008 the clinic attendance shows the following:

OPD cases	
< 5 years	= 721
>5 years and above	= 2407
ANC attendances 1 st visit	=135
EPI Coverage	105
Family planning 1 st visit	44
Follow up visit	320
PMTCT reported visited the clinic	135

- Out of the nine (9) babies born by HIV positive mothers through the program of PMTCT, seven (7) of them tested negative.
- Voluntarily Counseling Testing (VCT) are 255, female 220 while male- 35.
- Forty five (45) tested HIV positive (36- female and 9- male)
- TB patients- 10

Outreach Services

The clinic has six Outreach points. Which are to be visited monthly basis.

Diseases of Public Concern:

- HIV/ AIDS
- Malaria
- TB

- Diarrhea
- Respiratory infection

Some of these diseases are a result of personal hygiene and poor living conditions.

Public Health

Sanitation

- Each year, the Ministry provides materials for VIP toilets Construction.
- The Community members are expected to meet the government half way in building toilets to improve health and wellbeing in the area.
- I was made to believe that the Indangungu, Oshaango and Onambutu Water Pipe- line is underway which will increase the access to portable water and thus reduce incidence of water borne disease.

Malaria Prevention Programme:

- The programme is addressed through a spraying program and distributions of impregnated mosquito nets are part of Ministry commitment.
- In collaboration with our development partners in particular the Global Fund the Ministry has acquired to factors for the malaria programme and these are to be used in Ohangwena Region. I

therefore commend our partners in the endeavours of supporting Government in the health service delivery.

- With the government limited financial resources MoHSS will continue to provide health services to various communities all over the country with the help from development partners. We can go an extra- mile I believe.

(ii) Staff shortage:

The MOHSS is addressing the problem of shortage on professional by recruiting them from friendly countries e.g. Cuban Doctors and Kenyan Nurses.

The Ministry managed to fill most of the Enrolled Nurses through training of Namibians from the streets who obtained Grade (12) twelve with science subjects.

(iii) Transport Shortage:

The Ministry is trying to equip district hospitals with ambulances and outreach program vehicles.

1. In return for Government effort the community has responsibilities to:
 - (i) Sustain and maintain the facility by paying the required fee, keep the facility clean and prevent vandalism of Government property.
 - (ii) Any health program without active community participation cannot succeed; I therefore encourage community to revitalize the clinic Health Committee and make sure of other aid volunteers.
 - (iii) I encourage my health workers to continue rendering friendly and quality services, and the community to make sure of his facility.

With these few words, I declare Onambutu PHC Clinic Official opened.

I thank you for your attention.