

DAPP Namibia

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Welcome Remarks

Welcome to the DAPP Namibia Progress Report 2024.



Alfred Besa
Managing Director

I want to start by quoting the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres, who made a special address titled “A Moment of Truth” on World Environmental Day 2024, where he concluded:

“.....No country can solve the climate crisis in isolation. This is an all-in moment. The United Nations is all-in working to build trust, find solutions, and inspire the cooperation our world desperately needs. And to young people, civil society, cities, regions, businesses, and others who have been leading the charge towards a safer, cleaner world, I say: Thank you. You are on the right side of history. You speak for the majority. Keep it up. Don’t lose courage. Don’t lose hope. It is we the Peoples versus the polluters and the profiteers. Together, we can win. But it’s time for leaders to decide whose side they’re on. Tomorrow it will be too late. Now is the time to mobilise, now is the time to act, now is the time to deliver. This is our moment of truth.”

As DAPP Namibia, we find inspiration in those words. We understand the seriousness of global warming and climate change. In 2024, Namibia experienced another year of drought, actually the worst in 60 years. The government stepped in with much-needed support, but that took away resources from other planned interventions. We, all the people and governments alike, urgently need to adapt to this situation and be part of the solutions, however small the part may be. In 2024, DAPP Namibia worked with smallholder farmers to discuss how best to build resilience to climate change and planned various activities that you can read about under the “ADSWAC” project in this report.

We worked with school learners and their teachers to understand the situation of global warming and climate change better and also to take action by planting trees, growing vegetables and more. We organised families to establish small vegetable gardens at their homesteads as part of securing food with minimum use of water. We educated families about the importance of a balanced diet, including vitamins and protein, and where we find or establish nutritious food in our own backyard gardens. We trained youth in agriculture, construction and as early childhood development practitioners.

In 2024, DAPP Namibia continued to support the health and well-being of the Namibian people by implementing community-level HIV, TB, and Malaria public health programmes. These programmes were implemented in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services to support national development objectives.

In all projects, we achieved good results that made life better. This was only possible because of valuable support from staff and all our partners, who contributed with funds, with school fees, in kind with materials, good advice and other. For all your support, we sincerely thank you.

Together we can do more!

Enjoy the reading!

Key Information 2024

Currently, DAPP is present in:



- Omusati ✓
- Oshana ✓
- Ohangwena ✓
- Oshikoto ✓
- Kavango West ✓
- Kavango East ✓
- Zambezi ✓
- Kunene ✓
- Otjozondjupa ✓
- Erongo ✓
- Khomas ✓



DAPP will resume activities in Karas, Hardap and Omaheke when funding allows

340,837
people
reached

26
project
units

703
people
employed



DAPP Namibia Projects

-  Total Control of the Epidemic
-  Wipe Out Malaria
-  Child Aid Project
-  Farmers' Clubs
-  Tree Planting Project
-  Building Resilience to Climate Change
-  DAPP Vocational Training School
POF (ECD) Teacher Training
DAPP Private School
DAPP Kindergarten

Climate Change Action



The globe is warming and the climate is changing.
One person's action can make a difference. This is a call to all of us!

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 developed countries must primarily focus on mitigating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, developing countries, including Namibia, must concentrate on adapting to its impacts.

As the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Mr Pohamba Shifeta, states:

"We respectfully believe that those whose historical emissions have caused global warming must take responsibility for their actions and compensate the developing world on a polluter-pays basis."

He continues:

"The Government of the Republic of Namibia declared a national state of emergency on drought in 2024, following the worst rainfall in more than 60 years. If Namibia is facing such an emergency, what about those caught in conflict, the marginalised, and the poor who survive on handouts?"

DAPP Namibia is committed to supporting the Government's efforts to build resilience among small-scale farming families and their communities. Resilience is understood as a combination

of knowledge, understanding, action, and material resources.

Without resilience, communities stand to lose more as a result of climate change. They will be more likely to be displaced, and the risk of undoing hard-won economic and social progress will be much higher. Conversely, with greater resilience, communities will be better equipped to respond to climate challenges and to continue striving for a dignified and fulfilling life — a right that belongs to every individual.

DAPP Namibia will build on the experience gained during a five-year project with Farmers' Clubs in the Kavango East and West regions, where farmers were trained in conservation agriculture techniques. These included practices such as minimal soil disturbance (no-tilling), maintaining a permanent soil cover (mulching), diversifying plant species, and improving water management systems.

In 2024, DAPP Namibia launched a new cross-border project that will build resilience among small-scale farming families living along both sides of the Kavango River in Angola and Namibia.



Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in drought-struck South-Western African Communities (Angola, Namibia) in short ADSWAC project

DAPP Namibia, with the ADSWAC Project (Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought-Struck South-Western African Communities in Angola and Namibia), made significant progress in 2024 in executing activities in Kavango East and Kavango West Regions.

The project's main objective is to enhance the adaptation capacity and resilience of communities to climate change impacts and variability in the transboundary region between Angola and Namibia

Establishment of 40 Producer Organisations with 1,440 members:

In total 40 Producer Organisations were identified and established (20 in Kavango East and 20 in Kavango West). The idea of creating these structures at the community level is to strengthen and build capacities of community-led adaptation and resilience through various training and support.

The identification of communities and members was supported by both Regional Governments through the Regional Councils and the Office of the Regional Governors in both regions. The Traditional Authorities were also consulted in identifying members of the Producer Organisations.

The project advocated for women's participation in the project right from the start of the implementation. Each Producer Organisation

was further organised core groups (Group of 10) with each Core Group having a leader.

The Core Group Leaders were then trained on how to manage the group for 2 days by the project staff. Each of the 40 Producer Organisations formulated its own constitution to guide the members. Each Producer Organisation has identified land for demonstration activities during the project implementation period. The land use was approved by the Traditional Authorities for the purpose to avoid future land disputes.

Establishment of 40 Water User Associations with 1,231 members

In total 40 Water User Associations were identified and established (20 in Kavango East and 20 in Kavango West). The associations are now responsible for the sustainable water management in their communities.

The associations are connected to the already established water points in the regions. The Water User Association members have therefore strengthened and supported the communities around each water point to manage the system and taking ownership of it. The Water User Associations have conducted various water campaigns in the community including proper management of the water points, hygiene, and water purification.



"We cannot accept a future where the rich are protected in air-conditioned bubbles, while the rest of humanity is lashed by lethal weather in unlivable lands"

Quote from the UN Secretary General's special address on Climate Action 2024

The Green School Programme

Under the ADSWAC Project, 20 schools (10 in Kavango East and 10 in Kavango West) were selected for the establishment of School Environmental Clubs. Each club registered 40 learners and one teacher to spearhead climate change awareness campaigns.

Throughout the year, learners and teachers from these schools implemented a range of environmental activities within their schools and surrounding communities. These activities included clean-up campaigns, tree-planting initiatives, the establishment of vegetable gardens, and the delivery of educational sessions on climate change.

To support these efforts, the project secured a donation of trees from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, which were planted during the commemoration of International Arbour Day. Learners engaged a range of stakeholders, including the constituency councillors and traditional leaders—to participate in the events and promote greater awareness of climate change issues.

Stakeholder Engagement

The ADSWAC Project successfully convened its third National Steering Committee meeting

to provide members with an update on implementation progress and to seek strategic guidance. Held in Rundu on 1–2 August 2024, the meeting also afforded committee members the opportunity to engage directly with community beneficiaries.

In addition to the national meeting, the project hosted Regional Steering Committee meetings to review implementation progress and gather further strategic input. These meetings brought together participants from both Angola and Namibia and were convened under the leadership of the Namibian Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. The first meeting was held in Windhoek in January, followed by a second meeting in Rundu in August, during which members also visited project communities.

Furthermore, DAPP facilitated a field visit by the technical team from the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), the implementing partner responsible to the Adaptation Fund, which is financing the project. The visit included meaningful engagements with members of producer organisations, water user associations, and local schools, thereby further strengthening stakeholder engagement at the grassroots level.



Education

“You have to get close to the thing you want to learn about; the closer you get, the more you learn”. This is one of our pedagogical principles

Education is a basic human right, the foundation for peace, and sustainable development

UNESCO

The Sustainable Development Goal number 4 is about education: Ensuring inclusive and equitable education and promotion of life-long learning opportunities for all

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

DAPP Namibia has established a special course for training Pre-school Teachers of the Future. During this two-year course, students are challenged to 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 who understand the importance of letting young children use their curiosity to explore and to learn through play.

The DAPP Private School was established in 1997 as a joint initiative from parents and

DAPP Namibia to contribute to giving children a solid foundation in primary and secondary education. Over the years, the school has delivered quality education and has inspired others by achieving high pass rates and satisfying 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 enable them to secure paid employment or become self-employed, and 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 running their own businesses, kindergarten teachers, farmers, and more.

DAPP Namibia will continue aiming to give every child the best start in life, providing a quality foundation in education and training young people in skills and attitudes relevant for creating a better tomorrow.



At the DAPP Vocational Training School theory and practice go hand in hand as an important method in the training

The DAPP Vocational Training School has a proud history. It was built by its own teachers and students during 1993-1996. Since then, the school has been training young people to such a level that around 2/3 of former students managed to get paid employment or created their own jobs in spite of the unemployment rates in the country being up to half of the job-seeking youth. The DAPP Vocational Training School is also instrumental in piloting new courses and new ways of training that inspire others.

The DAPP Vocational Training School students learn to make things happen. They learn new things linked to a specific skill and also broader life skills in theory and in practice, they understand better, and they take action. This process is becoming an important tool for them at the school and in the future. The students are in the driving seat of their own learning and their teachers are guiding them.

In 2024, students in agriculture learned how to produce food in the garden and the

fields using new methods that are useful in the face of global warming and climate change. They learned how to keep nature's balance when it comes to soil and water management, and the raising of animals. We talked about how best to fight off climate change, how to secure food, which is key for families and the world and how to make a living from agricultural production.

The school followed the courses in Horticulture and Crop Husbandry as guided by the Namibia Training Authority leading to a Certificate Level 2 after year 1 and a Certificate Level 3 after year 2. The courses are all accredited by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and registered with the Namibia Training Authority.

86 students were trained in Agriculture, Construction and ECD Teacher Training during 2024



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The qualification is registered on the Namibia Qualification Framework and is accredited by Namibia Qualification Authority.

After 2 years of training students will end up with a Diploma level 6, which qualifies them to work in ECD Centres/ kindergartens for 3–4-year-olds and to teach in pre-primary classes for 5–6-year-olds.

The teaching method is face-to-face with studies in smaller study groups supported by the teachers, courses provided by the teachers and experiences where students and teachers work together. The innovative programme consists of 4 semesters with a main focus and various subjects:

Semester 1: SO, WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT.
Getting into the works of another kind of school life and highlighting a travel period.

Semester 2: PRE-SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE.
Highlighting our first practice in kindergartens.

Semester 3: STAMPING OUR MARK IN THE COMMUNITY.

Highlighting our community actions.

Semester 4: STAMPING OUR MARK IN THE PRE-SCHOOL.

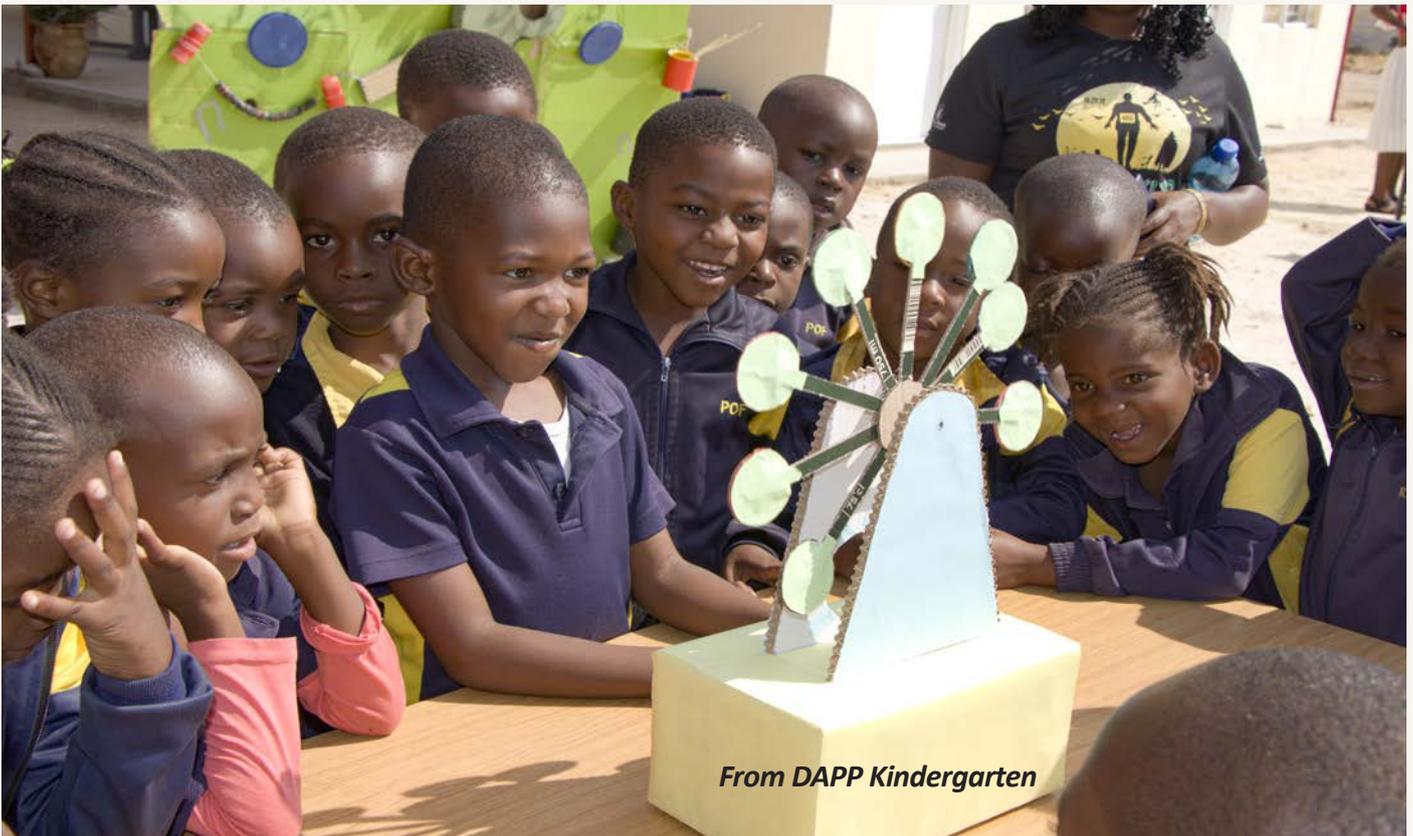
Highlighting our practice in pre-primary classes.

The following compulsory subjects form part of the training:

1. Child Development and Psychology.
2. Teaching Methodology.
3. Professional Practice and Ethics.
4. Values and Behaviours.
5. English Language and Communication.
6. Information and Communication Technology.
7. Management and Administration.
8. Nutrition, Health and Safety.
9. Community Development.
10. Namibia – Our Country.
11. Africa, History and Future.
12. World Challenges.

Elective subject: Mother Tongue.

35 students were enrolled in the programme in 2024



**“Give every child the best start in life” is our aim,
and learning through play is our method for the young ones**

GET GOING, MY CHILD. THE WORLD IS WAITING.



*I, the child, see a human being in the mirror I do not see a child
I see a house and a road and a car and a tree and a school and a
teacher and a computer and a signpost and a father and the sun and
the moon and I hear the rain and I smell the springtime and I listen to
the music and I am a human being and that is what I see in the mirror
I am waiting for tomorrow because today is for children and tomorrow
for human beings.*

*My place is right beside you and not outside
Waiting for that door to be unlocked by someone unknown
My place is inside the womb of the future. The future is pregnant with
me. When I shall be born the New World Symphony Orchestra will play
for 8 minutes or exactly the time it took me to come to this planet from
my birthplace the sun.*

Quoted from the Programme book for Pre-school teachers Of the Future



DAPP Private School - Grade 1-10 (Grade 11 in 2025)

10 km east of Outapi town along the Oshakati - Ruacana main road you will find the DAPP Private School surrounded by mopane and neem trees. On the road, you might also meet our school bus full of learners moving to and from school in 3 groups in the morning as well as in the afternoons.

The school was started in 1997 as a result of a true community initiative where parents and DAPP Namibia joined hands to construct the school buildings. Since then, the school with its committed teachers and leadership has led learners to achieve good academic results and it has been a training ground for many teachers to advance to head of department and principal positions elsewhere.

In the 2024 school year, the teachers and learners focused on the learning in the different grades according to the curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education, Art and Culture.

Besides the daily activities, the learners participated in different special events together with other schools, such as, the Science Fair Competition, the Spelling Bee Competition, and the Mathematics Olympiad. The learners from DAPP Private School positioned themselves well, and these events inspired and motivated

learners to make extra efforts.

The learners in grade 9 enjoyed their school tour to the coastal towns and to Windhoek and had many new and unforgettable experiences, that helped them to understand history, geography and other topics better.

Grade 3-4 learners, visited Etosha National Park and were amazed to see many wild animals close up.

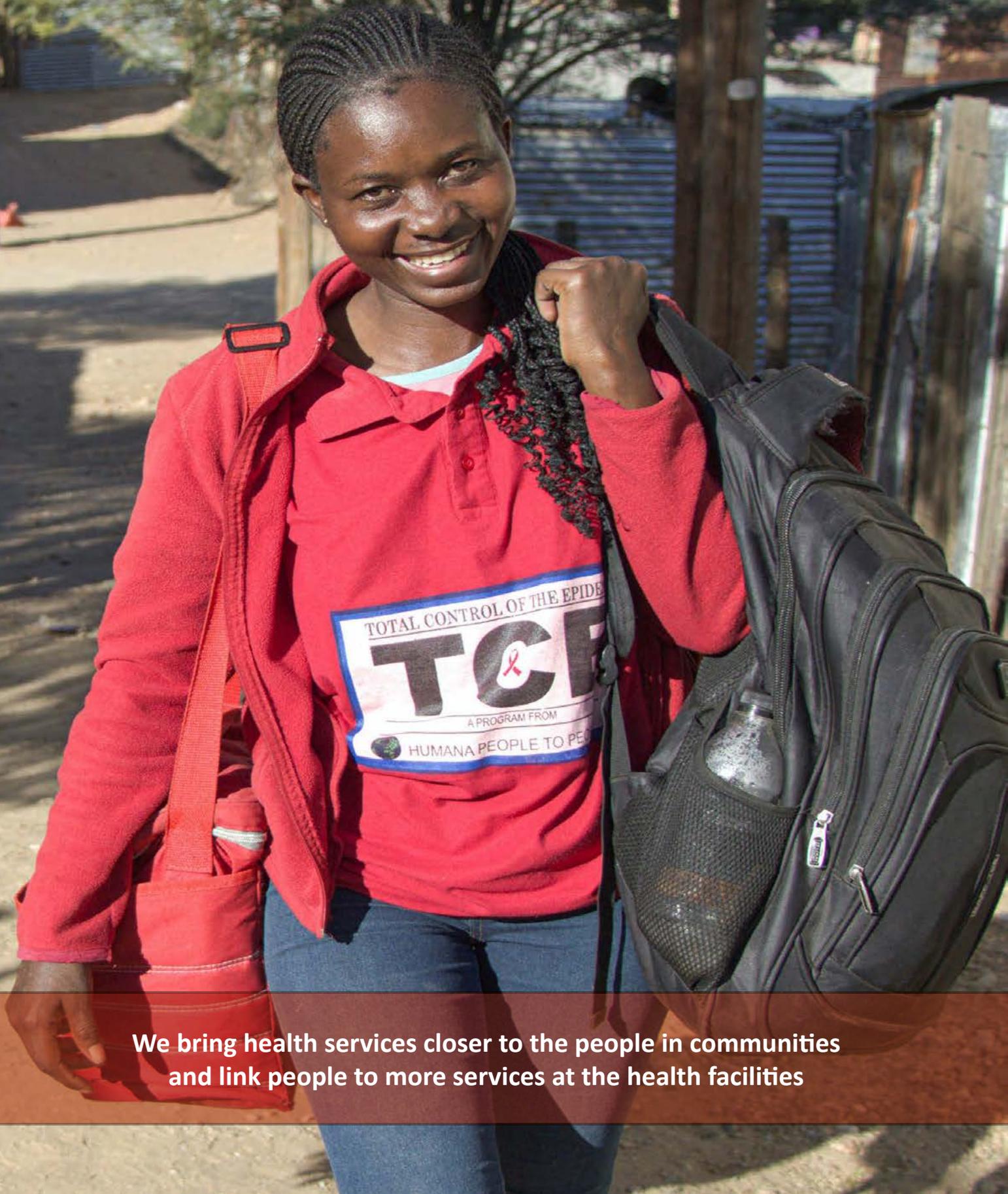
The school also hosted sporting events for netball and soccer tournaments and participated in those they were invited to.

Parents came for several meetings at the school and initiated fundraising for a new school hall to be constructed in the future.



331 learners studied in grade 1-10 and the school reached an overall pass rate of 84%

Health



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

Well informed people can take good health decisions

DAPP Namibia has more than three decades of experience working with people in communities on health matters to know better, understand better and then take action

DAPP Namibia has a long-term commitment to, and extensive experience in, implementing public health projects with a focus on community ownership of programme implementation and results. DAPP Namibia works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services to support the achievement of national development goals. DAPP is collaborating with the ministry to deliver impactful programming at all levels of implementation: national, regional, health facility, and, most importantly, with individuals and groups within communities.

To implement public health projects, DAPP receives funding from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), Humana People to People partners, and the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

In 2024, the public health programming implemented by DAPP Namibia included:

- The Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) project,

delivering comprehensive community- and health facility-level HIV and TB prevention, testing, treatment adherence, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission services across 11 regions.

- The FRIENDS Project (Field-based Retention Intervention through Enhanced DSD Services project), providing adherence and retention services to HIV-positive individuals in three regions.

- A malaria awareness, prevention, testing, treatment, and disease surveillance programme implemented across five northern regions, where malaria remains most prevalent.

DAPP Namibia also implemented cross-cutting programmes delivering health education and promoting actions to enhance family and individual health, food security, nutrition, and household-level resilience, thereby improving the health and wellbeing of families.

Through the combined impact of its programme activities, DAPP Namibia made a purposeful and significant contribution towards mitigating the public health challenges faced by Namibians in 2024.

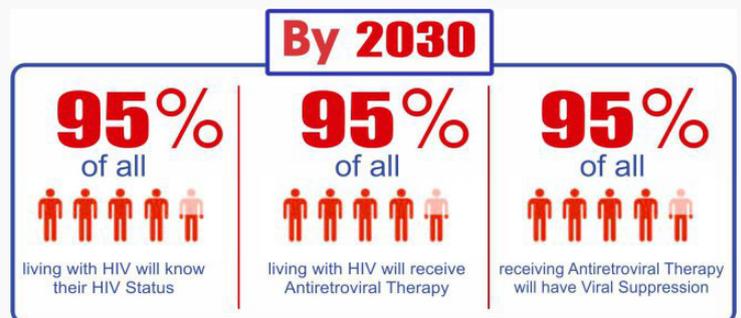


TCE- Total Control of the HIV Epidemic and elimination of TB - is what we are aiming for

TCE is short for “Total Control of the Epidemic”. The name is the aim. DAPP Namibia began implementing the TCE Programme in 2005 in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services and supported by CDC (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention).

TCE field officers deliver HIV and TB services in communities. Over the years, the TCE approach has continuously evolved to meet the main challenges in dealing with the epidemic; and always with the slogan in mind that **“Only the people can liberate themselves from HIV/AIDS the epidemic. The rest of us can only participate”**.

Namibia is moving towards achieving sustainable epidemic control. This is done in line with the UNAIDS strategy of the 95-95-95 targets, which calls for 95% of people living with HIV to know their HIV status, 95% of people with diagnosed HIV infection to receive sustained antiretroviral therapy, and 95% of people receiving antiretroviral therapy to have achieved suppression of the HIV.



By November 2024 Namibia achieved 93-95-98, meaning the country has progressed well on the path towards achieving sustainable epidemic control, a process which the TCE programme actively contributed to by implementing evidence-based programme activities along the entirety of the HIV testing and treatment cascade.

In 2024, the TCE programme supported 3884 Mother - Baby pairs to secure HIV-negative babies.



MenStar – Improving men’s health and preventing new HIV infections

The MenStar Programme aims to break the cycle of HIV transmission and improve treatment adherence to support viral load suppression amongst men living with HIV.

MenStar is a coaching model that works with HIV-positive men, who are established (virally suppressed) and successful in their treatment adherence to coach other HIV-positive men.

MenStar is an important innovation to help Namibia achieve a sustainable epidemic control because men have lower HIV treatment retention rates than women resulting in lower viral load suppression rates amongst men and less knowledge of HIV risk factors.

The MenStar coaches specifically target men with treatment interruption, men who are newly diagnosed HIV-positive and men identified with low viral load suppression. Coaches provide these men with enhanced support to prevent treatment interruption, promote treatment and commitment to medication and ultimately achieve viral load suppression.

Men enrolled in the MenStar programme are supported until they can stand on their own and commit to taking their treatment every day.

Listen to a man supported by a MenStar coach: *“I was very sick and bedridden for some months at home without taking treatment. My family failed to convince me to go to the health facility since I didn’t disclose my HIV status. I opted not to continue taking my medication since it was finished. It was painful having to deal with the illness at home until I was approached by a man who appeared very friendly and asked to speak to me in private. Without hesitating, I opened up to the coach after he had shared his HIV journey with me. I was afraid to go to the health facility because I missed taking treatment for a long time. The coach managed to take away my fears and accompanied me to the facility where I was attended to immediately without standing in any queue. I would like to thank the MenStar Coach for the intervention he made in my life. As of now, I am able to go on my own and access care and treatment. I have also inspired a few other men who had similar fears.”*



In the TRIO and in the Community Adherence Group (CAG) we are not alone - being HIV positive

The TCE Programme

In 2024, the TCE programme employed 350 community health workers who delivered community-level HIV and TB services throughout the entire treatment cascade in 11 regions of Namibia. The TCE programme worked with individuals and groups in communities to deliver a wide range of HIV and TB services in direct support of the Government's objective to achieve sustainable epidemic control.

The TCE programme worked in close cooperation with Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) staff at health facilities to deliver community-level HIV and TB prevention, testing, treatment, and retention in treatment services.

Specific services delivered by the TCE programme included:

- HIV testing services with linkage to care and treatment for those diagnosed HIV-positive, and linkage to preventative services for those who are HIV negative.
- HIV adherence and retention support to people living with HIV including the TRIO support system and Community Adherence Groups.
- The MenStar peer support model, which promotes adherence to treatment among HIV-positive men.
- Mother-baby pair follow-ups of HIV-positive pregnant and nursing women to ensure that HIV is not transmitted to their babies.

- Antenatal care linkage and adherence support follow-ups for pregnant women.
- Community tracing and treatment reengagement of people who interrupted their HIV treatment.
- Cervical cancer screening referrals of HIV-positive women.
- TB screening for treatment linkage and adherence programming and TB preventative therapy.
- Demand generation, referrals and linkage to other complementary services offered by the MoHSS.

Through its direct programme service delivery and alignment with other services offered by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the TCE programme delivered a holistic package of services to help HIV-negative people remain HIV-negative and to help HIV-positive people remain healthy in direct support of Namibia's goal to achieve sustainable epidemic control.

In 2024:

TCE traced and re-engaged 25,613 people in lifesaving treatment

TCE enrolled 22,583 people in Community Adherence Groups (CAGs) for supporting adherence to treatment



Community health workers are there to support the people with health education as well as test and treat for malaria in the communities

Namibia is in a malaria pre-elimination phase, however, despite this achievement malaria remains a significant public health challenge with the most at-risk groups for malaria being children under the age of five, pregnant women, people living in hard-to-reach areas, nomadic groups and those who live in border areas. In Namibia, more than half of the total population is at risk of contracting malaria.

The DAPP Namibia malaria programme works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services National Vector-borne Disease Control Program, which is supported by the Global Fund to fight HIV, TB and Malaria.

Implementation is focussed in five malaria endemic regions; Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, and Omusati.

The DAPP Namibia malaria programme employs 100 community health workers to deliver malaria health services at the community and household levels, including:

- Building malaria prevention knowledge at the community, household, and individual levels.
- Testing individuals for malaria infection.
- Treating individuals diagnosed with uncomplicated malaria in the community where they live.
- Referring and linking malaria cases requiring clinical intervention to health facilities.

DAPP Namibia's malaria programme makes a significant contribution to national malaria control objectives through the delivery of community-based services to prevent, diagnose, and treat malaria, helping to save the lives of many Namibians each year.

In 2024 the DAPP malaria programme reached more than 200,000 people with malaria services.

Community Development

A photograph of an elderly woman with a joyful expression, wearing a colorful patterned headscarf and a grey jacket with a fur collar. She is holding a large, vibrant bunch of fresh green leafy vegetables, likely chard or spinach, in her right hand. The background consists of a blue corrugated metal wall and some green foliage under a clear blue sky.

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

"Child Aid" is our concept for families and communities working together to improve their livelihoods

Working with
up to 10 lines
of activities
in an integrated
approach to
development

DAPP Namibia has been working with families through its "Child Aid" projects for many years, sometimes implementing all 10 lines of activities and, at other times, focusing on fewer lines depending on needs and available funding.

The 10 lines of activities are:

1. Strengthening the family economy
2. Health and hygiene
3. Pre-schools
4. Children active in society
5. Children without parents
6. Education
7. Regional development
8. The environment
9. No more malaria
10. Better nutrition

"Child Aid" supports children, parents, and the wider community to work together to improve living conditions for children. It aims to create opportunities not only for survival but also for the full development of each child's potential. The programme places control of development processes and

decision-making directly in the hands of the people involved.

The main structure used in "Child Aid" is the Village Action Group. In these groups, people identify challenges, engage in discussions, plan collective tasks, gain new knowledge, and find and implement solutions together. Through their shared activities, the groups improve life in many ways: they ensure food security, promote good health, solve basic water and sanitation issues, enhance educational opportunities, and organise care for children in difficult circumstances.

Local savings and lending clubs are also established to support family economies. Additionally, the Village Action Groups build connections with health clinics, local councils, and schools, ensuring that community voices are heard and considered.

The project leader, who lives and works as an integral part of the community, plays a key role in making all this possible.



Children will not be stunted, when each family is well informed and growing vegetables and fruit trees at their own homes

In northern Namibia it is normal that families have mahangu or maize fields, including growing beans, pumpkins, and other crops. However, many households do not have vegetable gardens and will therefore often miss vitamins in their daily meals. This leads to Namibia having a high rate of stunting among children. The nutrition and family gardening project aims at educating families on what good nutrition is, by making use of available resources in the village. The project further promotes that each family establish a backyard garden with vegetables.

In 2024, project facilitators trained in agriculture at the DAPP Vocational Training School supported 175 families to establish vegetable gardens, make compost to improve the soil, do companion planting of tomatoes, spinach, peppers, kale, onions, etc. to avoid pests, participate in nutrition education, and more. The gardens were established in the Omahalya, Oshikweyo, and Omatelekelo villages in the Anamulenge and Ogongo

constituencies. The project also educated the family members on planting trees for multiple benefits, such as fruit trees, moringa trees, neem trees, etc. Each participating family received seeds and garden tools, and will be expected to take ownership of the activities moving forward. This initiative aims not only to enhance food security but also to foster a sense of community and sustainable practices among the villagers. By empowering families with the knowledge and resources needed for gardening, the project encourages self-sufficiency and a deeper connection to their environment.

The Capricorn Foundation's support made this project possible. The foundation's commitment to community development has sparked enthusiasm among the participants, who are eager to learn and share their experiences. As they cultivate their gardens, they will also have opportunities to exchange ideas and collaborate on sustainable practices, further strengthening their bonds and improving overall well-being.



Nutrition education and community gardening help families grow vegetables and fruits for improved health and income

Based on a successful implementation of growing vegetables in food circles with families in the Ohangwena region in the past year, a group of 30 community members with DAPP made an application to the partner British High Commission to continue to support an expansion of the project to include a community garden.

This initiative came about because the area has an earth dam that carries water year-round. Funds were provided to fence off half a hectare of land made available by the traditional authority and for procuring a solar-powered water pump to bring water from the earth dam to the community garden.

The families were further trained in compost making, in good gardening practices such as making compost to improve the soil, companion planting, which vegetables to grow at each season, the importance of mulching, how to control pests and more. Training in good nutrition also formed part of the project, where the facilitator was making use of materials provided by NAFSAN (Nutrition

and Food Security Alliance of Namibia). The project facilitator also worked with the families to assist them in getting well organised by formulating their own rules, selecting their chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

In the Omusati region, at the DAPP centre another community garden was established where neighbours were invited to participate. A solar-powered water pump draws water from the open canal to a water tank in the garden area. The infrastructure for this community garden was made possible with funds from the City of Vienna and Humana People to People Austria.



Accountability and Transparency

DAPP Namibia is registered as an Association Not for Gain and is guided by its objectives, its memorandum of articles (constitution) and the laws of Namibia.

DAPP Namibia’s Annual General Meeting has elected a Board of Directors to oversee the operations of the Association and hired a Managing Director / Country Director to lead the day-to-day activities of the association.

External financial audits are carried out annually to international standards by BDO Namibia. Since 1990, DAPP Namibia has received clean annual financial audits.

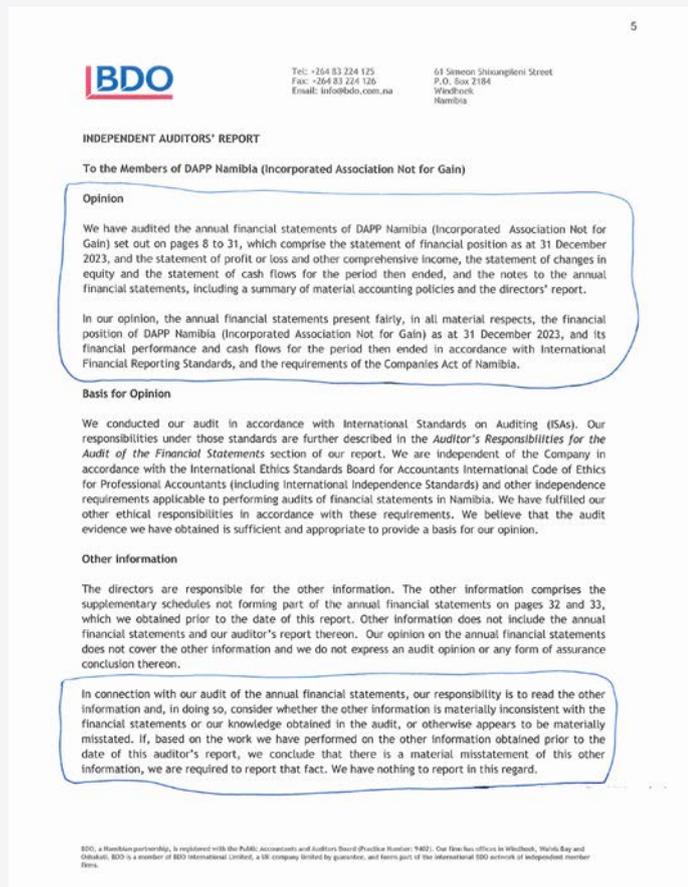
The latest Affirmative Action Certificate from the Equity Commission was a grade A certificate.

DAPP Namibia has been certified through an external audit by ACPO SA of Switzerland for governance policies and procedures and their implementation, using the NGO Governance Benchmark by NGB Governance Standard SA of Geneva, Switzerland.

The standard was developed by Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) to provide non-governmental organisations with a management tool dedicated to highlighting their key strengths and weaknesses in their functioning. It targets three objectives:
 1) show evidence of accountability,
 2) strengthen trust concerning their donors,
 3) highlight areas of improvement to foster operational efficiency.



Latest Independent Auditor’s Report



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 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 who benefit from our projects.

We are looking forward to continuing to work toward bringing about positive change and development with you and more partners in the future.



Sources of Income and Expenditure 2024

DAPP Namibia in 2024 raised income to a total value of N\$ 115,280,864 and invested that amount into development projects.

Sources of Income		Expenses divided into types of projects	
International Development Partners	91%	Health Projects	80%
National Development Partners incl. government	5%	Education Projects	10%
Parents’ school fees	4%	Community Development and Climate Change Action	10%
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	100%

Quotes from letters of recommendation written by stakeholders

Mr Robert T. Nandjila, Regional Director, Ohangwena Region:

...”3. DAPP/TCE in recent MOU and collaborations with the MoHSS, they have accomplished several activities and programs that included implementation of Index Contact Testing (ICT) program, Implementation of Index Contact Tracing, Linkage to Care of HIV positive clients, and referral to relevant care like PrEP, Treatment and to health promotion services.

4. DAPP/TCE staffs are also been supporting the MoHSS in Baby Mother Follow up Care programme, TB health education, screening and referral, provision of malaria awareness and health promotion and screening/ testing and treatment of uncomplicated malaria, while referring the complicated cases to the hospitals.

5. DAPP/TCE also supported the implementation and scaling up of MenStar Coaching programme in the region, and it’s well implemented. They also helped the MoHSS in capacity development of health care workers

6. The directorate of Ohangwena as well as the Division of Special Programs are happy and satisfied with the support and service deliveries conducted by DAPP/TCE in the region.

7. The region has won several awards and trophies in the different national events like national events like national abstracts presentation conference, learning session’s winners’ awards as well regional best performer’s award just because DAPP/TCE has contributed immensely towards these achievements...”



Mrs Shiyave A. A., Sister in Charge, Shinyungwe Clinic, Kavango East:

...” This programme has relieved the work load of the facility through test and treat for + - 4 years. DAPP malaria has made a significant relief in the fight against malaria pandemic in our area through test and treat programme and giving health education at the facility and in the community on what is malaria, sign and symptom of malaria, how is malaria spread and prevention of malaria. We highly recommend DAPP Malaria to continue with its programme, in order to fight malaria pandemic in our area to reach the MoHSS goal of zero malaria. They (DAPP) are also doing a great job in reducing unemployment rate in the district and country a the large...”

Mr Gebhardo Timotheus, Regional Health Director, Otjozondjupa region:

...” Tsumkwe Constituency is the Epi Center of Drug Resistance TB and susceptible TB in the country. DAPP-TCE at Tsumkwe constituency has engaged on TB prevention, TB case Findings, TB sensitization sessions, Sputum Collection, Direct Observe Treatment, Distribution of food and TB medications, Tracing and Re-engagement of TB interrupters. This office is hereby acknowledging DAPP-TCE for excellent work done towards TB elimination control particularly in Tsumkwe constituency. Hence this office is strongly recommending DAPP-TCE to continue its operation in the region.”



Ms Magano Shivute, DSP Nurse, Oshikuku District Hospital, Oshikuku District:

...” Their (DAPP) support has been contributory in addressing critical challenges, particularly in the context of HIV prevention, treatment, and support within our human resource-constrained setting. The TCE team has highly contributed to the improvement of: HIV Case management: Their assistance with HIV testing at facilities with no health assistants, ICT, patient enrolment, treatment adherence support, and tracing of PLHIV has significantly improved linkage to care, a vital service our district struggles to sustain due to staff shortages.

Operational Support: The team actively aids in daily facility activities such as provision of daily health education, patient escort to different settings, Patient Care Booklets (PCBs) transitioning, organizing patient PCBs and results, and maintaining patient orderliness in the facility. Community Outreach: Their community meetings, home visits, Community Adherence Groups (CAGs) enrolments, and outreach services participation initiatives, effectively complement our facility’s efforts. And HIV testing often acting on behalf of our staff to mitigate shortages. I can not entirely include all their recognition and contribution in one letter but the team presence has contributed to the improvement of most of the HIV indicators at our district and is fully participating in the quality improvement projects in our facilities. Their continued partnership is essential to sustaining progress in combating the HIV epidemic.”

Important Events

Visit from UFF in Norway

A team of five visitors from UFF (DAPP) in Norway visited the DAPP projects and explained, “We collect second-hand clothes, sort them and sell some of them in UFF shops in Oslo and other towns. The profit is donated to development work. We are very happy to partner with DAPP in Namibia. Thank you for your great hospitality. We were really touched. After having visited your projects, we are surprised in a positive way about how big a difference our donations are making for the people in Namibia. We will go back to Norway more motivated than before to earn money from our second-hand clothes business.”



From the visit by a Team of five from UFF (DAPP) Norway

Ten Namibians provided with scholarships from DAPP

Every year DAPP Namibia provides scholarships for a number of DAPP Namibia employees and some students who have completed their studies with DAPP Vocational Training School. They study management at Frontline Institute in Zimbabwe. The idea of the training is to learn to be on the frontline of development and fight against dehumanising phenomena such as poverty, illiteracy and diseases, fighting off global warming and climate change through practical actions. The training is provided for one year.



DAPP Board of Directors with the students at Frontline Institute



From the celebration of the successful Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Programme

Celebration of the successful Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission Programme PMTCT

The Ministry of Health and Social Services held an event to celebrate all health workers who contributed to achieving certification from WHO of Namibia’s path towards elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and hepatitis B virus. 98.5% of all babies born to HIV-positive mothers in Namibia were found to be HIV-free. This is a significant milestone in the country’s effort to eliminate mother-to-child transmission. DAPP Namibia, with its TCE field officers, is proud to be part of this effort through the mother-baby follow-up programme.



From the launch of ERASMUS+ project in Windhoek

Launch of the ERASMUS+ project in Namibia

On the 19th of March 2024, stakeholders met in Windhoek for the launch of the EU and DAPP Namibia-funded ERASMUS+ project named Strengthening the Agricultural Sector through Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (SAS.ATVET) project.

The implementers of the project will, during three years, develop training materials and methods for the National Vocational Certificate in Agriculture Level 4 and the National Vocational Diploma in Farm Management Level 5 and pilot the courses in cooperation with the Namibia Training Authority. The consortium partners are Foundation Humana Spain, Deutsches Institute für Tropische Landwirtschaft (DITSL), Germany, Nevsehir Haci Bektas Veli University (NEVU), Türkiye, DAPP Vocational Training School and other training providers, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Namibia Employers Federation (NEF/GAN).



Humana People to People

We protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, unleashing their potential for positive change and action

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

“We protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, 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, training in project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The members from Europe and the United States collect, sort and sell secondhand clothes in commercial businesses, first for use directly with the next person and then for recycling into other products. This saves the planet from CO₂ emissions, freshwater use, chemicals and all the other polluting elements of the textile and garment industry. At the same time, the profit from these businesses is donated to development work in the global south. This leaves a scenario in simple terms where those who have more than they need to give to those who have less than what they need.

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 are working in countries marked in dark green



Humana People to People International Headquarters in Shamva, Zimbabwe

DAPP Namibia in brief



From DAPP Vocational Training School

DAPP is short for Development Aid from People to People

Legal status: DAPP Namibia has been registered as an Incorporated Association Not for Gain (21/90/045) since 1990 and as a Welfare Organisation (WO85) since 1992.

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

History: DAPP Namibia grew out of the anti-apartheid movement and started development activities as a Namibian organisation based in the Omusati regions 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 nurseries with tree planting actions in communities. DAPP Namibia provided good quality secondhand clothes in the DAPP Shops, which also raised funds for other development activities such as health education and actions to build latrines and make home improvements with families in rural homesteads. We started HOPE activities when HIV/AIDS was hardly known and worked with children in school environmental clubs and HOPE Youth Clubs. All that and much more is now part of DAPP's history.

Today DAPP Namibia takes pride in continuing to engage with others in the people-to-people way in sectors such as Health, Education, Community Development and Climate Change Action. DAPP Namibia has the capacity to work all over Namibia and we always work in line with and in support of the government's development plans.

Together we can do more!

Be a partner in development with DAPP Namibia



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