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A scene from DAPP Vocational Training School

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Welcome Remarks

Moving into 2021 we were hoping that it would be a year when we could get back to normal after a year of the COVID-19 pandemic seriously affecting all of us. But that was not to be.

For DAPP Namibia it was important to keep our 700+ staff members healthy while continuing to work with communities. We argued and informed our staff members about the advantages of getting vaccinated and make use of the free and professional service of vaccination by the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS). As the vaccination rate increased among our staff from around 14% in June to more than 85% in December the DAPP teams could operate with better confidence in many communities for their own sake and for the sake of others.

TCE field officers supported the MoHSS in the vaccination campaign and provided food parcels to those who were COVID-19 positive and therefore in isolation.

In spite of the challenges mentioned above DAPP Namibia continued what we do best with the communities by being strongly engaged in the efforts to maintain the gains in the HIV and TB response and continued to move towards epidemic control in all 14 regions in good cooperation with MoHSS. DAPP Namibia with trained Community Health Workers based in the five northern regions bordering Angola also supported the MoHSS in the test & treat for malaria and in the “Zero malaria starts with me” prevention campaign.

At the DAPP Vocational Training School, the DAPP Private School and DAPP Kindergarten the students, learners and young children managed to achieve good results while in periods taking turns to come to school to keep social distancing and their teachers found new ways to support their training.

In the Farmers’ Clubs and Community Development/Child Aid projects staff and community members worked hand in hand to grow vegetables and field crops in climate smart ways, operate preschools with proper safety measures, build outdoor playgrounds



and more while parents were engaged in savings clubs and were inspired to start income generating activities; all common efforts to maintain food security and keep improving life in spite the COVID-19 difficulties.

All in all, it was another productive year with many good examples of people coming together to overcome challenges. We want to include and thank all our partners and stakeholders for their important support. The African proverb: ***“Wisdom is like a baobab tree; no one individual can embrace it,”*** comes to mind.

I hope you will enjoy the reading.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kirsten Moeller Jensen'.

Kirsten Moeller Jensen
Managing Director



DAPP Namibia is a local Namibian organisation that has contributed to development efforts in the country since 1990



26
project units



Health

We bring health services closer to people in communities and link people to health facilities

Active participation of people themselves in their communities is the foundation of our health projects

DAPP Namibia has more than two decades of experience in working with people in communities in both rural and urban settings to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and families

DAPP works in close cooperation with the Government of Namibia to support the attainment of national development goals. In order to implement health projects DAPP has received support from international development partners such as the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria (GFATM), UNICEF, GIZ and Humana People to People (HPP) partners.

Over the years the approach and activities have changed in line with the changing needs of the response to different diseases in the country. In 2021, DAPP Namibia continued to provide critical HIV/AIDS and TB services to address the needs of HIV positive people and to prevent new HIV infections from occurring, these included: Behaviour change / prevention actions, index contact HIV testing, treatment linkage, adherence retention, elimination of mother-to-child HIV transmission, ante-natal care, pre-exposure prophylaxis and voluntary medical male circumcision referrals,

and lost-to-follow-up reengagement programming in all regions of the country. These activities were delivered to people in need through the Total Control of the Epidemic / TCE programme

In 2021, community-based COVID-19 mitigation programming was introduced by DAPP Namibia through the TCE programme in the Khomas, Oshana, and Zambezi regions. This programming was implemented in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services. The focus of this initiative was to support economically disadvantaged people who were sick with COVID-19 and in home isolation with food parcels, in addition community-level vaccine mobilization activities were implemented to inform and encourage people to be vaccinated.

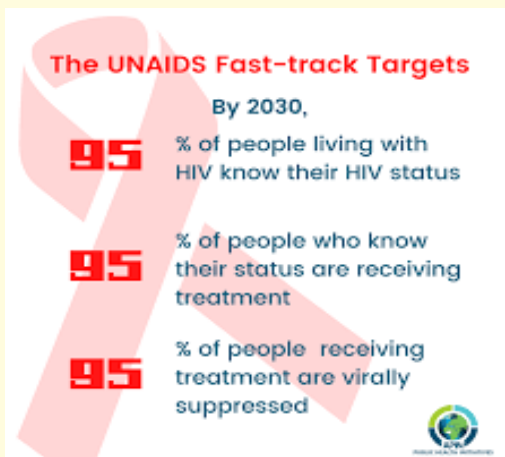
Malaria awareness, prevention, test and treat, and surveillance activities were delivered by DAPP Namibia in the Kavango West and East, Zambezi, Ohangwena, and Omusati regions. These activities were implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Services and supported by the GFATM.

In 2021, DAPP Namibia also implemented cross-cutting family health education, actions, and support to improve the general health, food security, nutrition, and household resilience of people, these actions were implemented in the Omusati and Ohangwena regions.



On the path to Total Control of the Epidemic

The TCE programme worked to support realization of the UNAIDS Fast Track targets:



2021 was a productive year for the TCE programme in spite of COVID-19 challenges. 776 individuals who were newly diagnosed HIV positive in communities, were linked to life saving treatment and adherence support services mostly the same day.

Namibia has the goal of eliminating Mother to Child HIV Transmission which can occur while the mother is carrying the child, at or after delivery. The TCE programme identified and enrolled 4,204 HIV positive women in Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) and Ante-Natal Care services and worked with the mothers both while pregnant and until the children were 18 months to ensure they are HIV negative. To the delight of both the mothers and the TCE field officers all the babies followed tested HIV negative after 18 months.

Another focus of the TCE programme in 2021 was Tuberculosis (TB) screening due to the high level of HIV/TB co-infection in Namibia. As a result of this focus on community-level TB activities 10,034 individuals were screened

for TB infection and referred to further testing at health facilities by the TCE programme during the course of the year.

The TCE programme also focussed on supporting treatment adherence for HIV positive individuals. This resulted in 12,635 previously diagnosed HIV positive people, who were on treatment and defaulted their treatment, being identified, traced, and reengaged in treatment and care by TCE field officers. This supported suppression of their HIV viral load which will preserve their good health and prevent onward transmission of the virus to others. In addition, 4,802 HIV positive individuals were placed in TRIO support groups to encourage their future compliance to HIV treatment.



About HIV testing in the community

"I did not know my HIV status, but when I was offered the HIV test in my home after a talk with the TCE field officer, I decided it was the right time for me to get tested. I tested HIV positive and the TCE field officer suggested that we go together to the clinic right away. First, I did not want to go but later I was convinced. The doctor attended to me without much waiting and I started my ARV Treatment the same day."

About TB Preventative Therapy

The new service delivered by the Ministry of Health and Social Services: TB Preventative Therapy (TPT) offers HIV positive people a means to avoid also contracting TB. This is important because HIV/TB coinfection is a significant public health challenge in Namibia and a risk for the individual. The TCE field officers are assisting the people enrolled in this program to complete the 12 weeks of medication without fail and this worked with a 100% success rate in 2021. So far, the programme has reached people in Oshana, Omusati, Zambezi and Kavango West regions and is expected to be rolled out to more regions in the future.



About Multi-Month Dispensing and Home-based Delivery of ART

"I am thankful to my TCE Field Officer for bringing the ARV Treatment medication to me in my home. I am a 62 years old man and I have some problems with my legs. I save transport money for me and my supporter and it helps me take the medication without fail."

The TCE program helps to support HIV treatment adherence with home-based ART delivery to at-risk HIV positive people. The program also supports multi-month ART dispensing (MMD) to members of Community-based ART Groups (CAGs), so they do not have to go to the health facility every month to pick their medication.





Adherence to ARV treatment is key for the individual and for society

It is important that people who test HIV positive are linked to treatment the same day and retained on ARV treatment. It is only through linkage and retention in treatment that an individual's viral load will become suppressed thereby maintaining their health and prevent their ability to transmit HIV to another individual. Consequently, the lost to follow-up / reengagement in treatment implementation directly impacts both the health of existing HIV positive individuals and also serves as a critical preventive measure to reduce new HIV infections.

The TCE programme promotes treatment adherence among HIV positive people by organizing treatment support

groups called TRIOs which connect a newly diagnosed HIV positive person with two treatment supporters of their choice in order to help adherence to treatment.

The programme also traces and reengages in treatment people who have lapsed in their treatment, once reengaged in treatment the person is also enrolled in a TRIO for additional support.

CDC explains *"The goals of HIV treatment are to improve health and prevent transmission of HIV. The best marker of successful treatment is reducing the amount of HIV in the blood and elsewhere in the body to very low levels. This is called viral suppression. This means that getting and staying virally suppressed*

is not only the best thing people living with HIV can do to maintain their health, but also one of the best ways to prevent new infections through sex".

The TRIO system is TCE's way of achieving treatment compliance.

When a person has adhered to treatment during 6-12 months as documented by the person's viral load being suppressed, that person can join a Community Adherence Group for further support and get the advantage of being in a group where members take turns in picking up medication and also get medication for more months at a time.

COVID-19

In order to support the national effort to fight COVID-19, the TCE programme in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services and with support from CDC implemented community-based COVID-19 activities in the Khomas, Oshana, and Zambezi regions.

Through this initiative 4,595 people received individual-level COVID-19 vaccine mobilization information through the TCE programme of which 2,527 people were successfully vaccinated as a result of these efforts. The TCE programme also worked closely with Ministry of Health and Social Services facilities to identify and support newly diagnosed COVID-19 patients who are economically disadvantaged and in home-based isolation in order to provide them with food parcels which the TCE programme delivered to their homes. As a result of this action 1,236 people in home-based isolation received food parcels to sustain themselves.



“Zero malaria starts with me”

This is the slogan for the malaria campaign launched by the Ministry of Health and Social Services and supported by DAPP Namibia Community Health Workers working in the northern regions where malaria is a threat

The DAPP Malaria programme is implemented in the Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, and Omusati regions with support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) through the MoHSS. The programme works with Community Health workers to provide people in malaria prone areas with awareness, prevention, test and treat, and surveillance services.

In 2021, the DAPP Malaria programme implemented test and treat for malaria in communities as well as malaria information campaigning. 33,363 people were reached with health education in the communities, 2,631 people received community-level testing for Malaria, and 1,307 community outreach events were conducted.

“My name is Metirde, I am a Community Health Worker in the DAPP Malaria Programme in the Ohangwena region:

I am attached to the Epinga clinic in Eenhana district. Firstly, us Community Health Workers were trained in the theory and testing for malaria in a training session. Thereafter we were practicing testing for malaria during three months at the clinics.

One day after finishing my three months practice at the clinic I visited a homestead, where I found a child

sick in bed. Her temperature was high and since that could be a sign of malaria, I offered the mother that I could test the child. The child tested positive for malaria and therefore I reported the situation to the nurse in charge at the clinic right away.

The nurse in charge was worried that it could be serious and she called an ambulance to pick up the child and transfer her to the Eenhana Hospital. It was indeed serious and complicated malaria. The child spent two weeks in hospital under good care and medication.

I tested the other members of the household but fortunately none of them had malaria. After two weeks the child had recovered and came home again.

I have to admit that I was a bit nervous if I had interpreted the result correctly because it was my first time to find a malaria positive person in the community. But I was encouraged when the mother of the child came to appreciate my counselling skills and talked with her, so she managed to keep calm, while also reporting to the nurse in charge for advice, because I could see that the child was in a bad condition.

From that day I enjoyed my work more, not even fearing of testing a person and finding him or her malaria positive. I am looking forward to be part of getting to zero local cases of malaria and eliminate malaria from Namibia.”



A woman wearing a teal jumpsuit and a black beanie stands in a field of green plants, holding two large yellow squash. In the foreground, a black plastic crate is filled with more yellow squash. The background shows a dry landscape with trees and a green water tank.

Education

Our pedagogical approach is to create a space for students of all ages to be the drivers of their own learning, in a collective setting where studying both together and individually go hand-in-hand

Education never stops for people engaged in making better their own lives as well as those of others

The sustainable development goal number 4 is about education: Ensuring inclusive and equitable education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all

DAPP Namibia has made efforts to contribute to inclusive and equitable education by establishing pre-schools for the young children in villages, where learning through play is key. The Pre-schools of the Future programme developed by Humana People to People is being used and this programme treats children as valuable human beings while they are exploring the world around them and learning to act with others.

In 2014 DAPP Namibia established a special course for training Preschool Teachers of the Future. During this two-year course students are challenged to go and discover their own country, meet people from all walks of life, and try out things they have never tried before.

This prepares them to become pre-school teachers that will understand the importance of letting young children use their curiosity to explore and to learn through play.

The DAPP Private School was established in 1996 as a joint initiative from parents and DAPP Namibia to contribute to giving children a solid foundation in primary and secondary education. Through the years the school delivered quality education and has inspired others by achieving high pass rates and satisfied learners and parents. Many of our teachers have brought their experiences from DAPP Private School to advanced positions in the education system elsewhere.

The DAPP Vocational Training School has been training young people in skills and attitudes that would allow them to get a paid job or to make a living for themselves and also become positive and active members of their communities. This has been successful over the years as we see our former students as school secretaries, construction workers, entrepreneurs having their own businesses, kindergarten teachers, farmers etc.

DAPP Namibia will keep aiming at giving every child the best start in life, provide quality foundation in education and train young people in skills and attitudes relevant for creating a better tomorrow.



We learned how to work on our own and in organised groups, how to plan planting seasons for different crops, how to prepare the soil, how to plant and care for vegetables, how to use drip irrigation and much more

In the school year 2021 the **DAPP Vocational Training School** offered the following training courses and levels:

1. General Construction (Bricklaying and Plastering) level 1, level 2, level 3
2. Agriculture course (Horticulture and Crop Production) level 2, level 3
3. Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teaching over 2 years ending with a diploma level 5.

In total 123 students were trained in these skills during 2021. The students were engaged both in theoretical and in practical training. Study trips related to

their skills training added value to the training such as study trips for the agriculture students to the Omahenene Crop Research Station, Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency, Etunda Irrigation Project, University of Namibia Ogongo Agricultural Campus.

The students in Construction had month long periods where they were out in “industrial exposure” and learned from working at real life construction sites.

The students in Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teaching had weeks of practice in ECD Centers, Kindergartens and Pre-primary

classes in the Omusati and also other regions, where the students could practice using their own local language. Those weeks provided good lessons learnt for the students.

The DAPP Vocational Training School and the courses are accredited by the Namibia Qualification Authority (NQA) and registered with the Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

Voices of Students - Agriculture course

"In 2021 I was a student in the horticulture and crop production course at DAPP Vocational Training School. This is a course that I never dreamt of doing but if I am to tell how proud I am right now, you will not believe me! It is a very interesting course where we learn how to provide food for ourselves at the same time making money for our needs. My favorite experiences in this course were learning how to drive and plough with a tractor and also how to use other modern agricultural machineries. Agriculture is full of fun; though from the beginning it is not easy to learn how and what to use in controlling different types of crop pests and diseases in the field. Also how to manage land and water which are the most important factors needed in agriculture. So, in this year 2022, I'm looking forward to learning more and finish my Level 3. I cannot wait to finish my studies and go start my own garden at home, provide food for my family and also make money for myself. Not just that, I also want to be one of the best farmers, not only in my village but in my region". says Pergilina, 21 years old.



PoF Teacher Training course

"My name is Paulus and I am 32 years old.

I come from Kunene region. I enrolled for the ECD Teaching course because I felt the need in our community. This ECD Teaching course has really opened me up intellectually. I came to understand that being literate or educated is more than just knowing how to read and write. What I am learning here at DAPP Vocational Training School have created a sense of awareness in me and this is the understanding and knowledge that I am eager to pass on to the future generation. Now I know that I am more than just a teacher, I am an agent for change and I will play my role to make things better in my community by ensuring that the children get the education they deserve. I really appreciate the education I am receiving."



Construction course

"My name is Fransiskus, 33 years old.

I am doing my level 2 in Bricklaying and Plastering course at DAPP Vocational Training School. I chose this course as I enjoy physical, hands-on work. As a student at this vocational school, I have learnt skills and knowledge theoretically and practically through this course. Now I know how to do building drawing, setting out and levelling as well as making bricks. Because the centre is offering different other courses, I got a chance to interact with my fellow students enrolled in Agriculture course whereby I also learnt how to handle seedlings in the garden and transplanting them. I have a dream to be an employer after completing my study by having my own brickmaking company and this will create job opportunities to my fellow youth because we have high unemployment rate in our country".







DAPP Private School had 372 learners enrolled in the grade 1 to grade 9 classes in 2021.

Overall, learners did well and the school had a successful year with a 93,5 % pass rate. These results from the year-end examinations were achieved due to dedication and commitment of both parents and teachers as well as the learners in spite of COVID-19 restrictions during parts of the school year.

Special actions during the school year were among other: The school invested in building new flush toilets that will be used from the next school year. A new school board with parents as members were elected by the parents to serve and support the school for the next three years. The Day of the African Child was celebrated by all learners and teachers at a common event for the whole school with speeches and cultural performances.

DAPP Kindergarten enrolled 40 children during 2021.

The children enjoyed the POF (Pre-school children Of the Future) program with many interesting and playful topics under headlines such as using your heads, using your hands, using your body, using your imagination and more.

However, the usual interaction between the children in the playground had to be limited due to COVID-19 prevention measures. The COVID-19 pandemic also affected the number of children coming to the kindergarten, since some parents preferred to keep the children at home. We are happy to report that none of our children got sick with COVID-19 and we hope this situation will improve next year.



The POF Movement

After finishing their training as pre-school teachers, the graduates are encouraged to start preschools in villages for more children to receive early childhood education. By engaging parents in putting up simple traditional structures for community preschools DAPP is supporting the communities and the graduates in the start up process. It is an option for the preschool teachers to be part of the POF Movement of teacher who meet in school holidays for planning, making educational toys and sharing of best practices. Such initiatives are supporting the government's efforts to improve access to early childhood development activities and thereby creating equitable and better foundation for all children when entering school. (POF stands for Pre-school children Of the Future).



Saving system group deposit slip

Name of member: 3

Group name: Omukwe United Action Group

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28.03.21	N\$ 200.00	N\$ 400.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
14.03.21	N\$ 200.00	N\$ 600.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
28.03.21	N\$ 100.00	N\$ 700.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
11.04.21	N\$ 50.00	N\$ 750.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
25.04.21	N\$ 50.00	N\$ 800.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
09.05.21	N\$ 200.00	N\$ 1000.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
30.05.21	N\$ 50.00	N\$ 1050.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
13.06.21	N\$ 50.00	N\$ 1100.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
27.06.21	N\$ 80.00	N\$ 1180.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
11.07.21	N\$ 200.00	N\$ 1380.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
25.07.21	N\$ 100.00	N\$ 1480.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
08.08.21	N\$ 100.00	N\$ 1580.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
22.08.21	N\$ 50.00	N\$ 1630.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
05.09.21	N\$ 60.00	N\$ 1690.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
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17.10.21	N\$ 35.00	N\$ 1900.00	Hmartha	Hmartha
TOTAL		N\$ 2120.00		

Community Development

Development: "It is about the emancipation of every single human being on the level of personal happiness, and at the same time, making each human responsible for the happiness of his neighbours through practical methods." *From the Humana People to People Charter*

Community resilience is built through shared experiences and togetherness in the struggle for meeting basic needs

The sustainable development goals can be translated into the wish for a decent life for everyone, in a just society, on a planet protected from destruction

For most people the time before COVID-19 was already a daily struggle for life with health, education, shelter, clean environment, access to the means of production or a job, safety from violence and exclusion, with increased inequality and climate shocks thrown in.

Despite all of this, it is incredible to see how families and communities stick together even when they can't necessarily meet daily material demands. Love, care and protection are still abundant and build resilience, day in and day out, for children and adults alike,

CHILD AID is an example of a DAPP Namibia project approach to integrated community development. Child Aid supports children, parents and the whole community to work together to improve living conditions for children, creating opportunities, not only for survival but for developing their full potential. Child Aid places the control of development processes and decision-making into the hands of the people who are affected.

The Village Action Group is the main structure we apply in Child Aid. Here, people identify challenges, hold discussions, plan common tasks, acquire new knowledge and find and implement solutions together. Through shared activities, the groups improve life in many ways: they create food security, promote good health, solve basic water and sanitation projects, create better educational conditions and organise care for the sick or for children in difficult situations. Local savings and lending clubs are created to support family economies. The Village Action Groups also build connections to health clinics, local councils and schools. In this way, their voice is being heard and reckoned with.

It is essential to form alliances with the children themselves, a key force of development within their families. This includes support to know their rights, so they can plan an active role in safeguarding and upholding them, and support to access to these rights such as secure birth certificates; see to it that children without parents are enrolled in schools and supported so they don't drop out; and enable children affected by HIV and AIDS and other illnesses to receive support in accessing medical treatment.

The Project Leader and project team live and work as an integral part of the community and are key to making it all happen.



We stick together in our group while doing our individual savings and we take turns in applying for loans from our common savings; this helps us get more money faster to invest in our income generating activities and in the end we all win.

Informed by the Project Leader of the Child Aid project in the Omusati region 19 members of the Savings Group decided to get started in 2020. New members were inspired by the results of the group and also wanted to join making the group 24 in 2021 with 14 more on the waiting list for 2022.

The group works like this: The group starts their meetings in February after having attended to their mahangu fields. They meet every two weeks under a tree in the village. They bring their savings in cash most often between N\$ 50 and N\$ 200. The saving is registered in a book by the two secretaries

and on the deposit slip of the member. When that process has been completed by all members the request for borrowing starts. The borrowed amounts are also recorded in the book and the borrowers take their N\$ 200-300 or maximum N\$ 1000. The agreement is made regarding when the amount will be paid back - within 2-8 weeks, with 10% interest. In that way there will normally be less than N\$1000 left in cash for the treasurer to safeguard until the next meeting. The group also chooses their chairperson to lead the procedure at the meetings. The group has agreed that at the end of the year

everybody should pay back all that was borrowed. The money will then be shared among the members according to their recorded savings with the 10% interest. In that way everyone will be ready to pay for ploughing services and other needs.

The members have invested in income generating activities such as selling of fish, selling of home-brewed beer, running a cuca shop, making and selling traditional attire, fencing for a vegetable garden, fat cake business or the like.

The Savings Group is really a win-win arrangement for all.



A member of the Village Action Group explains:

"Village Action Group meetings are so important. Here we meet under a tree and discuss things that are important to us. We discuss how we protect ourselves and our families against malaria and we get to know the services that are available. We talk about how we must always go for testing if anyone has symptoms of malaria, because then it can be treated fast and we can stop spreading malaria to others. It was also at a Village Action Group meeting that the idea of starting a kindergarten in our community was born."

"My name is Sam, I am 26 years old from Ondwi village in Ohangwena region. I am a member of Ondwi Village Action Group (VAG). I joined DAPP Child Aid as a volunteer in 2019. In 2020 I was selected to be the VAG coordinator. I enjoy helping families to construct latrines using local materials and making fire wood saving stoves. This initiative has helped reduce demand for firewood as people understood the bad effects of cutting down too many trees. The project made me to be a busy somebody because even those living closer to the border of Angola have been requesting for my support for making latrines and tippy taps as it was their first time to know about these systems. I am now nominated to be among the team that will construct modern toilets at one of our local primary schools, a three-month contract and I never dreamt of becoming an employee one day in my life. I would like to thank DAPP Child Aid for changing my life. I used to spend most of my time at shebeens drinking alcohol, but today I am a proud man being a breadwinner for my family. I have good business ideas like making latrines, tippy taps and firewood saving stoves for families who then pay me for the job."



"My name is Julia. I am a member of the parents' committee at the Ndilimani Community Kindergarten.

First our children were taught under a tree exposing them to cold and heat depending on the season. In our village we were fortunate to have a Child Aid volunteer, who mobilised us to do some actions. Personally, I took action and went door to door to convince parents and guardians to be actively involved in the activities of the kindergarten for the benefit of all the children. It was sometimes difficult to convince them to take part, but then we had a training on what was expected of the parents' committee and the parents and that helped. We have now managed to build a kindergarten structure, make latrines and tippy taps for hand washing and a playground. We constructed the playground using old tyres and poles and that attracted many people. We were amazed to see how attractive and modern the playground was looking. To know that it was constructed by the parents and community ourselves was most rewarding. And of course, our children are happy to have swings and all."



Climate Change Action

We aim for food security together with communities using methods that are friendly to the environment

Global Warming and Climate Change are real and we all need to take action now

Working with rural communities to improve their resilience to climate change is vital

While the developed countries mainly need to mitigate climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gasses, the developing countries, including Namibia, must focus on adapting to climate change.

In the shadow of global warming and climate change that are making the weather patterns unpredictable with extreme drought or floods in some years, small scale farmers still depend on their land for food security. Recent years have included years with no proper harvests and consequently lower or no food production and reduction in living standards.

“The existential danger to Namibia remains climate change. We are one of the countries that are most vulnerable to its adverse impacts. This is partly due to our peculiar geographical climate. Extreme conditions such as persistent drought and flooding frequently expose our land”, says the Honourable Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in the foreword to Namibia’s Update Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement. He continues: “Our NDC puts equal emphasis on further improving our adaptation and developing future climate resilience

to reduce climate threats to our populations and their livelihoods.”

DAPP Namibia is committed to contribute to the governments’ efforts of building this resilience among other with the small-scale farmer families and their communities. Resilience is a combination of knowledge, understanding, action and material resources.

With little or no resilience, communities will lose more from climate change. They will be more uprooted and the risk of losing economic and social achievements of the past, will be greater. With higher degree of resilience, any community will stand better, in its response to climate change, and will stay or return faster to a tract of pursuing that best possible life which is the right of every single person.

DAPP will among other assist in organising farmers to be able to build up knowledge and understanding on the global warming and climate change and what we can do to adapt to the changes. This will be done by using conservation agriculture methods that promote minimum soil disturbance (i.e. no-tilling), maintenance of a permanent soil cover, and diversification of plant species and work on better water management systems. DAPP Namibia will further seek to raise funds for providing some material resources for the practical actions, that communities need to take.



Farmers' Clubs

In Farmers' Clubs members come together to learn new and better methods of growing crops in a changing environment

The Farmers' Club project was initiated by DAPP Namibia in cooperation with NNF about seven years ago with the supportive funding granted by the EU and UFF Finland for the period of five years. At the end of the project period in 2019, DAPP continued to support the project by employing five Farming Instructors in a mentoring and coaching capacity. NNF continued to be an active partner by promoting the integration of Conservation Agriculture in the organised farming communities.

The objective of the Farmers' Clubs is to organise small scale farmers to improve productivity and better livelihoods by using tried and tested low tech solutions. The basic structure in the Farmers' Club is a unit of 30-50 farmers in each club. A local project leader provides

education and work hand in hand with members in 4 clubs. Each club selects a leadership that is trained to be in the forefront of the activities. The club establishes a common plot for growing vegetables, where each member has her own rows of vegetables and where the project provides water infrastructure such as fencing, a water tank, pipes and a solar driven pump by the river. This is the site where members come together for regular theoretical and practical training sessions and are being inspired by each other's best practices. Training sessions also take place in demonstration plots for the field crops where comparisons of different methods inspire and convince farmers to use the conservation agriculture methods in their own fields. Most families copy what they have learnt in own fields

and home gardens.

Ongoing support over the past seven years elevated participating communities to a level where they were capable of maintaining diversified food production, better nutrition for the family members and some surplus for local sale. Despite this, they are faced with various challenges. This includes the costly maintenance of solar water supply systems, timely supply of farming inputs, mechanical field cultivation services and the control of plant pest and diseases.

The main focus on support to the 17 active Farmers' Clubs in 2021 was on the conservation agriculture in the farmers' own crop fields.



Vegetables help improve and maintain good health

Farming instructors, as the instrumental change agents, visited farming communities on a daily basis. They worked hand in hand with the farmers individually and in groups to discuss and show how to do things better. The Farmers' Club activities took place at community gardens, demonstration fields, at household home gardens as well as in individual crop fields. Various interlinked topics were covered during the programme following the seasonal production plan for horticulture and dryland cropping. The main learning topics in 2021 included field preparation and cultivation methods, planting techniques, weeding management, plant pest control, and the harvesting, transport, processing and storage of field crops. In addition, the clubs worked with

planning for the next cropping season including manure collection, seed stocks and supply, and arranging for manual and mechanical field preparation services. The weighing and recording of field crops harvested was continued to make the comparison of the yields with the previous year.

Valuable cooperation with other organisations benefits the farmers

The following formal learning events were facilitated during 2021 with the objective of increasing climate smart agricultural production approaches within rural farming communities:

- Organic horticulture production
- Organic Dryland Crop Production
- Record Keeping Training

The first two mentioned Trainer of Trainer events were organised by the Namibia Nature Foundation together with the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) – funded by the German Development Services (GIZ). The third training course was facilitated by the GIZ funded programme: 'Farming for Resilience' and addressed the relevance, theories and practices of record keeping in various agricultural production sectors.



Tree growing is everyone's business

When we all contribute to caring for trees, we will harvest the benefits both individually and as part of the broader community. Tree-growing is helping us feel better in the shade of trees and enjoying the beauty of trees. Other trees give us fruits, poles and timber for lots of uses.

In the broader world perspective, it is said that the world has less than 10 years to halve carbon emissions to be on track to ensure global warming gets no higher than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. But we are destroying rainforests and cutting down trees that help store carbon at an alarming rate, exacerbating climate change. So, what can we do?

Raise your voice in support of action to prevent deforestation and join well-designed efforts to plant new trees to defend the planet.

On the photo you see, preschool children engaged in planting new trees at Onambelela.

Accountability and Transparency

DAPP Namibia is registered as an Association Not for Gain and is guided by its objectives, its constitution and the laws of Namibia. Additionally, DAPP Namibia has developed a set of policies and procedures that guide its operations both programmatically, legally and financially. An independent internal auditor/controller has access to all projects and accounting and reports directly to management on findings that can help improve the management of funds.

Annual external audits are carried out of the accounts to international standards and special audits are done as required by different financial partners. BDO is presently the approved external auditor.

The Annual General Meeting is the highest decision-making body, where members elect the Board of Directors to oversee the operations of the Association. The Board of Directors is accountable for both the overall programme activities as well as the financial management and reports to the Annual General Meeting.

DAPP Namibia seeks to operate with clear accountability, transparency and compliance with the relevant laws and policies as well as the agreements with the many different partners that support the DAPP Namibia projects.

DAPP Namibia Financials 2021

In 2021 the income raised and invested into development projects implemented by DAPP Namibia added up to 96,8 million Namibian dollars, all included.

Sources of Income

International Development Partners	90 %
National Development Partners	5 %
Parents' School Fees	5 %
TOTAL	100 %

Expenses divided into types of projects

Health Projects	87 %
Education Projects	11 %
Community Development including Climate Change Action Projects	2 %
TOTAL	100 %



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of DAPP Namibia (Incorporated Association Not for Gain)

Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of DAPP Namibia (Incorporated Association Not for Gain) set out on pages 7 to 27, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the period then ended, and the notes to the annual financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' report.

In our opinion, the annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DAPP Namibia (Incorporated Association Not for Gain) as at 31 December 2020, and its financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and the requirements of the Companies Act of Namibia.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Namibia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the directors' report on page 6 and the supplementary schedules not forming part of the annual financial statements on pages 28 and 29, which we obtained prior to the date of this report. Other information does not include the annual financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the annual financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the annual financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the Annual Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and

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using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



BDO (Namibia)
Registered Accountants and Auditors
Chartered Accountants (Namibia)

Per: A Musarurwa
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Windhoek
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Partnership in Development

"A project takes its beginning when two parties meet. The one, that is in need and the one that wishes to supply help." From the Humana People to People Charter

DAPP Namibia is proud to bring the parties together and has over the years built valuable experiences in making things happen with the people on the ground. We work with many different partners such as government ministries, multilateral agencies, international development partners, parastatals, foundations, private sector companies and parents. Together we are making a positive difference in many people's lives.

We want to sincerely thank all our international and national partners. Without your financial, in-kind and technical support and cooperation, we would not be able to serve the many people that benefit from our projects.



We are looking forward to continue to work towards bringing about positive changes and development together with you and more partners in the future.

In the words of
some of
the partners
DAPP Namibia
is cooperating
with:



DAPP Namibia in brief

DAPP is short for Development Aid from People to People.

Legal status: DAPP Namibia is registered as an Incorporated Association Not for Gain 21/90/45 since 1990 and as a welfare organisation WO 85 since 1992. Our constitution is guiding the legal matters, where the members at the Annual General Meeting are electing the Board of Directors to oversee the operation of the organisation. A Managing Director is appointed to lead the day to day activities of the organisation.

Objectives: *“To carry out welfare and development work of any nature and assist the people of Namibia in order to improve the quality of life in the country. To help children, young people and families in distress or in need.”*

History: DAPP Namibia grew out of the anti-apartheid movement and started development activities as a Namibian organisation based in the Omusati region in 1990. Before that time Development Aid from People to People in Denmark supported Namibians in refugee camps in Angola with practical humanitarian assistance. Several Namibians were also offered scholarships and were trained in various vocational skills at private schools linked to DAPP in Denmark before Independence.

In the 1990s DAPP Namibia organised tree planting actions and provided good quality and affordable second hand clothes in the DAPP Shops, which also raised funds for other development activities such as health and hygiene education and actions to build latrines and make home improvements in rural homesteads. All that and much more is now part of history. Today DAPP Namibia takes pride in working in sectors such as health, education, community development, and climate change actions and is working in all 14 regions of Namibia.



Humana People to People



DAPP Namibia is a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement - in short, the Federation Humana People to People. It was formally established in 1996 and comprises 29 independent national member associations.

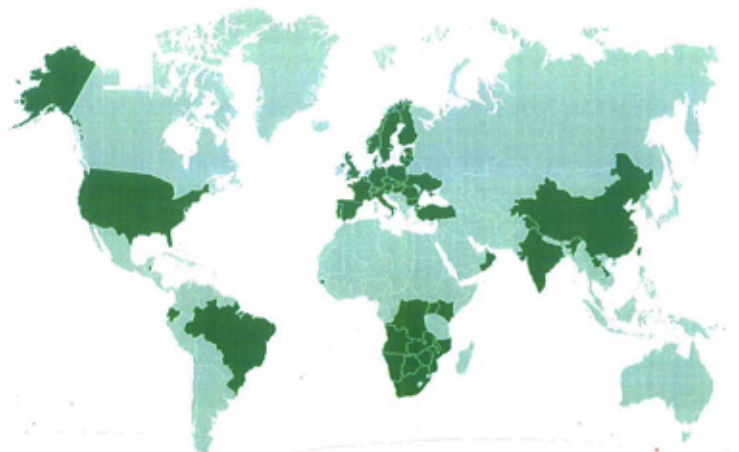
Our common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The Federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda.

Together with the people in the communities and our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.

Humana People to People members in countries marked in dark green





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