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DRFN/FCEAR - HABITAFRICA's livelihood programmes in Omaheke Region ([LISUP](#) & [WATSAN](#))

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Welcome to the First Edition of LISUP and WATSAN Newsletter, with the intention to share progress made and inform you of further planned activities.

LISUP

- The **Livelihood Support Programme (LISUP)** is an integrated rural development programmes, targeting both San and non-San households in the group resettlement projects of **Drimiopsis, Skoonheid & Donkerbos / Sonneblom**.
- The second phase of implementation commenced in November 2010, with a duration of 3.5 years.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

1. Enhancing capacity in agricultural production



2. Strengthening community organisation and cooperation between communities and regional service providers
3. Strengthening opportunities and capacity for income diversification (through crafts and leather production devil's claw harvesting)



4. Documenting and spreading knowledge we gain during the implementation of LISUP

WATSAN

- The **Water and Sanitation Project (WATSAN)** is implemented concurrently with LISUP, with the aim to improve water and sanitation management systems in **Drimiopsis and Skoonheid**.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

1. Introduction of water pumps that are operated on solar power
2. Rain water Harvesting
3. Harvesting and re-utilising of "grey water". *This involves diverting waste water from domestic activities such as laundry, dishwashing and bathing for re-use in back yard gardens. To prevent risks to human health the waste water will not be applied to cultivars in back yards directly, but will reach the root systems of crops through small infiltration ponds.*
4. Community water demand management
5. Dry sanitation as a water-conserving measure



LISUP NEWS

Staff recruitment

- Christian Motinga has joined the DRFN for the position of Community Mobiliser/Agricultural Advisor (Skoonheid and Drimiopsis), while Jackson Hindjou filled the position of the Community Mobiliser for Donkerbos/Sonneblom.

Food security

- MLR has acquired 1000 ha of extra land for the group resettlement project of Skoonheid.
- The existing water infrastructure in Donkerbos has been improved. The water system now supplies water to the school regularly.
- Home gardens have been cultivated in Donkerbos and Drimiopsis.
- A new 2 ha rain-fed garden has been established behind Kanyemba Street in Drimiopsis, with 28 participating families.
- Skoonheid's rain fed garden of 4 ha hosts 50 families.
- 12 ha of rain-fed garden in Donkerbos/Sonneblom hosts 52 families.
- Drimiopsis' beneficiaries have harvested summer vegetable crops; a lot of maize was sold along the road and in Gobabis.



- After solar pumps had been installed in Skoonheid, the community took the irrigated garden in production.

Income Generating Activities

- OMBA Arts Trust continues to give training and marketing support to craft producer groups in the 3 resettlement projects, with assistance from Dr. de Kok in Skoonheid.



- CRIAA-SADC has joined forces with DRFN to strengthen Devil's Claw harvesting and marketing in Donkerbos/Sonneblom. CRIAA-SADC signed an agreement with the Farm Management and Development Committee in the community. The harvesters will get training on the management of Devil's Claw resources, as well as on business principles.

WATSAN NEWS

- Six new water pumps in Skoonheid and Drimiopsis operating on solar were inspected on 25 February 2011, with the support of MLR, RWS and MWT, and members of the Water Point Committees (WPC). The pumps were all functioning and appeared to have been constructed well and are working at full capacity.



- Water pumpers and WPC members have been trained on maintenance of the solar systems.
- 11 households have received rainwater tanks and gutters and have commenced recycling grey water (Drimiopsis 3; Skoonheid 8). Each household made an own contribution of N\$ 100 to have the systems built for them.



NEWS: PARTNERSHIPS

San Support Organization (SSO):

- DRFN-FCEAR/HABITAFRICA is part of the "SSO", a platform where various organisations that support San communities share experiences and best practices, and further coordinate issues with government agencies. Three meetings on the topics of **Lands and Livelihoods, Education, and Human Rights** were held.

Working Group for Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA):

- **National Early Childhood Development (NECD):** DRFN/FCEAR assisted WIMSA in finding candidates for the NECD training programme, a 10-month programme accredited by the NQA. Some trainees may later serve as kindergarten teachers in their respective farms/villages.
- Dina Lukas and Maria Geelboo from Donkerbos/Sonneblom and Skoonheid respectively are currently on the programme in Windhoek.



THE TEAM

Behind LISUP and WATSAN lies a dedicated team of hard-working men and women. From their respective offices, the team is comprised of the following persons:

DRFN

- [Bernadette Shalumbu](#) (WATSAN Technician)
- [Christi Mutota](#): (Administrative assistant)
- **Christian Motinga** (Agricultural Advisor and Community Mobiliser in Sכוןheid and Drimiopsis)
- [Erik Dirkx](#) (Programme manager)
- [Ester K. Nakale](#) (Project manager)
- **Jackson Hindjou** (Community Mobiliser in Donkerbos)
- [Simon Asser](#) (Driver)

Foundation CEAR-HABITAFRICA

- [Silvia Sala](#) (FCEAR-Habitafrica Namibia Coordinator)

MLR

- **James Uerikua** (Regional Head)
- **Lenin Uaendere** (Project coordinator, Drimiopsis)
- **Siyaya Gabes** (Project Coordinator, Sכוןheid)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Re-organising community structures.
- Construction of dry toilets in Sכוןheid and Drimiopsis by the Clay House Project (CHP) in March/April.
- MWT will assist DRFN and MLR with the improvement of the fences of the water points in Drimiopsis and Sכוןheid.
- Continue with the crafts production in Sכוןheid, Drimiopsis and Donkerbos/Sonneblom.
- Human rights awareness rising in Drimiopsis and Sכוןheid, through training, development and provision of informational posters.

