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MEDIA RELEASE
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CAUTION AGAINST UNREGISTERED INSTITUTIONS ACTING AS REGULATORY BODIES FOR HOMESCHOOLING, PRIVATE SCHOOLS, AND/OR PROVIDING BASIC EDUCATION IN NAMIBIA

The Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (MEIYSAC) has noted with great concern the operations of an unregistered institution purporting to act as a regulatory body for homeschooling and private schools in Namibia, particularly within the Erongo Region.

MEIYSAC wishes to inform the public that the **Home-schooling Association of Namibia (HSAN)** is **neither registered nor recognized** by the Ministry as a regulatory, coordinating, advisory, or oversight body for home-schooling in Namibia.

In terms of the **Basic Education Act, 2020 (Act No. 3 of 2020)**, the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture is the sole authority mandated to:

1. Regulate and oversee all forms of education in Namibia;
2. Approve and monitor home-schooling;
3. Register, regulate, and ensure compliance of private education institutions; and
4. Protect the rights, safety, and educational well-being of all learners.

Therefore, HSAN has **no legal authority** to regulate, control, approve, coordinate, register, or advise on home-schooling operations in Namibia. Any representation or suggestion that HSAN serves as a regulatory body is **incorrect** and should be disregarded by the public.

Members of the public are further reminded that:

5. **Home-schooling**, as defined in the Basic Education Act, 2020 (Act No. 3 of 2020), refers to educational instruction provided by parents/caregivers or privately appointed tutors who teach a learner at home using a legally approved curriculum, instead of enrolling the learner in a public or private school.

6. A **private school**, according to the Basic Education Act, 2020 (Act No. 3 of 2020), is a school established, maintained, owned, or operated by private individuals or institutions at the expense of the owner, and **must be registered with MEIYSAC** in terms of Section 76 of the Act.

7. Based on this definition, **any individual or private institution providing education to children from other families is operating as a private school**, not as a home-schooling arrangement. If such an institution is not registered with MEIYSAC, its operations are **illegal**.

Parents who wish to homeschool their children must apply directly to MEIYSAC for approval. Failure to register constitutes non-compliance with the Basic Education Act, 2020.

The Ministry urges the public to take note of this notice and to rely exclusively on official Ministry communication channels for accurate information and guidance regarding home-schooling and private education in Namibia.

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