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LAUNCH OF THE NAMIBIA SCHOOL FEEDING INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NASIS)

The Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) the World Food Programme (WFP) will jointly launch the Namibia School Feeding Information Management System (NaSIS) in Windhoek next week. This initiative is aimed at enhancing monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the Namibia School Feeding Programme (NSFP) implementation in government schools.

The NSFP is a social safety net that aims to improve equitable access, improved learning and education for all school-going children in Namibia, particularly those from food-insecure households. Through this programme provision is made for a standardized mid-morning meal, mainly targeting the feeding of primary school learners countrywide.

This programme expanded from supporting 78,000 children in 1996 to more than 400,000 pre-primary and primary school learners in 1.500 schools to date. The main objectives and benefits of NSFP are; the provision of balanced and diversified diets with food procured from local smallholder farmers, served with the existing fortified maize blend, creating a predictable income for the smallholder farmers and traders and boosts agricultural production thereby enhancing the local economy and reducing poverty. The Ministry has been implementing this Programme (NSFP) in over 80 per cent of the primary and combined schools for the past 27 years.

MoEAC and WFP recognize the critical role technology and innovation continues to play in enabling the delivery of social protection programs, such as NSFP. As such, WFP has provided multi-year technical assistance to strengthen the programme implementation.

Digital transformation presents new capabilities for enhancing efficiencies and effectiveness in NSFP, enabling policy objectives. The benefits of digitalizing the school feeding operation will include fully digital school rolls, electronic meal vouchers, and attendance tracking extend further upstream in education authorities to track pupil enrolment and attendance and critical performance metrics for school meal programs.

In addition, this system will enhance operational efficiencies and effectiveness through regular feeding programs and emergency food response, improved accountability in food inventory control and processing to maximise resource use while minimizing wastage.

The NaSIS will be launched in Windhoek on **4 July 2023** at the **Khomas Regional Community Hall**, and thereafter the system will be cascaded to school level.

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