

OMD 2030



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OMD 2030 is an independent Community Association and the Citizenry Partner of the Oranjemund Town Transformation Programme. Our role within this project is to encourage and facilitate active citizenry involvement in co-creating a sustainable, economically diverse, and culturally rich town.



Oranjemund welcome sign at town entrance

Each issue contains:

- Highlights and news about our most recent activities.
- A glimpse into our upcoming events.
- Important contact information.

Three issues per year.

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OMD 2030 – Welcomes new board members



OMD 2030 Board Members Training

During May 2023, OMD 2030 held its Annual General Members (AGM) meeting, during which potential board member candidates campaigned for a seat at the table.

The elections were held 29 May 2023, and four new members were elected to serve on the OMD 2030 board for a term of two years.

All newly appointed board members have received training from OMD 2030 General Manager, Sue Cooper and Libertha Kapere who is the Namdeb Company Secretary and is also a Director of FNB.

OMD 2030 would like to thank Ms. Kapere for donating her time and expertise to the OMD 2030 board training.

Get to know our new board members



Cindi-Lee Kisting - Chairperson

My name is Cindi-Lee Kisting. I completed my secondary education at Windhoek High School and obtained a Bachelor of Accounting degree at UNAM through the Bank Windhoek bursary scheme in 2006. I worked for Bank Windhoek until 2014 when I joined Vivo Energy Namibia.

I relocated to Oranjemund in 2021 to work for Namdeb in the Supply Chain department as a Senior Contracts Administrator, where I help oversee and manage Supplier Relationships and Performance through long term Commercial Services agreements.

A thriving community means a thriving town, so serving on the board of OMD 2030, the community organisation involved in town transformation, means that I can volunteer my skills to help support the transition process to a town that thrives independently.

I bring seventeen years of work experience, mainly in Credit, Treasury and Contracting and Procurement, of which nine years are at management level and five years at Board level in the Chairperson role.

My name is Ndailikana ‘Ndaili’ Paulus and I am passionate about community development and leadership.

I live by the principle of being the change you want to see in the community, hence my decision to stand for election to form part of OMD 2030 Board.

I am a Community Relations Practitioner, and I am skilled in community development, strategic management, community relations, stakeholder engagement among other skills.

I am a YALI Alumni, and hold a Master of Business Administration, a BBA Honours Degree, a Bachelor of Marketing, and a Certificate of Competence in Community Relations.

I bring to the board a range of skills that will enable OMD 2030 and other stakeholders to qualify Oranjemund to be a place to thrive and a source of pride.



Ndailikana Paulus – Secretary



Edward Jones – Duty Chairperson

My name is Edward Jones, I have a background in IT infrastructure, Risk management and a focus on Disaster recovery planning within the investment banking industry.

I grew up in Oranjemund and spent the first few years of my career working for Namdeb in the IT department. In 2009 I relocated to Germany.

I worked in the infrastructure division of Deutsche Bank for ten years with a specific focus on low latency high performance storage subsystems. Ultimately moving up the ranks to head up my area.

My family and I moved back to Oranjemund in 2022 and I am looking to apply my skillset and experience in uplifting the community as a whole and leveraging my knowledge in risk mitigation and strong team-based collaboration.

I have a passion for Oranjemund and the community and am looking forward to working towards a bright and sustainable future for all community members!

My name is Francios Karsten and my expertise/ background is in finance, administration and project management. My family and I moved to Oranjemund in 2005, planning to stay for a period of three years...we are still here.

After completing a Bachelor Accounting degree at NWU, I started my career as an auditor's clerk, going further with more qualifications from different institutions and managerial positions at a number of entities.

I bring more than thirty years of experience and a number of skills to ensure that the community will have no choice, but to admit we all reside in the best town in Namibia.

Then this call came to contribute and invest into the community of the town that I love – ORANJEMUND.



Francious Karsten - Treasurer

BUILDING A RESILIENT YOUTH – UNLIMIT YOUR LIFE



OMD 2030 team with resilience learners

Whenever kids or teenagers face setbacks or difficult times, we hope they're resilient and can quickly "bounce back."

We worry about their grades, behavior, and mental health, and we wonder if their challenges will have a long-term impact.

The good news is that resilience can be taught — at home and in school..

Thus, OMD 2030 has started hosting a series of 18 resilience sessions this August to October with learners from !Garibams Secondary School, Ambrosius Amutenya Primary school and Oranjemund Private School under the theme **"Unlimit Your Life"**.

The course objectives will be to teach learners the following:

- To maximise their potential
- To become the best version of themselves
- To overcome their limitations

The first sessions were hosted in the !Garibams auditorium after school.



OMD 2030 resilience coach Sue Cooper with resilience learners

The Pen is Mightier than the sword

How the Oranjemund Special Needs Children's Initiative Was Born

by Ursula Witbooi, Teresia Katanga & Hannelie krige



Images: Teachers and participants during the gross motor workshop (photo courtesy of Hannelie Krige).

All it took was a heartfelt letter from a mother with a Three-year-old, autistic boy expressing her vulnerability and challenges she faces with support and assistance for her son.

This letter then caused a trail of emails and ended up creating a task team for special needs children in Oranjemund.

Conversations were held with various community, local government, and diamond mining companies' representatives, primary schools, secondary schools, and parents. The conclusion was the initial data gathered showed that we do have a challenge in Oranjemund.

What we have we learnt to date is that in the past there was a dream to put up a Rainbow center for special needs children in Oranjemund.

Moreover, we have recently learnt that Rosh Pinah is also looking at establishing such a facility for special needs children. The Autism Association of Namibia and our Ministry of Gender have visited Oranjemund in the past to conduct training and awareness for special needs children.

Teachers as well as parents have participated. These are ongoing initiatives. Since the initial data gathered was based on interviews and observations, there is a need to ground truth it with specialist data.

So, what are considered special needs children? These are children that fall into the categories of *sensory impaired, physical, developmental, and behavioral/emotional challenges.*

Initially, the task team did an exploratory investigation to determine if we have special needs children challenge in Oranjemund.

It took conversations with various people from our Regional Councilor's Office, our Ministry of Gender specialists, and Day Care centers. One of the immediate activities is to bring a specialist to a site that can conduct a screening of our special needs children to determine what types of interventions are required.

To date, we have started a support group for parents who have special needs children to share information, learn from each other motivate and support each other.

We developed a calendar with various activities and intend to roll this out shortly. Work has already started through a mini workshop aimed at capacitating Day Care Centre teachers with gross motor skills training (see images above).

Moreover, workshops are planned soon. We continue to look for opportunities to partner with others in our constituency and our community to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for our special needs children where they can develop and thrive to be the best versions of themselves.

OMD 2030 is proud to be a part of this initiative.

If you want to learn more about this initiative, please contact: Ursula.witbooi@namdeb.com and Teresia.katanga@debeersgroup.com

Bringing smiles to our African children



Donation handover to Oranjemund schools

In celebration of Day of the African Child, which is held on 16 June annually, OMD 2030 with the assistance of the Ministry of Gender donated 3 000 snack packs to children in the constituency.

A special thanks to social worker Hilma Kandjimbi for coordinating this special project.



OMD 2030 Donation handover to the Ministry of Gender



Learners from !Garibams Secondary School



Principal & learners Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School



Learners from Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School

"The potential of Africa lies within the hearts and minds of its children." - Desmond Tutu

A Healthy & Thriving Community

5 km Community Fun Run/Walk

We strive to encourage our community to live a healthy lifestyle.

We have already hosted six successful runs for the year with 161 participants.


Our next community fun/run walk is scheduled for **Saturday, 9 September 2023**. Time of start: 08h00 at **Town Square**.

Everyone is welcome, young and old, families with wheelchairs, and well-behaved dogs on leashes.



5km run/walk from Town Square

Free Community Yoga




**FREE
COMMUNITY
YOGA**

16 SEPTEMBER 2023

SATURDAY at
09:00 AM

VENUE: BOWLING CLUB



For more information

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OMD 2030 has hosted six community yoga sessions for the Oranjemund community in collaboration with **Yoga & Movement Space**.

The sessions are held once a month and we encourage all community members to come and attend any of the yoga classes.

The next scheduled yoga session date is **Saturday, 16 September 2023**.

Please note in case of any rain showers on the scheduled date the yoga will be held at the Tennis club.

A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IS THE MOST POTENT MEDICINE AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

And Finally.....

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. It is designed to provide you with a summary of some of our most recent projects in an informative, easy-to-read manner.

If you would like to know more about what we are currently involved with come, and visit us at the Hub, follow us on social media, check out our You Tube channel for our latest videos, or visit our websites.

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