

DONOR SUPPORT TO NPC

Development Partners in Namibia provides development support through grants, concessional loan financing and technical assistance to augment government resources to contribute to the well-being of the Namibian people. Among the beneficiaries of the development support provided to Namibia, National Planning Commission receives assistance as follows:

1. Cooperation with the Federal Republic of Germany

The bilateral cooperation between the Government Republic of Namibia and the Government of Federal Republic of Germany is mainly in the focus areas of Natural Resources Management, Transport and Sustainable Economic Development as well as cross cutting ones like HIV and AIDS and education. Energy, climate and environment and the Namibia-Germany Special Initiative Programme fall outside the focus areas.

The Governments of Namibia and Germany agreed to implement the Namibian German Special Initiative Programme (NGSIP) aimed at developing projects in areas and for communities that had historic ties with the German Colonial government and which the present German Government considers as a special moral and historical responsibility.

The NGSIP is implemented by NPC as its executing agency fully responsible for its management. The primary beneficiaries of the Programme as identified by the Government of Namibia are selected rural communities in the Erongo, Hardap, Karas, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa regions. The NGSIP is intended to benefit all Namibians in these areas and is thus meant to actively endorse the government's policy on National Reconciliation and to contribute to poverty reduction and economic growth. The small-scale projects serve to improve the living conditions in these areas and may pursue economic, social and cultural goals.

During 2008-09 a number of projects selected for 'fast track' implementation because it was expected that they could be implemented easily and quickly. The 54 projects listed below were carried out under phase 1.

Phase 1 Projects (2008-09)

Type	Number of Projects	Phase 1 N\$ (excl. VAT)
Borehole rehabilitation	40	3,932,980
Livestock distribution projects	5	3,391,400
Garden projects	5	2,088,890
Other projects	4	1,506,325
TOTALS	54	10,919,595

The implementation of the projects under phase 2 commenced in February 2012 with the contracting of local design and supervision consultant services.

Phase 2 Projects (2012-13)

Type	Number of Projects	Phase 2 N\$ (excl. VAT) ¹
Schools, Sports and Youth, Center for Disabled, Community Hall and Housing projects	35	57,082,966
Multi-purpose Cultural Center, Commercial Center and Housing projects	20	42,546,124
Agriculture projects (livestock distribution and gardens)	26	20,857,139
Water Supply projects	92	23,367,887
VTC, Aquaculture, Latrines, FFW-Road project	4	3,031,582
TOTALS	177	146,885,698



On 5 October 2012, 242 female and 12 male Boergoats and 102 female and 5 male Van Rooy/Damara Sheep were distributed at Gibeon, Hardap region. Picture above shows Hon. Councilor Van Neel organising goat distribution at Gibeon. Picture below shows farmers in pens with their livestock at Gibeon auction kraals.



All projects should be completed by the end of 2013 when, according to current agreements, the Programme is due to end.

2. Cooperation with the EU

The EU is providing support to 'National Planning Commission (NPC) through the Capacity Development Programme (CDP)' with the aim of strengthening the NPC in its contribution to the realisation of national development goals. CDP is an intervention strategy to tackle the identified capacity gaps within the institution. The programme began in July 2010 and will end in July 2014.

The result areas of the programme are to improve Service and Product Delivery, to improve Staff competencies, to improve the Working Environment; and also to improve Management and Leadership.

3. USA / USAID

The development cooperation between Namibia and the United States of America under the framework of the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) was launched on 15 September 2009 and is expected to close on 14 September 2014. The support amounts to US\$ 304 million (approximately N\$2.5 billion) and has focused on three sectors along with their respective budget allocations as follows:

- Education-US\$141 million (N\$ 1.16 billion)
- Tourism-US\$67.6 million (N\$557 million)
- Agriculture-US\$ 51.3 million (N\$ 422 million)

MCA is managed by a programme unit in National Planning Commission. The programme is now entering the post Monitoring and Evaluation phase which is a pre-requisite/obligation for closure of the MCA-N programme.

4. Cooperation with World Bank

The World Bank is assisting National Planning Commission in developing a National Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework that will guide the NPC and the GRN in monitoring and evaluating its National Development Plans which are formulated and implemented to achieve the country's long term Vision 2030.

The Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) is provided to Namibia Statistical Agency (NSA) to support the preparation of a Statistical Strategy and development of the key elements of the National Statistical System (NSS).

5. Cooperation with the United Nations (UN)

As part of the 2013 UNDP Annual Work Plan, UNDP provides technical assistance to the National Planning Commission in the area of data analysis, namely on Deprivation and Poverty Mapping.

6. JAPAN

The Government of Japan provided training to 57 Namibian officials in 2012 under young leaders, group training, counterpart training and third country training and country focus training. Among the trainees were NPC staffs as well.

7. CHINA

The Chinese Government offers around 100 training opportunities annually to Namibian government officials and professionals ranging from two weeks to six months. In 2012, ninety one (91) Namibian officials and among them were those from NPC that were dispatched to China to attend training courses. The training for Namibian Government officials in China is ongoing.