

## **Press Release**

## UN Namibia releases "A Day in the Life of a Namibian Child" to commemorate UN75

**November 10, 2020:** For the celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations, UN Namibia launched a special UN75 video with the title: "A Day in the Life of a Namibian Child". Starring three school-age Namibian children from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, the video briefly crosses into their daily lives.

The video takes viewers into their world of hope, dreams, enthusiasm, and motivation to learn and improve oneself. It portrays the rights of the child to imagine their future and the support available to help them reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

The video provides a glimpse into the inequalities which exist in education as well as the economic impacts whether direct or indirect in supporting children to make important life decisions. It also takes the audience on an extended path to achieve equality, quality education, and better life conditions for all children, which are crucial in achieving of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The role players in this short video showcase the Namibian child as protagonists in the life story of many children, aspiring to achieve their hopes and dreams.

The changing world of work and the skills children need to succeed are key areas of concern and calls for international collaboration for development in economic and social sector.

Being aware of the difficulties and economic and social inequalities that came to light even stronger during the Covid-19 pandemic, the United Nations acknowledges that more children are in need to be supported and the system will continue to work with Governments, businesses and the international community to develop inclusive programmes to address the inequalities that still exist.

The video is a reflection of the work spirit and the ideals of the UN in Namibia and intends to spread the word to urge each member of the society to go beyond the daily call to ensure access and quality education to all children, especially those left behind in these extraordinary times.

The video is available here: https://bit.ly/3eN1Ct8

**Background:** The year 2020 marks the <u>75<sup>th</sup> anniversary</u> of the foundation of the United Nations (UN). Throughout these three quarters of a century, the UN has worked on issues confronting humanity, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, and food production.

The UN has been a trusted partner to Namibia dating back to the time of its independence in 1990. That same year, Namibia became the UN's 160<sup>th</sup> Member State. The UN in Namibia, through the 20 entities represented in the country, works in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) and Development Partners towards ending poverty, reducing inequality, and building a path towards sustainable development.

As we approach the target date of the <u>2030 Agenda</u>, the UN in Namibia has continued working towards achieving the <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u> (SDGs). In order to do so, it uses its expertise to champion and support interventions aimed at addressing economic and social inequalities, thus contributing to prosperity, dignity, peace and the full realisation of human rights.

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