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MTC donates blankets to Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the Otjozondjupa Region

[Otjiwarongo, 09 June 2010] - Orphans and Vulnerable Children from the Joy Centre in Otjiwarongo and the Ngatuvevatere Family Safety Place in Kalkfeld are looking forward to a warmer winter after receiving a donation of 80 blankets from MTC, Namibia's leading mobile operator on Wednesday.

Control Social Worker in the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Celeste Feris, officially received the blankets from MTC and handed them over to the two children's houses.

The donation of blankets forms part of the company's MTC Cares initiative, which has so far donated a total of 3000 blankets to OVCs across Namibia since the beginning of 2009. The initiative has been a collaborative undertaking with the Ministry of Women, Equity and Child Welfare, who have identified institutions working with OVCs countrywide. The blankets will be used for the children living at these institutions who are in real need of the winter essentials.

"It humbles us to be able to make a small contribution to the children in our communities, by assisting with their needs during this winter season" said Isack Hamata, Manager Sponsorships and Promotion at MTC. "The MTC Cares initiative forms part of our company's overall Corporate Social Investment programme, which aims to be involved with the socio-economic upliftment of our society and this donation is just a small comfort towards the children who will form part of that greater society".

"We have a responsibility towards our children and we are standing together and recognising the plight and needs of our children to make a difference and uplift the standards of our community" said Celeste Feris, Control Social Worker at the Ministry. "We are approaching the Day of the African Child, and it is now at the right time that we are one in the rights and needs of our children" she added.

ABOUT MTC

MTC (Mobile Telecommunications Limited) was established in 1995 as a joint venture between Namibia Post and Telecommunications Holdings (NPTH), Telia and Swedfund. During May 2004, NPTH concluded a deal that saw it hold 100 per cent of the shares in MTC by acquiring the 49 per cent held by Telia Overseas AB and Swedfund International AB. During 2006 the sale of 34% of MTC shares to Portugal Telecom was concluded for N\$1.34 billion while the Namibian government retains the remainder of the stake through NPTH.

MTC currently covers 98 per cent of the population of nearly 2 million citizens with more than 650 base stations and repeaters and offers a dual band 900/1800MHZ. The company also expanded its cellular coverage to all major towns in Namibia, including the major arterial roads. It further runs two modern MSC's (mobile switching centre) in Windhoek and Oshakati with capacity to accommodate rapidly rising number of customers of over 1.3 million active users. MTC also operates the only 24 hour full service customer contact centre in Namibia dealing with service queries ranging from telephony, sms, fax, GPRS, data, voicemail and 3G/HSDPA. A staff of 367 persons serves a diverse market of both pre- and postpaid subscribers.

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