# DAPP Namibia Development Aid from People to People



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# **Welcome Remarks**



In 2022, we, in Namibia as in many other countries in the world, were all relieved and happy to come out of the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic with all its restrictions, illness and tragic deaths. So many people and areas of the economy of the countries

were affected by the pandemic and so many lost their livelihoods. Now it was time to pick up and re-build. Likewise for DAPP Namibia. We managed to get through the pandemic together with all our staff members, for which we are grateful and we kept our projects operating. However, new challenges emerged all over the world as a consequence of the war in Ukraine.

In spite of the economic challenges, we could again focus on improving the quality and expansion of our development efforts. With so many young people without employment we were proud to be able to increase our activities and hire more staff. We were able to make a contribution to keeping people employed in meaningful work and earning a decent living. DAPP Namibia reached more than 800 staff members in 2022.

With valuable support from many of our partners we continued our work toward reaching total control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic as well as TB and moved toward elimination of malaria in full collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Services. At our schools we picked up all activities again and were happy to meet children in the classrooms and the youth in the workshops and gardening areas. Practice periods at work places were again part of the students' solid training and learners were enlightened through school tours.

In the area of climate change action, we welcomed a new agreement to execute a cross border project with ADPP Angola, our sister organisation. Here we will work with farmer families and schools on both sides of the Kavango river to build resilience against the bad effects of climate change – all in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and other stakeholders. We are looking forward to fully execute activities in this project in 2023.

Along with our partners and communities where we work, we are committed to striving towards the sustainable development goals, creating lasting positive change in the process. We want to express our sincere thank you to all our committed staff members and to our funding partners and collaborative stakeholders. Without you we would not be able to make a difference in so many people's lives.

Rusten Molle Joursen

Kirsten Moeller Jensen Managing Director



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

# Where we work





# 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 in working with people in communities on health matters to know better, to understand better and then to take action

**DAPP** Namibia has long-term commitment and experience in implementing public health projects focusing 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 working with the ministry to deliver impactful programming at all levels of implementation; national, regional, health facility, and most importantly with individuals and groups in communities.

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

In 2022 the public health programming implemented by DAPP Namibia included:

The Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) project

to deliver comprehensive community and health facilitylevel HIV and TB prevention, testing, treatment adherence, and prevention of mother to child transmission services in all 14 regions.

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

The Malaria awareness, prevention, test and treat, and disease surveillance programme implemented in five northern regions, where malaria is most dominant.

DAPP Namibia also implemented cross-cutting programming to deliver health education and actions to promote family and individual health, food security, nutrition, and household-level resilience to improve the health and wellbeing of families.

Through the combined effects of its programme activities, DAPP Namibia made a purposeful and significant impact to help mitigate the public health challenges faced by Namibians in 2022.



The TCE programme promotes the concept that only the people can liberate themselves from HIV/AIDS, the epidemic. The programme employs TCE field officers who work with people in their communities on HIV and TB prevention, testing, treatment, and adherence to treatment. In doing so, the TCE programme works with the Ministry of Health and Social Services towards achievement of the UNAIDS 95-95-95 Strategy to achieve epidemic control in Namibia.



Working with more than 500 field officers in the catchment areas of 259 health facilities across Namibia, the TCE programme provides HIV testing services in communities with linkage to care and treatment for those diagnosed as HIV positive and linkage to prevention services for those who are HIV negative. The TCE field officers support people who are HIV positive with adherence to treatment and when some people miss appointments or stop taking their ARV medication the field officers will trace them in the communities and link them back to care and treatment. With adherence to treatment, the HIV positive person's viral load becomes suppressed, which eliminates the chances of passing HIV to other people while at the same time promoting the person's good health.

People who test HIV negative are referred and linked by the field officers to other services offered by the Ministry of Health and Social Services such as voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and antenatal care (ANC) for pregnant women and their babies.

Through its direct programme services delivery and alignment with complimentary services offered by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the TCE programme delivers a total package of services to help HIV negative people to remain HIV negative and to help HIV positive people to live a longer and healthier life.

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"Total Control of the HIV epidemic and elimination of TB is what we are aiming at. We make use of the slogan: "Only the people can liberate themselves from HIV/AIDS; the rest of us can only participate".

In Namibia HIV/TB co-infection is a major cause of premature deaths among people living with HIV. TB can be cured and therefore it is important for all people who have symptoms of TB to be linked to testing and treatment at a health facility fast in order to receive treatment and stop TB from infecting more people.

TCE field officers provid TB screening in the community and linkage to treatment services to both HIV positive and negative people. All people who receive HIV positive test results are screened for TB along with their family members and other contacts. HIV positive people who have temporarily stopped their HIV treatment are screened for TB.

Pregnant women in the Ante Natal Care programme and in the Prevention of Motherto-Child HIV Transmission programme are screened for TB along with their biological children. The TCE field officers also conduct TB screening of community contacts of known TB positive persons.

In addition to TB screening services, the TCE programme also supports the Ministry of Health and Social Services, who provides TB preventative therapy (TPT) to at-risk HIV positive people. The TPT medication is to prevent HIV positive people from getting TB.

The TCE field officers supports this important initiative by being in regular contact with those who receive the TPT for 3 months to adhere to the medication and to be monitored for potential adverse effects.

> In 2022, the TCE programme screened 8,258 individuals for TB and supported 2,298 people living with HIV to successfully complete their TPT treatment.

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Justina Shikomba, TCE field officer with Konstasia Shigwedha and her child

### A graduation ceremony with a difference: Celebrating the success of keeping babies HIV-free

Article published by the US Embassy, Windhoek, 1st March 2023

Smiling and singing, a group of mothers in the Oshana region are celebrating the graduation of their children. But this is no ordinary graduation. All the mothers are living with HIV, and the graduating children are just 18 months old. By taking their antiretroviral medicine consistently and correctly, the mothers have kept their infants HIV-free during pregnancy, birth, and breastfeeding for 18 months.

The graduation ceremony is organized by local civil society organization, Development Aid from People to People (DAPP), a partner organization funded by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Namibia (CDC). DAPP works with communities across Namibia to support HIV positive pregnant and breastfeeding women to ensure that the virus is not passed from mother to child. DAPP holds ceremonies like this one with all the communities they support.

"Stopping the transmission of HIV from mother to child is critical; no infant or young child should acquire HIV when we have universally accessible medicines to prevent this from happening," says CDC Namibia Country Director, Dr. Brian Baker. "Celebrating the fact that these children are HIV free at 18 months is something very special.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Social Services, and through the support from PEPFAR, the children's lives have been changed for the better. These ceremonies are powerful testimonials to the resiliency of these women and the support provided by the program to eliminate mother to child transmission of HIV." We want to see all babies born free from HIV, so we join hands: the mother - baby, the TCE field officer, the health worker; and follow the advice and systems put in place for that purpose.

The journey of pregnancy and motherhood is often a complex mix of joys and challenges for any woman, but to live with HIV can make it harder. Even though good adherence to HIV treatment is effective in reducing the risk of mother to child transmission of HIV, the fear that your baby could become infected is still a heavy burden. Many people in Namibia face challenges such as poverty, unemployment, and food insecurity. These pressures are just some of the reasons mothers living with HIV stop taking their medication. Some may not have the money to travel to their clinic for a medication refill, while for others, lack of job flexibility forces them to skip clinic visits. Other challenges are domestic violence, long distances to the local clinic and fear of stigma.

The first critical step to the 18 monthmilestone is ensuring that pregnant women know their HIV status. With support from CDC and other partners, the MoHSS has ensured that 99% of pregnant women in Namibia know their HIV status. This is where the pregnancy care and support package offered by DAPP starts as it involves regular follow-up visits by community health workers. If a pregnant woman misses an appointment at the clinic, the community health worker goes into the community to find her and help her return to care. The results of this personalized support are overwhelming.

"I am happy because DAPP field officers are always reminding me of our appointment dates. Without them I could not be up to date with my clinic follow-up dates because I sometimes have so much work to do which can make me forget. The field officers visit my house to see how the baby is and they always have a discussion with me. I am happy for the information I get. It is helpng me to keep my child free from the virus", says Konstasia, one of the mothers supported by the program.

Nine years ago, more than 13% of HIVpositive mothers in Namibia passed HIV to their children during pregnancy, delivery and breastfeeding. Today, less than 5% of HIVpositive mothers pass HIV to their children. This reduction of nearly two-thirds has changed the lives of Namibian children. It has been through the dedicated partnership between the governments of the United States and Namibia as well as organisations like DAPP, providing support to HIV-positive mothers, that children are able to remain HIV-free.

"Each time we have a graduation ceremony I am reminded of the journey we all walk together. From PEPFAR support through CDC, we can assist the Ministry of Health and Social Services to end HIV in Namibia. Today, children are growing up HIV-free. There is no better achievement than this", concludes DAPP Director, Kirsten Moller Jensen.

The TCE programme works with HIVpositive pregnant women, and nursing mothers to prevent HIV transmission to their babies. In 2022 The TCE programme worked with 3,152 mother-baby pairs, 100% of the babies born to HIV-positive mothers turned out HIV- negative at 18-months of age.

In 2022, the TCE programme identified 4,532 pregnant women in rural communities and successfully linked them to antenatal care at health facilities to improve the health of the women during pregnancy and the health of their babies.

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## In the TRIO and in the Community Adherence Group (CAG) we are not alone



A critical component to reaching HIV epidemic control is the treatment adherence and viral load suppression by people living with HIV (the 3rd 95). For different reasons an HIV positive person may be challenged to maintain adherence to HIV treatment. When this happens, the person living with HIV can put their own health at risk and may also newly infect others with the HIV virus.

The TCE field officers work closely with the Ministry of Health and Social Services staff at health facilities to identify, trace and re-engage in the treatment of the HIV positive people who have interrupted their ARV treatment. Once re-engaged in treatment, TCE field officers assist the people to enrol in a support group such as a TRIO or a Community Adherence Group (CAG).

In 2022, the TCE programme successfully traced 15,437 people who interrupted their treatment and reengaged them in ARV treatment with a 98% success rate. The TCE field officers also help newly diagnosed HIV positive people to adhere to treatment by organizing TRIO adherence support groups. A TRIO consists of three people: one on treatment and two treatment supporters.

In 2022, the TCE field officers enrolled 4,564 HIV positive people in a TRIO support group to actively assist their adherence to life-saving ARV treatment. After six months in a TRIO and proof of good adherence to ARV treatment measured by viral load suppression, the person can enrol in a Community Adherence Group.

The TCE field officers facilitated the enrolment of 2,897 people in Community Adherence Groups (CAGs) as well as training and monitoring of the groups.

A CAG is a group of people living with HIV who come together regularly to actively support each other's adherence to HIV treatment. In the group they decide on one member to pick up ARV medication at a health facility for all the members. The one picking up the ARV medication needs to bring the health passports of all CAG members for correct recording and distribution. The CAG members appreciate the initiative as a forum for discussion, better understanding and problem-solving in relation to their dealing with HIV matters, and above all, it saves them time from being in a queue at the health facility and spending transport money to go to the health facility to pick medication.

The CAG system is a key component of the Ministry of Health and Social Services' differentiated service delivery model to meet the treatment needs of HIV-positive people in a convenient and efficient way. It also reduces the pressure on the health facility staff.



We are moving towards the elimination of malaria in Namibia, but there is more work to do. "Zero malaria starts with me"; so, avoid mosquito bites, let the spraying team spray your house, seek treatment fast if you have symptoms of malaria for your own sake and for the sake of others.

"We are in Omundaungilo village in the Ohangwena region and the 13-year-old Johannes tells his story: "I was not feeling well; I had a slight headache and was feeling dizzy. Then I remembered from a malaria session at school, that if you have such symptoms, it might be malaria. I asked my sister to call our DAPP community health worker to come to our house. I was nervous and not really ready to get a test, but the community health worker explained to me that a test was the only way to find out if I had malaria.

I then agreed to get the test right there and then in my house and it showed that I had malaria. I was worried that I had to go to the hospital for treatment the next day, but to my surprise the community health worker gave me the pills for treatment on the spot. After a few days I was feeling fine again. I would like to appreciate the DAPP Community Health Worker for bringing health services to our community. We no longer have to walk a long distance and pay for transport to reach the hospital, where you will be in a long queue".

The DAPP Malaria programme is active in Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West,

Ohangwena and Omusati regions and works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services and with support from the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

The programme works with 100 Community Health Workers who educate the people on what they can do to prevent malaria, what the symptoms are and the importance of seeking help fast. This work is taking place in homesteads, at community meetings, in schools and at health facilities. The community health workers are also trained by the ministry to perform malaria tests and offer the treatment in the communities, which helps to stop the spread of malaria faster. However, children under five and pregnant women must be referred to the clinic or hospital for treatment if they are found to have malaria.

### Measurable results in 2022

- People tested in communities: 16.576
- Treated for malaria in communities: 524
- People who received health education: 176.918

# 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.

# Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime

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 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 together with 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 Pre-school 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 1997 as a ioint 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 to 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.



### 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 their future. The students are in the driving seat of their own learning and their teachers are guiding them. Students in agriculture learn how to produce food in the garden and in the fields using new methods that are useful in the face of global warming and climate change. They learn how to keep nature's balances when it comes to soil and water management and the raising of animals. We talk 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 follows 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 also accredited by the Namibia Qualification Authority.

124 students trained in Agriculture, Construction and ECD Teacher Training during 2022.



Students studying in the innovative two-year course in Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teaching, also called POF Teacher Training

The students are learning through own studies, teachers' courses and common experiences (the DMM method). They learn to respect the young children and take them seriously as human beings. Through many exercises they come to realise that learning through play is the best method to learn for young children.

The students experience and value the power of working together as a team and learn to see themselves as key role players in shaping the future. They learn to work with parents and community members. All these things are important as they build the motivation and ability to start and run quality pre-schools under simple conditions with parents in communities where pre-schools do not yet exist. Such efforts are in line with government policies and intentions. The POF Teacher Training is divided into 4 semesters each with their headline and selected subjects in focus:

### Semester 1: So what is life all about

- Namibia today
- Africa history and future
- World challenges

Highlight: Travel period and investigations in our country Namibia

### Semester 2: Pre-schools of the Future

- Childhood development
- Values and behaviours
- Premises and equipment
- Learning through play
- English and local language

Highlight: First practice period in local preschools

## Semester 3: Stamping our mark in the pre-school

- Teaching methodology
- Professional practice
- Child development
- Health and safety

Highlight: Longer practice in pre-schools

## Semester 4: Stamping our mark in the community

- Management and staff
- Nutrition and healthy food
- Community development

Highlight: Practical actions with parents in community development

The students end up with a Diploma Level 5 in ECD Teaching. The course is accredited by the Namibia Qualification Authority.



"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 has the vision of giving every child the best opportunity to develop to his or her full potential, and to educate each child to become an active and able person as well as a participant in the national effort to create a better future for all.

Surrounded by mopane and neem trees along the Oshakati-Ruacana main road and 10 km east of Outapi town you will find the DAPP Private School. 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 and start the school. Since then, the school with its committed teachers 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.

In the 2022 school year, the teachers and learners were happy to get back to normal after the years of COVID-19 restrictions. The learners in Grade 9 enjoyed their school tour to the coast and to Windhoek and had many new and unforgettable experiences. In the environmental activities at the school learners made use of donated fruit trees to set up an orchard and they made fireballs out of paper and timber powder to be used for cooking to avoid cutting down of trees. For this project the school received the first prize at an award ceremony in Windhoek.

As a result of strong recommendations from parents and support from the Ministry of Education, Art and Culture, DAPP Private School has been preparing for Grade 10 to start in 2023 and Grade 11 in 2024.

371 learners studied in Grade 1-9 and the school reached an overall pass rate of 94% in 2022.

# 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."

GEO

From the Humana People to People Charter

# Child Aid is our concept for families and communities working together to create a better life for all

Working with up to 10 lines of activities in an integrated approach to development DAPP Namibia has been working with families in Child Aid projects for many years. At times with all 10 lines of activities and at times with fewer lines of activities depending on needs and funding.

The 10 lines are:

- 1. Strengthening the economy of the family
- 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 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 Groups constitute 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 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 voices are being heard and reckoned with.

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

# Climate Change Action

Farmers' Clubs work with farmers and their families at the centre of all activities. The Clubs offer an opportunity for members to meet, learn and support one another.

# 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 focus on mitigating climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gasses, the developing countries, including Namibia, must focus on adapting to climate change.

"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 Pohamba Shifeta in the foreword to Namibia's Update of 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 the peoples' resilience with the small-scale farmer families and their communities. Resilience is defined as 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 a higher degree of resilience, any community will stand a better chance in its response to climate change, and will stay or return faster to pursuing that best possible life which is the right of every single person.

DAPP Namibia will build on experiences gained during a five-year project with Farmers' Clubs in the Kavango and East and West regions where farmers learnt to use conservation agriculture methods in their fields and in common vegetable gardens, that promoted minimum soil disturbance (no-tilling), maintenance of a permanent soil cover (mulching), and diversification of plant species as well as better water management systems.

In 2022, DAPP Namibia was busy trying to raise funds for further projects that will include material resources for the practical actions that communities need to take.



Launch of the ADSWAC Project Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in drought-struck South-Western African Communities (Angola, Namibia).

In 2022 the ADSWAC project was approved and an agreement was signed with the Sahara and Sahel Observatory with funding from the Adaptation Fund. This agreement was further endorsed by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in Namibia.

DAPP Namibia will execute this project with farmers and schools in the Kavango West and Kavango East regions. Planning and preparations have taken place in 2022 and the actual execution with farmers and schools will begin in 2023. DAPP Namibia will build on its many experiences gained over the years. Since the early 1990s DAPP Namibia has been involved in the establishment of local nurseries and tree planting in the Omusati region in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture. Since then, about half a million trees have been planted with families and institutions.

Tree planting and community gardens with families were also as part of a holistic approach in the Child Aid Community Development projects that is improving the health and livelihoods of families for the sake of the children.

A mopane trial at Onambelela in the Omusati Region was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry Department, where app. 5 ha of protected area was turned into a mopane forest during a period of 20 years.

DAPP Namibia was engaged in forming and running School Environmental Clubs in schools in Omusati region while being an active member of the Northern Forestry Committee, that promoted tree planting and an annual competition that led to best performing schools winning a prize.

From 2015, Farmers' Clubs with 1000 farmer families in the Kavango regions were promoted with common demonstration gardens and training in conservation agriculture methods in crop fields in partnership with the Namibia Nature Foundation and UFF Finland and funded by the European Union, among others.



STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AS A MEANS OF ADAPTATION TO DROUGHT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA (ADSWAC)



#### **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

Enhancing the adaptative capacity and resilience of communities to climate change impacts and variability in the transboundary region of Angola and Namibia.

#### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- · Enhancing local, sub-national and cross-border capacities to adapt and respond to climate change risks in the trans-boundary area of Angola and Namibia.
- Building the organizational and technical capacit for climate-resilient production and water management,
- · Improving food security in response to climate change impacts amongst rural and vulnerable communities in Cuando Cubango Province and the regions of Kavango East and Kavango West.

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Awareness and ownership of adaptation and climate risk reduction processes of the targeted populations enhanced via 6 Climate Change Action Centers,
- · Capacity at sub-national, national and regional level to adapt to climate change risks and variability in the agriculture and water sectors strengthened,
- · Productivity, livelihood diversification and income of the targeted population groups upscaled,
- · Food security of 10.000 smallholder farmers' households improved,
- · Reduced exposure of the targeted farmers to the impact of drought and prolonged dry spells on agricultural production.

THE PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF: THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT (MCTA) ANGOLA & THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM (MEFT) NAMIBIA

#### PARTNERS

#### FUNDING ENTITY IMPLEMENTING ENTITY The Sahara and Sahel Observatory The Adaptation Fund finances

### projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to climate change. Initiatives based on country needs,

views and priorities.

ar ADAPTATION FUND

MARCH, 2022

(OSS) is an organization with an international scope & an African vocation. OSS mission is to support its African member countries in the sustainable management of their natural resources

Sahara and Sahel Observator

of climate change.

to development, for themselves, their communities, and the nation. in an unfavourable context



de Povo para Povo (ADPP) Angola is a national non-governmental association which seeks to support people in developing the vision and capacity to contribute

ADPP is a member of the federation na People to People.



Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Namibia is a Namibian organization. Its objective is to carry out welfare

of Namibia to improve the quality of life in the country. DAPP

is a member of the federation Humana Peopl e to Peop



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# **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 Sources of Income and Expenditure 2022**

In 2022 the income raised and invested into development projects implemented by DAPP Namibia added up to 109,8 million Namibian dollars, all included.

#### Sources of Income

5 %
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#### Expenses divided into types of projects

Health Projects	88 %
Education Projects	10 %
Community Development including Climate Change Action Projects	2 %
TOTAL	100 %

### Latest Independent Auditor's Report



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of DAPP Namibia (incorporated Association Not for Gain

#### Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of DAPP Nam we have audited the annual mancial statements of UAPY Namibal (incorporated association not the dain) set out on pages 7 to 30, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equily 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 financ position of DAPP Namibia (incorporated Association Not for Gain) as at 31 December 2021, and financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with Internatio Financial Reporting Standards, and the requirements of the Companies Act of Namibia.

#### Basis for Oninion

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 Bithis 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 reponsibilities 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 supplementary schedules not forming part of the annual financial statements on pages 31 and 32, 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 mistated. 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.

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 paring the annual financial statements, the directors are reportation for assessing the comp to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concer the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the con tease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 z 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 reasonable be expected to influence the economic decisions of user taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

- 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 option. 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 to provide. but not for the upropose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
  Evaluate the appropriateness' and control relevant.
  Conclude on the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exits related to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the amount financial statements or, if fuch disclosures is mother to constino.
  Evaluate the company to conclude that a material uncertainty exits related to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements or conditions may cause are inadequate, to modify our optinon. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material meeting.
  Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements or conditions may cause the Company to cases to continue as a going concern.

  Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements including the

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

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

Per: A Musarurwa Partner

# **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 have 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



World AIDS Day commemoration 2022

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 toward bringing about positive changes and development with you and more partners in the future.

# Quotes from letters of recommendation written by stakeholders

### Sister Moses Selma, Nurse in Charge at Hamukoto Wakapa Clinic, Ohangwena

region: "... DAPP Community Health Workers (CHWs) allocated at Hamukoto Wakapa Clinic have been conducting malaria health education on prevention, signs and symptoms and treatment, conducting door to door malaria testing and treating positive cases. They have been conducting awareness to the people living in remote areas with the aim to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality. During CHWs working at this clinic and in the community, I came to know them as hard working, dedicated to their field work and the positive attitude make them respected by both health care workers at this clinic and people in the community. I recommend that they should continue with the malaria programme as they have the potential to make this programme a success so we eliminate malaria in Namibia".

### V.N. Uugwanga, Nurse in Charge, Khomasdal Health Centre, Windhoek:

"...Their contribution assists the Ministry of Health and Social Services to attain the goal of 95-95-95 of HIV coverage. As a result of the contribution, they are making the HIV testing in the community increase by including partner testing, and more patients are retained in HIV care and the effective management of patients with high viral load is progressing well.

I commend them for a job well done. I hope they continue to provide the very needed services to enable the Ministry of Health and Social Services and the country to achieve its objectives".



From Keetmanshoop Hospital, Kharas Region

### Mrs. Regina Ndopu-Lubinda, Chief Regional Officer, Zambezi Regional Council from letter of recommendation for DAPP/TCE:

"... Among its successes in the region is HIV index contact testing in communities, successful linkage to treatment and care, establishment of Community Adherence Groups (CAGs), supporting clients on ART home delivery, tracing lost to follow ups and linking them back to treatment and care as well as strengthening ART adherence by forming up treatment support systems such as TRIOs. It is against this background that we offer high recommendation to DAPP/TCE for any funding and continued support for the organisation to continue with its programmes in the regions".

## August Day, PHC Supervisor, Khorixas Health District:

"I am writing to recommend the DAPP TCE field officers for Khorixas District. I have worked with TCE field officers for the past year and have experienced that with the help of TCE field officers we are achieving our goals in the treatment of HIV/TB patients. Our viral load suppression rate has improved drastically and defaulter tracings are done daily; improvements are done in the final outcome of exposed babies".

### People to people stories



**Tomas Akooko,** a former student from the agricultural course is now a proud farmer at Onampira in the Omusati region. He is growing a mix of vegetables, fruit trees and flowers. His first idea was to create a park, but later he changed to a garden and nursery. Today he is selling vegetables and trees along the Oshakati -Outapi main road and also flowers especially for weddings. *"I am very happy as more people approach me to come and do plant transplanting at their places. I can now make a living from these activities".* 



Hengari Glotilda, a POF Teacher Training student declared: "Now that I have gained enough training and experience, I promise myself to be a good teacher and parent and I want to recommend to other youth to get this training and become someone in their community".

**Unotjari Tjambiro,** another student had this to say: "After finishing my studies I want to go back to my village in Kunene and make sure that no child is left behind in terms of education".

In 2022 DAPP Namibia awarded scholarships to 14 employees from different projects to study at Frontline Institute in Zimbabwe. This is where Humana People to People member countries from Africa, Asia, South and Central America send their key staff for hands-on training in addressing



challenges of our world today linked to development and management. One of the students **Alexander Shimanu Ndango** from Kavango noted among a long list of new things he had learnt that *"I have become a development practitioner and global activist and a steward of tomorrow. .... I am ready to face new challenges in my project and in my community, especially when it comes to food production and climate change action".* 

### **DAPP Namibia in brief**

### Humana People to People

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.

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 antiapartheid 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.



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 are working in countries marked in dark green



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