



FRENCH EMBASSY IN NAMIBIA

Service for co-operation and cultural affairs

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To Whom it May Concern

In June 2011, the Government of the Republic of France entered into a financing agreement of the Social Development Fund awarding Judea Harvest Namibia and UPH a grant of N\$ 250,000.00. The grant was administered between June and November 2011 for the construction and rehabilitation of Vegitunnels in urban and peri-urban areas of Windhoek, Rehoboth and Okahandja.

I must underline that the relationship with Judea Harvest Namibia has been of a particularly high level of quality. Judea Harvest Namibia and the international expert, Mr. Albert Fosso, have been of the utmost efficiency and reliability, in specifying a viable project, in the management of it and in the reporting of the project's advancement. I take notice also the strong partnerships that have been built with local and regional authorities as well as private partners, a critical element to the success of the project.

I also commend very much the substance of this innovative project which targeted some current needs of grave concern in Namibia. As flooding and dry spell increasingly threaten the national cereal production, the promotion of hydroponic horticulture in urban and peri-urban areas is a critical issue for the food security. I could observe that the construction of Vegitunnels and training in horticulture enable day care centres and communities to produce, consume and sell fresh, high quality horticultural products, while at the same time endowing orphans and vulnerable people with entrepreneurial skills and income generation.

The French Government was pleased to partner with Judea Harvest Namibia and UPH on this project and highly recommends them as reliable partners for future actions.



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