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### **UNDP TRAINING REDUCES POVERTY IN NAMIBIA**

#### **VIDEO**

#### **AUDIO**

#### **NARRATION**

OLD MAN WEAVING BASKET  
(11.5")

The artisan skills of the Ohangwena region in Namibia are famous. Men traditionally weave gigantic harvest baskets, yet there is nothing to fill them with.

DROUGHT/ANIMALS RUNNING  
FOR WATER (20")

Persistent drought has made the years of plenty a distant memory. Goats and other farm animals now have to roam vast distances to find an open water hole. And one question looms like a dark shadow: how long will there be enough food for animals – and for people as well?

VILLAGE OF ONAMBOTO (9")

Nangobe Efraim and his extended family live in this compound of huts in the village of Onamboto.

PUMPKINS AND ZUCCHINI/

Years ago their pumpkins and zucchini piled up.

COOKING DINNER (19.5")

This year, there is nothing left to sell. Nangobe hopes he has at least enough zucchini stored to feed his wife, seven children and the rest of the family. Under these circumstances being a farmer is a hopeless struggle, but luckily Nangobe found a new job.

NANGOBE EFRAIM ON CAMERA (10")

EFRAIM:

"Now it is different. We survive better. I earn enough money to buy everything we need."

WORKSHOP (27.5")

NARRATION

Nangobe went to the Eenhana Artisan Training Centre, a Micro Enterprise Development project, funded and supported by the UN Development Programme. It is the first vocational training programme in the region and not only brings people's artisan skills to a new level of proficiency. The centre also reduces poverty in the community, says Daniel Kashikola, Executive Director of the Ohangwena Regional Council.

DANIEL KASHIKOLA ON CAMERA (15")

KASHIKOLA:

"In those pilot areas where these activities have been implemented, we see change. People have started marketing their products."

TAILORING WORKSHOP (15")

NARRATION

Besides carpentry and metal work, the centre

offers dressmaking classes for young single mothers. After six months, the women receive a certificate and can start their own micro enterprise.

MORE WELDING AND CARPENTRY (17.5")

Welders and carpenters learn their skills in small groups and pay special attention to independent work and accident prevention. Graduates who can't afford to set up their own shops can rent the centre's equipment for their own projects.

DISSOLVE TO COMMUNITY GARDEN (18.5")

Tools produced in the workshop are appreciated in the local community garden. The centre has already signed two contracts to furnish office buildings. The cash will be used to purchase new equipment. The artisan centre has been a success story, says UNDP's Representative in Namibia, Dr. Jacqui Badcock:

BADCOCK:

JACQUI BADCOCK ON CAMERA (18")

"We must have had an impact. And I think what we need to do now is to try and develop more centres, not just in that one area. It is back to the population being so scattered. We need many more of such training centres to gainfully employ more people."

NARRATION

NANGOBE'S STORE (20")

Nangobe was one of the first graduates of the Artisan Training Centre. Since then, he has

opened his own store. Customers don't mind the long walk it takes to get a good look at the merchandise. Word is spreading, even without an expensive advertising campaign.

FAMILY LISTENS TO RADIO/  
SUNSET (17")

Nangobe now earns 40 US Dollars a month and can even afford the luxury of a new radio. This story is an example from Africa of how the UN Millennium goal of eradicating extreme poverty by 2015 is being addressed.

LOGO (20")

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