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"WOMEN ARE THE GUARDIANS OF SEEDS, LIFE AND LOVE"

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TO :

The President

Namibia National Farmers Union (NNFU)

Executive Committee

CC. All Regional Chairpersons

Ref: RFU Funding For Rural Women Assembly

Dear Sir/Madam

We write your office to notify you of Namibia Rural Women Assembly's (NRWA) request for budgetary provisions to be made to cater for the activities of the NRWA.

As you may know, NRWA is an organ of NNFU that was created to build linkages and strengthen self organisation and coordination of rural women in farming.

The 2015 Rundu National Council made a recommendation to all RFU's to make funding available for the activities of women in farming.


It is therefore imperative that your RFU's makes budgetary provision atleast of 20% from contribution to RFU's for this financial year (2016/2017) to cater for RWA members in your RFU.

Empowerment of women in agriculture is of importance as they have a well-proven role in the sector in the country. It is against this background that we expect your RFU to support the RWA in your region financially and to actively ensure its survival and strengthening.

We sincerely trust that your RFU will assist in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Gurubes (Ms)



Profile

What is Namibian Rural Women's Assembly?

Rural women's assembly is aimed at building linkages and strengthening the self-organization of rural women and to build the voice and visibility of marginalized rural women through struggles and to mobilize and advocate for alternatives that support sustainable food sovereignty and rural livelihoods to promote indigenous knowledge, food and seeds

NRWA Vision:

Structured Rural economy and the re-imaging of the country side in which those who were historically disposed and repressed gain access to a livelihoods and share equally in the resources (land and the commons) that they have generally been excluded from and where rural women and men live in harmony and peace with each other (humanity and nature)



Values of NRWA

- Movement based on values of solidarity and hope
- Creates platform for linking peasant, small scale farmers and producers, farm workers, indigenous communities in defense of commons (land, seeds, biodiversity and water)
- Advocate for women access to security of tenure and the causes at the root of poverty and violence against women
- RWA stands for equality between women and men among women themselves
- Respect and recognize the diversity among women
- RWA build and appreciate women's leadership; strength of alliances among women and with other progressive social movements
- RWA believes our actions must be in harmony with nature

Struggles /Challenges of Rural Women

- Promote / support food/ seed sovereignty & agro-ecology to be the key strategy for sustainable agricultural development
- Oppose food dumping as it destroys local production
- Development of infrastructure and extension services that will support rural small scale farmers
- Ensure that adequate support is provided for small holder production
- Meaningful participation of women at all levels in all processes that affect women in agriculture.
- Policies & programmes must be linked to activities and practices of smallholder farmers to be able to understand on practical level
- Climate smart agriculture

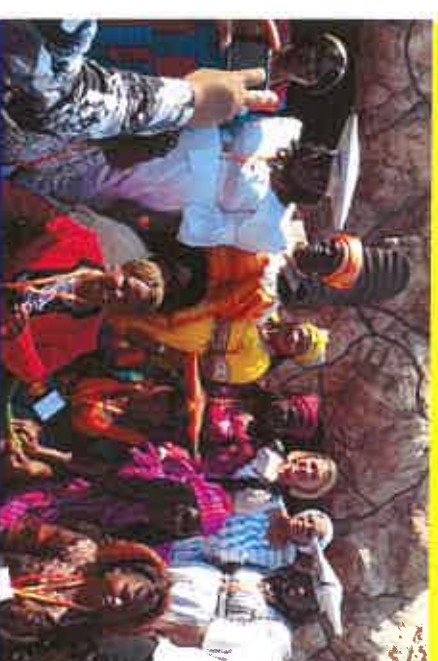
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