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CITY OF WINDHOEK TO CONDUCT PHASE 2 OF THE COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT

The City of Windhoek would like to notify the public that it will conduct a Community Risk Assessment (CRA), with the first stage - data collection - scheduled to commence on **17 September 2019** and run until **07 December 2019**.

What is a Community Risk Assessment?

A community risk assessment is a method of collecting information for assessing hazards, vulnerabilities, risks, and the ability to cope, preparing coping strategies, and finally, preparing a risk reduction implementation plan for the local community. A well-conducted community risk assessment can help build a shared understanding of local risks and possible risk reduction measures. It increases awareness about potential risks that might not be fully understood or about risk conditions believed to be unchangeable, thus creating a resilient city.

An effective community risk assessment will contribute to a greater understanding of:

- the nature and level of risks that vulnerable people face;
- where these risks come from;
- who will be worst affected;
- what means are available at all levels to reduce the risks; and
- What initiatives can be undertaken to reduce the vulnerability and strengthen the capacities of residents at risk.

The assessment will provide updated information to help the community better understand their natural hazards and risks, better prepare residents and the City to identify potential disaster situations before they occur, and efficiently apply mitigation strategies in the community to reduce risks.

Focus area

The assessment will focus on the formal areas within the ten constituencies in the Windhoek municipal area of jurisdiction. A total of 2685 households will be assessed in 179 selected units

(Primary Sampling Units). The informal settlement areas were already covered under phase one and are thus excluded in phase two of the assessment.

Data collectors' identification

The assessment will be conducted by City of Windhoek enumerators who will be identifiable by navy blue City of Windhoek-branded Golf-shirts or white round-neck City of Windhoek-branded T-shirts, clearly marked with the following text: **“Community Risk Assessment 2019.”** All enumerators will carry their national identity cards and City of Windhoek employment cards.

NB: The public is kindly urged to cooperate and render their support during this very important exercise, by allowing the enumerators to enter their houses after positively identifying themselves with their City of Windhoek employment cards, national identity cards and the above-mentioned uniform. In addition, to ensure the safety of the residents, the City Police and relevant neighbourhood watch teams will be involved to patrol the areas during the assessment period.

Confidentiality

It is important to note that the identity and other personal information of homeowners will not be recorded and the information collected is purely for the purpose of analysing the data, therefore, confidentiality will be maintained.

Contact persons

For any clarity sought during the period of the assessment, the public is advised to contact the assessment coordinator, **Mrs Anne-Marie Niipare-Shilongo, on +26481 145 6168.**

For safety and security matters, the public should contact the **City Police at 061-302 302** or their respective neighbourhood watch teams.

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