

Closing Remarks by His Worship Eliaser Nghipangelwa,  
Mayor of Helao Nafidi Town  
on the occasion of the official Handover Ceremony of the  
RFA Staff Houses at Oshikango

**Date: Thursday, 15 November 2018**  
**Oshikango Border Post**  
**10h00**

**Honorable Governor, Ohangwena Region, Hon Usko Nghaamwa,  
Represented by Honorable Fillipus Namundjembo, Oshikango  
Constituency Councillor**

**Chief Regional Officer, Ohangwena Regional Council, Mr. Fillipus  
Shilongo.**

**Chief Executive Officer of the Helao Nafidi Town Council, Mrs Inge  
Ipinge**

**Rev Dr Magdalena Ya-Shalongo, Engela Elcin Parish.**

**Chief Executive Officer of the RFA, Mr Ali Ipinge**

**Director of Ceremonies, Patricia Keeja**

**Management and Staff of the RFA**

**The Principal Agent and Contractor**

**Government Officials from other Ministries and Agencies**

**RFA Supervisor Oshikango Border Post, Ms. Tuuliki Da Cruz**

**Members of the Community**

**Members of the media**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Good morning**

I am profoundly honoured to witness this joyous occasion, where an urgent need in our region and the country at large is addressed.

Housing is a well-known challenge in our country and requires concerted national effort from all sectors, be it at the central government, the Offices, Ministries, Agencies (OMA's), Parastatals and Private Entities, hence Helao Nafidi Town Council avails conducive environment to those who wish to contribute to the plight of the central government to avail housing to their employees, public or themselves. In that light, land was availed to Road Fund Administration (RFA) to construct staff houses at Oshikango, that will be handed over today.

In the same line, the council embarked on Corridor Town Planning, planning certain kilometres on both sides along B1 road from Onhuno to Oshikango. Similarly, to complement the effort of the central government and companies like RFA the council constructed sixty (60) houses and availed these to the public. The council has a system of availing land to those constructing houses within six (6) months of allocation of the land to them, because the council believes that

decent housing is a basic human need and a means of security and human dignity.

Infrastructural development is never in a vacuum, but is a result of a need and should properly address the identified need. In most cases economic and socio-economic need. In this way, Road Fund Administration saw the plight of their staff located at remote border post and provided decent housing for their employees.

The decision of RFA should be an admirable example for all institutions to provide support for human resource improvements through the adoption of appropriate policies and implementation thereof. We need to ensure that the construction of physical infrastructure produces expected outcomes to ensure lasting economic growth, which benefits our people.

I am a strong believer in a comprehensive approach to infrastructure development, accompanied by policy, institutional and human resource improvements. Therefore, I would like to express the appreciation of Helao Nafidi Town Council to all of you for taking time out of your busy duties to attend this ceremony. I would further like to

thank Road Fund Administration for the completion of this project, which added a phase to our town.

I am informed that RFA is nearing the completion of Phase 3 of their housing project, which is part of the entire project that spanned over 4 years of constructing staff houses at 14 border post with an investment in excess of 65 million.

I sincerely urge the staff members of RFA to regard houses availed to them as their own and take good care of the given houses for the next generation remembering the famous African proverb that "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Therefore, let us heed the call of our President Dr Hage Geingob, and join hands in the true spirit of Harambee.

Thank you for your attention.