

## NSA and NYS completes training of enumerators for the National Agricultural Census

**Windhoek – 29 November, 2013** - The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) training of the enumerators of the Pilot Agricultural Census concludes today. The pilot census is the pre-cursor to the Census of Agriculture 2013/14 that will commence in January, 2014. The training of the enumerators ensures that they are ready to carry out their duties smoothly and flawlessly. Most of the enumerators working on this census are young people that are attached to the National Youth Service (NYS).

The NSA sees it as its social responsibility to enlist young Namibians to carry out the surveys and censuses that it undertakes. It gives Namibian youth much needed employment, education and sense of self-worth, being involved in this. It is one of the reasons that the agency has partnered with the NYS, an organisation's whose mandate is to empower and assist the youth of Namibia in acquiring skills and implementing these skills to find gainful employment. The training that the 'would-be' enumerators get helps put them on the right path to start building a career. These enumerators will be carrying out the pilot and actual Agricultural Census, both of which are vital for the nation. This survey is being conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry

The December, 2013 pilot Census is taking place in five regions of Namibia, namely; Ohangwena, Karas, Zambezi, Otjozondjupa and Kunene The 2013/14 Namibia Census of Agriculture will be carried out as per the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2019

Ms. Ndamona Kali, Director of Economics Statistics said; *"This Agriculture Census is a major project, not just in Namibia, but it is taking place all over Africa. Having the young people from the NYS trained, ready and eager to carry out the Census is something we are exceedingly proud of. We therefore urge all of you that come into contact with the enumerators to extend your help and assist us in collecting the data necessary to help further develop Namibia."*

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