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Context

The Tsumeb SME support Centre was established in January 2007 by the COSDEF (Community Skills Development Foundation). The operators of the centre have consecrated the months of January, February and March to gather equipment and material and install technological facilities in the buildings of the Tsumeb Arts and Crafts Centre. From April to May, a market assessment has been realized in Tsumeb in order to understand the needs of community members in terms of business training. June has been used to define the definitive program. At last, training activities have started in July.

General objective of the Tsumeb SME Support Centre:

The TSMESEC has been created in order to facilitate and promote the creation of employment and self-employment and skills development amongst young Namibian.

Specific Objectives

- Give long and short business training programs and advice in order to improve and support the SME sector in Tsumeb and in the country.
- Give examples of success stories by implementing incubation units in the centre.
- Multiply youth choices possibilities by giving them advice about employment and career possibilities.

Activities

In order to help local community members, the following activities have been decided:

- A three months business training has been created by the Tsumeb SME Support Centre. It aims to give to the participants, skills in "Starting my own business, banking, bookkeeping, marketing, business plan and CV and Interviews". It also aims to build a business plan for each trainee who would like to start his own business. The training programme has to be paid at an affordable price for everyone.
- One or two weeks workshops are given in the following fields: bookkeeping, marketing and business plan. These workshops are given after hours and target small entrepreneurs that are not free during the day.
- One week workshops are given to the COSDEC's trainees in all the community centres divided up in Namibia (Tsumeb, Rundu, Otjiwarango, Opuwo, Ondangwa, Swakopmund).
- Career guidance is given to youth who want to have more information about Namibian training institutions.
- A free computer service is offered to the community members who wish to do any kind of serious work.