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## **Media Release**

## India announces Drought Relief Assistance for Namibia

Government of India has announced provision of One Thousand Metric Tonnes (1,000 MT) of foodgrains comprising rice and pearl millet (Mahangu) to Namibia to assist Namibia in coping with the current national emergency caused by the serious drought.

High Commissioner of India Prashant Agrawal said that "in keeping with our close and fraternal ties, the people and the Government of India stand with the people and the Government of Namibia in solidarity in this hour of need and action."

It may be noted that India had also provided 1,000 metric tonnes of rice in 2016 to Namibia to assist in dealing with a similar situation of drought.

As part of its deep commitment to Africa, India has been among the first responders to natural disasters, swiftly acting to provide relief to affected people and communities, including in the recent cyclone IDAI that affected several southern African countries.

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