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MEDIA RELEASE

CORRECTING “DROUGHT RELIEF FOOD STOLEN AT KATWITWI” MEDIA REPORTS

The Kavango West Regional Council like to correct the misinformation reported in the New Era print media dated 12 April 2024, other local newspapers and the Namibian Police daily incident report cited as the source of the information.

The correct information is that the theft of food items from the Katwitwi Warehouse is for the Marginalized Community Members under the care of the Ministry of Gender Equality Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare. This program/function is not delegated to the Regional Council. Therefore Council has no administrative role to the said function as it is being implement by the Ministry with one (1) specific staff members an employee of the Ministry entrusted with the function/Program and the staff report directly to the Head Office of the Ministry in Windhoek.

No Drought Relief Food was stolen from the Warehouse. The Drought relief food is kept at a separate Warehouse within the same Settlement of Katwitwi under the care of the Regional Council. It should be stated clearly that, there has not been any incident of drought relief stolen in the Kavango West Region.

The Kavango West Regional Council acknowledges the seriousness of the situation and emphasizes its commitment to transparency and accountability as we anticipate the outcome of the investigation. We therefore, request members of the Public to cooperate and assist with any information to easy the investigation.

Finally the Public are informed that, the Drought Program is totally a different from the Marginalised Community Members' Food Program. The detailed information on the Stolen Food can be obtained from the Ministry of Gender Equality Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare not Kavango West Regional Council

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