



**STATEMENT BY H.E. DR. SAM NUJOMA,  
FOUNDING PRESIDENT  
AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION,  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
OHUNGI CULTURAL/FUNDRAISING EVENT  
FOR ETUNDA FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CLINIC**

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**ETUNDA TRUST FARM**

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Director of Proceedings;  
Distinguished Members of the Business Fraternity and Captains of Industry;  
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Distinguished Invited Guests;  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you all to Etunda Trust Farm on this special occasion of Ohungi.

The name Ohungi is derived from oshiwambo speaking people and is an important and meaningful tool in the life of various communities to bequeath values and traditional norms to the younger generation.

Indeed, when people in the household gather around the fire at Ohungi, grandfathers, grandmothers and hunters recount collective memories and tell stories of hard work, bravery and accomplishments of our forefathers.

As such, Ohungi is an old traditional ritual of storytelling which comprises dancing, singing and praise poetry.

However, the aim of today's Ohungi, as stated in the letters of invitation from my office and from the members of the business preparatory committee, is to raise funds that shall offer support to medical students who are studying abroad and to complete the Etunda Farm Primary School and Clinic Project.

I always say that Education is the key to knowledge and power, hence my decision to donate this portion of the land on my farm for the construction of a Primary School and Clinic, in order to give the children of commercial farms workers in this district and surrounding areas an opportunity to attend school.

In this regard, you are all welcome to make any meaningful contribution that will help this project to be completed much faster.

As you can see the buildings of the classrooms, clinic and teachers' as well as nurses' residences are almost complete to enable our children to obtain basic education.

Furthermore, I maintain that for people to participate effectively in education they need to be in good health. For this reason, a clinic has been built next to the school to provide health services to school children and other community members.

Once the school and clinic are completed I will donate both of them to the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, respectively.

The project has come a long way and we have received generous sponsorship from private individuals and public entities who have donated building materials and cash.

At this juncture, let me assure you that all those who have made their contributions will be duly recognised upon completion of this project.

In conclusion, once again, let us feel welcomed and participate freely during this event and let us continue to collaborate for the benefit of all our children whose parents work on farms.

When we work together as a team in the spirit of Harambee, we will always succeed. For this reason I always say, "*A people united, striving to achieve common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious!*"

Long Live the Republic of Namibia!

I thank you.