



**STATEMENT BY HON NAHAS ANGULA, FORMER PRIME
MINISTER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE SAM NUJOMA FOUNDATION, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF ETUNDA
FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT & CLINIC TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**FRIDAY,
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**ETUNDA TRUST FARM,
OTJOZONDJUPA REGION**

Director of Ceremonies and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Sam Nujoma Foundation (SNF), Cde. Niilo Taapopi;
Your Excellency Madam Lucia Witbooi, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia;
Your Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, Fourth President of the Republic of Namibia;
Madam Theopoldine Kovambo Nujoma, Founding First Lady of the Republic of Namibia (in absentia) and the Entire Nujoma Family;
Honourable Comrade Sofia Nahango Shaningwa, Secretary-General of the SWAPO Party (represented by Cde. Kornelia Shilunga);
Honourable Dino Balloti, Deputy Minister of Sport, Education, Innovation, Youth, Arts and Culture;
Your Excellency Zhao Weiping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China's to Namibia (represented by Mr Shen Jian, the Deputy Chief of the Chinese Embassy);
Honourable John Julius Khamuseb, Governor of Otjozondjupa Region;
Honourable George Garab, Otavi Regional Councillor;
Your Worship Isaac Hoaeb, Mayor of Otavi;
Distinguished Members of the Business Fraternity;
Distinguished Veterans of the National Liberation Struggle;
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning;

It is my distinct pleasure to join you here today, on this auspicious occasion of the Official handover of Etunda Farm Primary School Project and Clinic to the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

This project is the brainchild of His Excellency Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma, our Founding Father and First President of the Republic of Namibia as he initiated it and fully spearheaded it until its final conclusion.

Against this background, I am immensely pleased that Her Excellency Madam Lucia Witbooi, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia, is among us today representing Her Excellency President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and the entire government on this special occasion.

I am equally glad to witness the presence of all the distinguished dignitaries and members of the business fraternity who have travelled from near and afar to attend this ceremony.

Similarly, I am particularly pleased by the presence of His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, Fourth President of the Republic of Namibia.

In the same vein, allow me to thank His Excellency Zhao Weiping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China's to Namibia for gracing this occasion with his presence. Your Excellency, your presence here today, means a lot to this legacy project of our Founding President.

Indeed, as you can all see, the Etunda Farm Primary School is situated on a piece of land donated by the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation to cater for children of farm labourers and those marginalized communities in and around the vicinity of Otavi in order for them to attend school in line with his long-term vision and passion for every Namibian child to attend school from primary education until tertiary level.

Having been farming in this district of Otavi, the Founding President was deeply touched by the plight of the children of farm labourers and those marginalised communities in and around the vicinity of Otavi who do not attend school. As a visionary leader, he always stressed that education is the key to knowledge and power.

For this reason, it is his humble thought that if we do not educate our children, we would miss out a lot, as a country, in terms of future scientists, medical doctors, agriculturalists, geologists, engineers, and many other professions, who could assist us to solve the pressing needs in our country .

It is against the above backdrop that the Founding President took a firm decision to donate this piece of land, including bricks and other materials, to initiate the Etunda Farm Primary School Project and Clinic that we are witnessing here today.

Initially, some people were skeptical about his decision saying that it will be very costly and difficult to build a school at the farm without a proper budget. However, the Founding President as usual, proved everybody wrong because for him no mountain is too high and no job big or small is too insurmountable. The Founding President was indeed a doer and a man of action who hardly gives up once he puts his mind on something.

The Founding President had extensive experience in mobilizing resources when he use to walk along the corridors of power all over the world and when he was the Head of State. Hence, he approached members of the business fraternity and individuals through their corporate social responsibility (CSR), to support his project.

The response was overwhelming and both the public and the private sectors donated generously to the project and through this collaborative effort, this is how we can meet government halfway and build this country brick by brick.

Indeed, we fully concur with Her Excellency President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah when she described the recently concluded Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Forum as a “partnership of purpose,” as the Forum aspires to create a unified platform where government, business, and other stakeholders can collaborate meaningfully to accelerate inclusive growth and job creation in Namibia.

It is true that the above ambition is laudable and inspiring. But if we have to turn rhetoric into reality, we must move beyond eloquent speeches and collaborate strategically as we have seen with the construction of the school.

Our partnership must become, as the President rightly stated, “a living instrument of collaboration” — one whose impact can be felt not in boardrooms, but in the livelihoods of ordinary Namibians like the marginalized communities and children of farm labourers.

I am pleased to announce that the health clinic has been operational since 2017 and farm workers and indeed the general public have being receiving treatment here.

Furthermore, I am reliably informed that about 8 babies have been delivered in the clinic since it was inaugurated. Let us therefore give a loud round of applause to the Ministry of Health and Social Services as they did not hesitate to operationalize the clinic when they were approached to do so.

Director of Ceremonies;

It is unfortunate that the Founding President is not here today to witness the fruits of his labour as he departed this world in February this year. Nevertheless, those of us present here today have a moral duty and responsibility to complete and expand this school project, following in the footsteps of our Founding President as he already laid the solid foundation. This we must do not only in terms of this project but also many others including his vision in order to maintain his legacy.

Today the project will be handed over as it is or as they say in Afrikaans “voetstoot”, meaning if there is something missing please fix it and move on.

Director of Ceremonies;

Before I conclude, allow me to say that the Etunda Farm offers a compelling benchmark on what collaborative efforts can do. It transcends agricultural productivity to serve vulnerable members of our society.

This is land reform as envisioned: a vehicle for community dignity, health, and opportunity. Thus, this project stands as a beacon and a living testament to what is possible when the spirit of Ubuntu guides our actions and when vision and passion meet.

If the Founding Father could leverage his farm to build a school and a clinic, so can all of us. This commitment must echo with the weight of our history and remain a poignant reminder of the ideals that fueled our struggle for social justice. Let this be a call to return to the foundational principles of Ubuntu, where true value of a person is measured by their character, empathy, contributions to society, and the quality of their relationships with others, rather than by material wealth.

In conclusion, I would like to convey my sincerest gratitude to all stakeholders who participated in this project such as the SWAPO Party, the B2Gold company, Ohorongo Cement, Namport, Swakop Uranium, Erongo Marine, Cheetah Cement, Rani Group of Company, Paragon Investment, the Chinese Embassy in Namibia and the Otjozondjupa Regional Council as well as Direct Construction and Design Lab Construction, amongst others. Ladies and gentlemen, rest assured that all stakeholders will be formally acknowledged for their valuable contributions.

I will be failing in my duties if I also do not acknowledge all the farm workers, the support staff at the Office of the Founding President, including the Otavi Farmers' Association, the National Youth Service and of course the media houses who made the public aware of this project.

Last but not least, the theme for this event is “Sharing, Caring and Solidarity”. This is a befitting theme that compel us to work together and resonates very well with the Founding President’s popular quote when he always used to remind us that: “*A people united, striving to achieve a common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious*”

I thank you!