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N$268.7 MILLION PROCUREMENT CONTRACT SIGNED TO STRENGTHEN FLOOD RESILIENCE AT MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL

The Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) yesterday (12 August 2026) facilitated the signing of a N$268,720,303.67 contract for the Embankment and Elevation of School Grounds for the Flood-Prone Muzii Combined School in the Zambezi Region.

Awarded to Art Construction CC, the contract was procured by the CPBN on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (MEIYSAC) under Procurement Reference No. W/OAB/CPBN-05/2026.

This significant investment is aimed at improving the resilience, safety and functionality of educational infrastructure at Muzii Combined School, which is affected by recurring flooding. The intervention seeks to minimise disruptions to teaching and learning while addressing associated health and safety risks and existing infrastructure challenges.

As part of the works, elevated platforms and embankment protection will be constructed, together with a docking station and extensive supporting school infrastructure. Planned facilities include male and female hostel blocks, a kitchen and dining hall, a matron's house with sickbays, a services block, a principal's house, three back-to-back staff houses, an administration block, ablution facilities, classroom blocks including laboratories, a guard house, and associated external works and services.

Speaking at the contract signing ceremony, CPBN Board Chairperson, Ms. Mary Shiimi,

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underscored the broader significance of the project, noting that every Namibian child has the right to access quality education in a safe and conducive environment. “This project is therefore not only about addressing the challenges posed by flooding, but also about ensuring that learners at Muzii Combined School are afforded an environment in which they can learn and develop without disruption,” Ms. Shiimi said.

She further emphasised the responsibility of public institutions to safeguard public resources and ensure that public investments translate into quality, sustainable infrastructure. “As public institutions, we have a responsibility to ensure that Government funds are protected through the delivery of quality, sustainable infrastructure that provides lasting value to the Namibian people,” she added.

Speaking on behalf of MEIYSAC, the Ministry's Executive Director, Mr. Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, welcomed the commencement of the project and emphasised the importance of close coordination among all parties throughout its implementation. He further highlighted the need for timely communication and early resolution of any challenges that may arise during construction to avoid unnecessary delays and support completion within the agreed timeframe. Mr. Haitengela reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to working closely with the contractor and other stakeholders to support the smooth and successful implementation of the project.

Once completed, the development is expected to strengthen the school's resilience to flooding and provide learners, teachers and other staff with a safer and more conducive environment for teaching, learning and accommodation. The project has an intended completion period of thirty-six (36) calendar months.

This contract signing marks an important milestone towards the commencement of the works and the delivery of infrastructure designed to safeguard educational activities at Muzii Combined School against the impact of recurring floods.

Through the facilitation of strategic public procurement projects such as this, CPBN remains committed to promoting efficiency, transparency, accountability and value for money in public procurement, while supporting the delivery of public infrastructure that contributes to improved service delivery and creates lasting value for Namibian communities.

Picture attached: (FLTR) MEIYSAC Executive Director, Mr. Mbumba Erastus Haitengela, Managing Director of Art Construction CC, Mr. Augustus Shikongo and CPBN Board Chairperson, Ms. Mary Shiimi

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