



**Remarks by Mr. Steve Motinga,
Chairman of the MTC Foundation, at the Handing Over of Financial Donations to
Four Community Based Organisations
MTC Executive Boardroom
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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

I am Steve Motinga, chairman of the MTC Board of Directors as well as Chairman of the MTC Foundation. I welcome you all to this media briefing which I hope will be very short but nevertheless very important to demonstrate the importance that MTC attaches to going all out to ensure that we assist in creating a better environment for the communities in which we do business. Essentially, our people are the reason we are still in business and still the market leaders.

Allow me to make a few general remarks about MTC and the MTC Foundation before I delve into the matters of the day.

MTC is the people's company which works very hard at ensuring that everything we do reflects the geography and dynamics of our entire Namibian population.

Similarly, the MTC Trust also strives to support projects and initiatives that have a very wide reach and which can benefit many people in a certain area, town or region.

The work of MTC as a company and that of the MTC Trust is also to support the work of government which is to ensure that every citizen has access the basic services such as health and education.

The MTC Board has taken a conscious decision way back to spend at least one per cent of its annual revenue on social responsibility causes. As you are well aware, the majority of these funds are invested in sports, most notably football, rugby, cricket and golf.

However, MTC has in the recent past steadily moved into the areas of e-health and education. On the education front, this support is in the form of highly subsidized laptops and mobile Internet access for students at our tertiary institutions. With regard to health, MTC has recently announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Health and other NGO's in the area of HIV/AIDS, most notably the management or the tracking of the use of ARV's.

The announcement that the MTC Foundation is making today falls within the scope of education, health and OVC support. It is also in line with the MTC Foundation's objective, which is to:

harness resources for establishing and maintaining infrastructure for the benefit of the weak vulnerable in society, with the principal focus on the care, welfare and support for orphans or children who cannot rely on the support of their parents and are homeless.

In line with the objective as enumerated above, the MTC Foundation is donating an amount of N\$100,000 (one hundred thousand) to each of the four community organizations represented here today. The common denominator among these community organizations is that they all take care of our needy children, those that have no one else to turn to for support.

The beneficiaries are:

- 1. !Gai- //Naxas Development Initiative Kindergarten Project (Karas)**
- 2. OVC Centre at Onamunama Health Clinic (Ohangwena)**
- 3. LyAngula Community Trust Kindergarten (Oshana)**
- 4. Fransfontein Kindergarten (Kunene)**

It is important to point out that these community organizations represent four different regions and the idea is therefore to make sure that money in the MTC Trust is distributed equitable to all 13 regions.

To that effect, the trustees have tasked me to identify community based organizations in the nine other regions to also benefit from funds that are held by the MTC Foundation. In due course and once I have satisfied myself with the credibility of the community organizations in question, I shall also announce to the nation the names of the nine community organizations and the areas in which they operate.

I wish to make it public that we have laid down strict criteria for the use of these funds. Our expectation is that the children of Namibia should benefit from these funds and we have faith that the leaders of the four beneficiaries will report on the use of these funds.

In conclusion, I wish all of you well and I trust the news of MTC Foundation's support will warm the hearts of those needy children in our society.

I thank you.