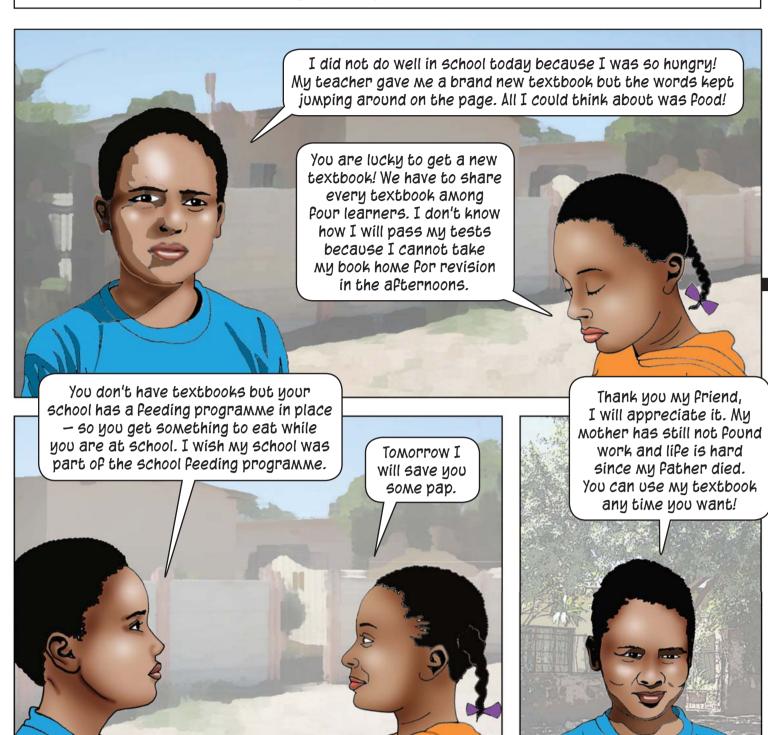
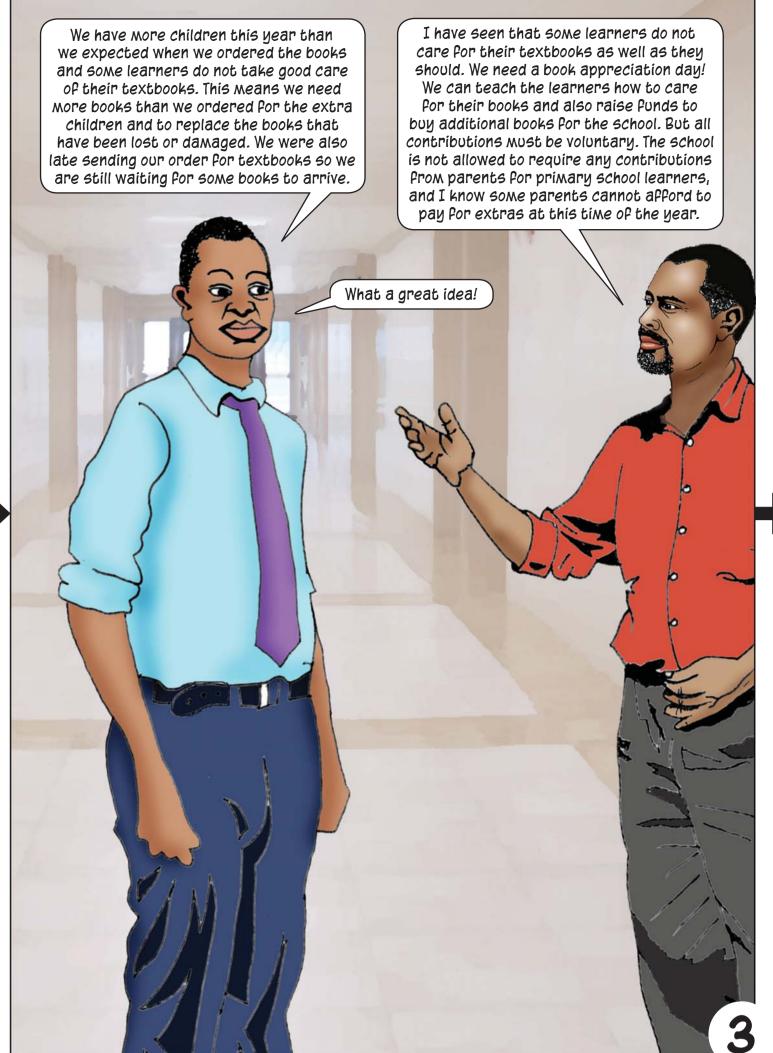
Making your school a better school: feeding programmes and textbooks

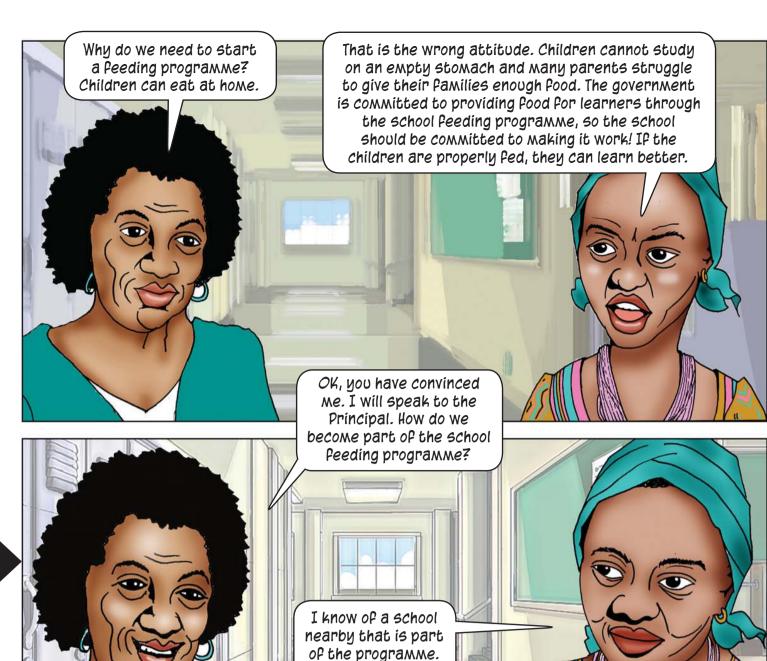
Every parent, caregiver and learner can play a role in holding their school accountable for providing quality education in a safe environment.



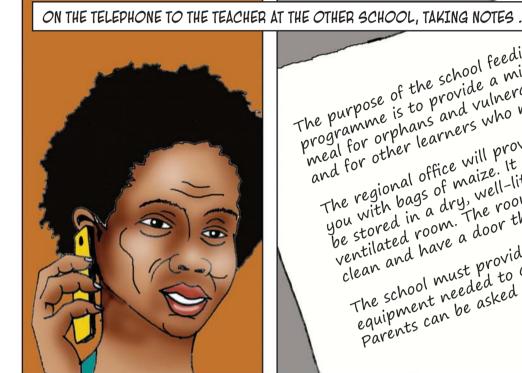
Dad, why does John's school have textbooks for every learner but My school does not? I don't know but it is a problem. You need textbooks to learn properly. I will speak to your teacher about it tomorrow when I go for a parent's meeting.

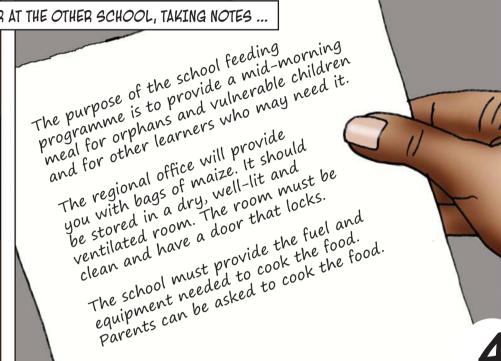






We can ask them.





Would you like to help us to organise a book appreciation day? There are not enough textbooks at the school. This is partly because some learners do not take good care of the books. It can be difficult to keep books in good condition if you don't have a school bag or if you walk a long way to school - but there are some learners who could do a much better job of caring for the textbooks that are loaned to them.



But shouldn't

the school provide

textbooks? Why

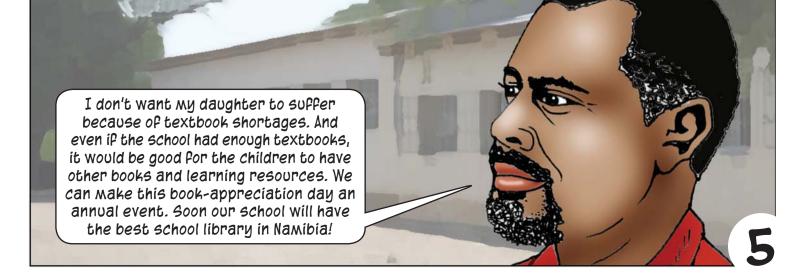
should we pay

for them?

Yes, I want to help improve the standards at our school, and that includes making sure that our children take care of the school's property!



Yes, the government does have a duty to provide textbooks. But sometimes there are problems, such as when textbooks get lost or damaged because some learners do not take good care of them. We can address problems like these and help where we can.









No, the government

does not provide a

budget to pay the

cooks. But we will be

helping our children to

do better in school. As

parents of learners,

we also have a duty

to help out where we





very school in Namibia should provide quality **E**education for its learners in a safe, protected **environment.** Learners, their families and community members can hold schools accountable for meeting this standard. But learners and parents can only hold schools accountable if they know about the standards that the schools should be meeting. The Ministry of Education is working with development partners to provide this information. Learners, their families and community members can then use this information to work with the schools in their community to ensure that every school provides quality education in a safe, protected environment.

We all have a duty to make our schools better. All learners must commit to learning, respecting their teachers, looking after school property and preventing wastage of school resources. Learners can contribute to quality education by working and studying – and also by caring for and supporting each other. Parents and other caregivers must be active participants in their children's education. Schools must implement Namibia's laws and policies on education to the best of their ability, and reach out to parents and community members to encourage them to work together with the school to deliver quality education to all children in Namibia.

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Holding your school ACCOUNTABLE

Start at your school. Talk to your Life Skills teacher or teacher counsellor, your Principal and your School Board. Talk to any member of your Learner Representative Council.

If you need to look further than your school for help, contact the Regional School Counsellor or the Inspector of Education responsible for your school. You can get their contact details from your school. The Inspector's job is to ensure that the school follows all the relevant laws and policies.

If the Regional School Counsellor or the Inspector cannot help, contact the Director of Education at the Regional Directorate of Education, or the Chief Regional Officer at the Regional Council, or the Regional Governor.

Tel: (061) 293-3523/4

If Step 3 also does not help, you can contact the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education at the Head Office in Windhoek: **Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education** Private Bag 13186, Windhoek







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