

On 18 February 2014, the Legal Assistance Centre formally handed over its offices in Ongwediva to ELCIN Western Diocese. These offices were constructed by the LAC as the Human Rights Centre and commenced operations during 1988 shortly before independence. During those volatile times it was extremely important to have a presence in the north of Namibia. Due to scarcity of resources and the ability to use technology to reach clients not based in the capital, the trustees of the LAC decided in late 2013 to close down the office. As promised in 1988, these premises were handed over to ELCIN for their further use. At the official ceremony the Director of the LAC, Ms Toni Hancox, confirmed that in the future the LAC would make periodical visits to Ongwediva to dispense advice as needed. She thanked ELCIN for being wonderful hosts and hoped that the buildings would continue to be used “to empower and assist our people”. Dr Gideon Niitenge, Executive Director: Ongwediva ELCIN Centre, accepted the return of the buildings with gratitude and extended his best wishes and blessings towards the Legal Assistance Centre and the services it renders.



Toni Hancox and Immanuel Iita, the last paralegal to work at the Ongwediva office, handing over the keys to Dr Gideon Niitenge and Rev Kapolo from ELCIN.