

UNDP Namibia launches Global Human Development Report

UNDP Namibia: This month, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Namibia launched the 2016 Global Human Development Report (HDR), the latest in a series of Global Development Reports published by the UNDP since 1990.

The theme of this year's report "Human Development for Everyone" stresses the central development premise that 'people are the real wealth of nations'. The HDR recognizes that in every society certain groups are far more likely to suffer disadvantages than others and identifies deeprooted, and often unmeasured, barriers to development.



The UNDP Resident Representative to Namibia and the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister jointly launching the 2016 Global Human Development Report in Namibia. The launch was attended by Deputy Ministers from various Ministries. UNDP Namibia

The Report also looks at what societies should do to advance human development for everyone. It sets forward policy recommendations at the national level and also looks at ways in which the global development landscape could be made more effective in the fight to leave no one behind and achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In her remarks at the launch, the UN Resident Coordinator (UNRC) and UNDP Resident

Representative to Namibia Ms. Anita Kiki Gbeho, acknowledged global improvements in income, health and education, stating that there has been a 20% increase on the human development index since 1990.

She, however, noted that there is still work to be done as 800 million people still go to bed hungry every day, and one in eight people continue to live in extreme poverty. "Coordination between the government, private sector, civil society and academia is vital. The use of the various frameworks such as Vision 2030, the Harambee Prosperity Plan, the Blue Print on Poverty Reduction and Wealth Redistribution and the upcoming NDP5 will make human development possible in Namibia," Gbeho said.

In her keynote address, the guest of honor the Right Honorable Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia, Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila stressed that human development for everyone cannot be achieved if half of humanity is bypassed.

"Gender inequality and the lack of women's empowerment is a challenge to global progress across all regions and groups. Gender disparities in human development, while narrowing slowly, continue to be a challenge in all regions, particularly in low and medium human development countries," she said.

She further remarked that as long as there is someone who is going to bed hungry, there are children not going to school and there are mothers dying in child birth, Namibia cannot rest.