

Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School

Interview Session

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Korfuzi, Peter 0:00
Okay, so, Mr., Can you remind me of your name?

Katjuongua 0:04
Katjuongua, and I can write it for you.

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Korfuzi, Peter 0:33
Mr. Katjuongua. Okay, so can we begin with your full name, your role at this institution? And what this institution is about the secondary school?

Katjuongua 0:50
(Interview interruption experienced)

Okay. Okay. Yeah. We'll start with this first question. Yes. Good. My name is Mr. Herrman Katjuongua. And the principal of Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School And the school is based in Katatura East constituency, is a secondary school which start from grade eight, up to grade 12, which is as and apparently we're having more or less 1200 learners.

Korfuzi, Peter 1:39
A lot of learners. Yeah.

Can you speak about the school's relationship with the basketball artists school here in Katatura?

Katjuongua 1:47

few years ago, we from the letters who came from the primary schools. We used to play basketball. And then we built up a relationship with the basketball, the BAS, and they were very, very close to each other. Our activities, sometimes we are making use of facility and their activities, sometimes they make use of our facilities. And they were responsible for our school basketball teams. And for the past few years, they were the champions, the boys and girls, you can see those trophies because they were ruling the whole Khomas region coming to basketball. Wow.

Korfuzi, Peter 2:29

So how important is sports in the curriculum here at the school?

Katjuongua 2:34

Very difficult question. Very difficult, but the PE periods are there. The PE periods are there. And normally the first trimester of a school's athletic, is on athletic is on and they are taking part in zonal competition and regional competition. But when it comes to a second trimester, then the winter sports start. So I'm referring to soccer, netball, basketball and the rest.

Korfuzi, Peter 3:03

Very nice. And now we want to focus a little more on the students and the circumstances and conditions that they face on a daily basis. Can you talk a little bit about that? So, we understand more about their situation.

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You know, when when when you look nicely to more or less 80 to 85% of our learners. The socio economic situation is not the best. You will see per day, average, When they come to school, they will spend just \$1.50 cent Namibian dollar is what they are

Katjuongua 3:36

Bringing from home to eat during break. So it is telling you

a lot and most of them if it is not 70%, I will tell you they're based in informal settlement.

So you see the economic situation is not really one of the best of all the learners.

In the past, we try to keep them here for afternoon study. Then they will ask me one question: principal we're hungry. How can we remain here? If we're hungry, then my hands will be cut off.

So that's the situation

the learners we're having here. This is

Korfuzi, Peter 4:19

and how does that impact their learning?

Katjuongua 4:21

Oh, A lot from talking with a lot of the teaching and learning a lot. You want to have afternoon classes, afternoon study. But he will tell you I'm angry. I cannot sit here (storage capacity reached. Recording device alternated).

Korfuzi, Peter 0:00

Okay, so that said, because they are lacking in this sort of opportunities for food, what sort of resources does the school have to supplement if any?

Katjuongua 0:11

Currently, we are looking to the basics, we're looking to the most important things is the textbooks to buy for them textbooks, and to see like were having a limp. And so soon are they for the A's learners and the rest of the learners. When you go there, you'll see there are only seven laptops, seven laptops, all you can you keep up all these learner, it doesn't make sense. So those are the things you are struggling things like laptops. We cannot buy laptops with this money, this money, at least, we look to the copy machines, copy paper so that we can preview things, and again, use this. But things like laptops, we relate to donors maybe whose seven had been donated also by donors. And then we hope that one day may be someone who can also donate or even secondhand, so as long as they can wait, and they can get information, especially as they have to work independent on their own.

Korfuzi, Peter 1:11

How about, when it comes to food and lunches provided, as well as hydration, how about when it comes to food and lunches provided? Are there any resources on that front?

Katjuongua 1:20

No. Zero, as I said, most of them, they had let me guess \$1 If \$1.50 cent Namibian dollar. And they are buying fat cakes, 150 is 50 cent. Then they're buying three fat cakes. That's all they're eating during break. That's the average, I'm talking average. Yes, you will find some of them will come with 20 \$30 to buy some but average. I'm talking of \$1.50.

Korfuzi, Peter 1:49

Does that have any impact on the physical activity in the sports they engage in? Oh,

Katjuongua 1:53

definitely, definitely they have to take but in PE knows this and you're hungry, you know, how it will practically not work nice?

Korfuzi, Peter 2:05

Can you speak on the importance of sports a little bit from your perspective and why it's important to incorporate it into your curriculum?

Katjuongua 2:12

You know, fortunately, now you're asking the right person the right question. I am a professional soccer coach, because I'm sitting here now. So so the the impact of physical education, or physical participation of learners in school is bringing a balance is bringing a balance in the set up of the learners. The number two also discipline on its own sports. It's a discipline item in its green discipline, when it comes down to it we'll have the whole set up If learners are taking part in sports is bringing balance and it's been disciplined for them at this. So it's very much emphasis.

Korfuzi, Peter 2:55

How much do you think the students themselves value emotional well being mental well being and physical well being? Again, how much do you think the students in the school value emotional well, being physical well being and mental well being,

Katjuongua 3:11

I you know, the physical part, they are aware of it very, very much, I will be that I have to be physically but the other two, those concepts that people are ignoring it, even the teachers are ignoring emotional, and mental. It's now that we realize if we're not looking after it, trapped will become with the learners because most of them they're sitting with emotional problems, and mental problems, and it was ignored all the time.

Korfuzi, Peter 3:43

Do you have the human resources to support their emotional problems?

Katjuongua 3:47

Yes, you know, we were having one life skill teacher for 1200 learners. So it is telling you a lot it seems overloaded. You have to look to those two components of the number.

Korfuzi, Peter 4:01

So given these situations, and as a professional soccer coach, what sort of insights can you provide us as we seek to roll out this program to schools all over Namibia, in Swakopmund, in spitzkoppe, not spitzkoppe in Keetmanshoop and Luderitz: What sort of insights can you provide throughout your experiences as a professional soccer coach, and given the circumstances of students for us to incorporate? You know, you

Katjuongua 4:25

the approach you're having now is the best. When we started with our soccer program at school level, we started small at school. The moment you lay out a program like this one at school, because most of the kids are in school, and most of the time they're in school, and the moment you start within a school, it might have a bigger crowd of the learners involved, and then the teachers might come in and join in support programs.

Korfuzi, Peter 4:55

And that said the teachers are they largely qualified to teach these Sports do they have these various skills,

Katjuongua 5:01

teachers are not really qualified to be you will see one or two. They're like, now we're having that fella was with you then he's a qualified. And because he likes sports, he used to be a very super soccer player also, but you will find two or three schools, but it's just that some schools, they kill the PE period, they use it for something else

Kate Stoncius 5:24

that kids are telling us about that. They were saying like, this makes me want PE back, so Bad. Yeah, they're like, We wish we wish we can have an athlete.

Katjuongua 5:34

They use it for other things.

Korfuzi, Peter 5:39

And so what sort of training resources are available for teachers if they want it to be qualified, do those exist?

Katjuongua 5:46

you know, do during the teachers programs, there be component where they get set PE and bring it over to schools. And for the other sports like soccer and all those things, the, the FAS, the Football Association's rugby, they're looking after those pupils to get training so that they can go down. But always I'm saying if you give teachers this training, that's the best, because then they will cover the learners in school. And then it will be very easy for the community.

Korfuzi, Peter 6:23

And so you collaborate a lot with basketball artists school, do you collaborate with any other schools to sort of have these programs run to elevate the teachers training so that the students are impacted better. So you have this relationship with the basketball artist school? Yes, yes. Do you have relationships with other schools in the area to put on his training program? Yes.

Katjuongua 6:42

Because you know, when we played League (Apostini) was, I'm talking of Khomas region, (Apostini) was part of them, (Breecher Schuler?) for the Germans, (Hardy S?), a couple of schools in Khomas region, we were having that relationship. And we're competing against each other.

Korfuzi, Peter 7:02

How about in training wise for the teachers?

Katjuongua 7:05

No, not really, at that level, training wise, the VIS is we're calling teachers to the sender, and they train them on the basket.

Korfuzi, Peter 7:17

So I think that covers the majority of our questions. Do you have any questions for us?

Katjuongua 7:23

Not that any one really just did a few programs that really needed you must come at it must move because things like sports at school level boots on the ground. And one is with sports in schools. is on a ground level. Someone's come?

(Sporadic conversation)

Korfuzi, Peter 8:09

How do you feel about Namibia's Cameroon win?

Katjuongua 8:11

Yes. You know, you know, it's so good. I watch the fish match. Yes. But not really. I was not convinced, are you with me. The goal Cameron's scored, I didn't like that. Good goal but I didn't like it. But the second one, which I was convinced they played very, very well. To me myself. I coached the national team of soccer. Yes. Yes. Yes. You know, I started because I'm a teacher. As I said, you train a teacher. It's very easy to train the rest. I started as a teacher to coach national team under 15 soccer and move with them to under 17 I move with them. I move with them through. Yes, you're doing is yes. I move in until I put them in the national team. And then I became assistant coach of the national team. And this German coach left I took over. Until a point when I realized I've done everything now let people see the scope. So sports, especially these round things. It's like what you see everywhere. Everywhere. So easy. Soo Nice.

Korfuzi, Peter 9:34

Well Mr. Katjuongua,

Katjuongua 9:37

Ah you got it correct Thank you very much. Very nice having you. Really it was really nice having you and we'll keep in touch. Keep in touch and any mismatch. You need new products. And then we'll keep in touch. Thank you. It was nice having you here. All the best with a few days you're having In this country and we will go to the outside yeah because it's break them now yes sir.