As part of our community dental program, MoHSS together with DWLF and supported by Skorpion Zinc Mine, Roshskor Township, NAMDEB Diamond Corporation (Pty) Limited as well as Colgate made it possible for us to again provide and promote good dental care to the communities of Rosh Pinah and Oranjemund.

From 10-20 September 2019 the mobile dental clinic was conducted at Rosh Pinah Community Hall. The Rosh Pinah team comprised 1 dentist and 1 ophthalmic clinical officer from MoHSS, 2 dentists, 1 dental assistant and 1 dental technician representing DWLF as well as 1 volunteer, a retired nurse. In the second week, 16-20 September 2019, another mobile dental clinic was available in Oranjemund. This team comprised of 4 dentists, and 2 dental assistants and 1 health assistant all from MoHSS.

Activities carried out included dental checkup, dental fillings, tooth extraction and provision of oral health education. For this year’s campaign, the communities of Rosh Pinah and Oranjemund were also fortunate as they had their eyes checked and treated as well. All services provided free of charge.
Schools visited provided a platform for oral health education were important oral hygiene messages were shared with learners. The schools visited included Ambrosius Amutenja (pre-primary to grade 3), Oranjemund Private School (grade 1 to grade 3) and Oranjemund Pre-primary School. For Rosh Pinah, learners from the 2 local schools were screened at the mobile dental clinic.

Positive impact on Rosh Pinah and Oranjemund communities

Colgate® Oral Care sponsored toothbrushes and toothpaste, bringing great excitement to all the children.
The teams worked hard treating all screened patients and no patient went home without being seen.

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Primary health care staff at both clinics were very kind to meet all the necessities that arose for a smooth running dental camp.

The kindness and generosity of Dr E. Newaka is commendable as he availed his surgeries as extra units for treatments which improved efficiency of the team. Many thanks to Dr Shikolo for her assistance as well.

Furthermore, Colgate® Oral Care for sponsored toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The local schools were exceptionally cooperative during the campaign.

The transport department provided comfortable vehicles with sufficient loading space for all the dental equipment.

Ms. Maria, Health Assistant in MoHSS Oranjemund who provided extra help to the team who was willing to step out of her comfort zone to assist us, while learning a few new skills in the process.
Special appreciation to Skorpion Zinc Mine for providing the whole team with comfortable accommodations as well as meals. Our gratitude to Mr Kaanduka Nghipandulwa for his excellent coordination and unwavering support throughout the dental camp.

Thanks to the kindness of the matron, Lenie Maggot, Chief Pharmacist, Denise Maritz and the hospital manager, Mr. Oscar Sibwae at NAMDEB Private Hospital who organized working space, accommodation and supplied the dental team with satisfactory meals from Wednesday evening till Friday morning.

The dental camp was a great success. It was encouraging to see the number of fillings and check-ups done. This reflects the positive impact dental camps have had on these communities as people become more conscious about their dental health and gain better understanding on the importance of preserving one’s own teeth.

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