



# DAPP Namibia

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# Welcome Remarks



2023 was a year where the world experienced war continuing in Ukraine, affecting the world trade and economy and Namibia was not spared, prices on imported goods especially went up and inflation was felt by everyone, making it difficult to maintain the achieved living conditions. War in the Middle East, different wars on the African continent and elsewhere affecting so many people negatively and the world becoming more and more polarized brought worries to many. One could wish for more world leaders opting for sincere effort to negotiate and find compromises and

peaceful solutions with respect for all human beings.

Namibia has been at peace 33-34 years with the policy of reconciliation after independence actually working. An achievement worth being proud of and a good example to others. The peace has to be very much appreciated since peace is a precondition for real development and improving things for the better for the people in a country. In DAPP Namibia we do value to live and work in the peaceful environment aligning our activities with the government's national development plans as well as the UN sustainable development goals.

In 2023 DAPP with its many TCE field officers continued to work hand in hand with health professionals in the Ministry of Health and Social Services to achieve total control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic as well as TB. We are proud to be part of this process where we have worked persistently for years and progress is clearly felt by many people and also visible measured in numbers. Moving towards elimination of malaria is also a goal that is worth fighting for with our hundred community health workers working in communities where malaria is still affecting people together with staff at health facilities and guided by the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

With these three main diseases (HIV, TB and malaria) under much better control than before, the efforts can soon shift towards Universal Health Coverage, another important international goal, that has also been adopted by Namibia. The government's Community Health Worker reform will be part of these efforts and DAPP Namibia is eagerly participating in these processes. Other main challenges that people around the world including us in Namibia are facing are the global warming and climate change. We experience the unpredictable weather patterns and the following drought creating problems for people's livelihoods. Therefore, building resilience through adaptation to these conditions become increasingly important.

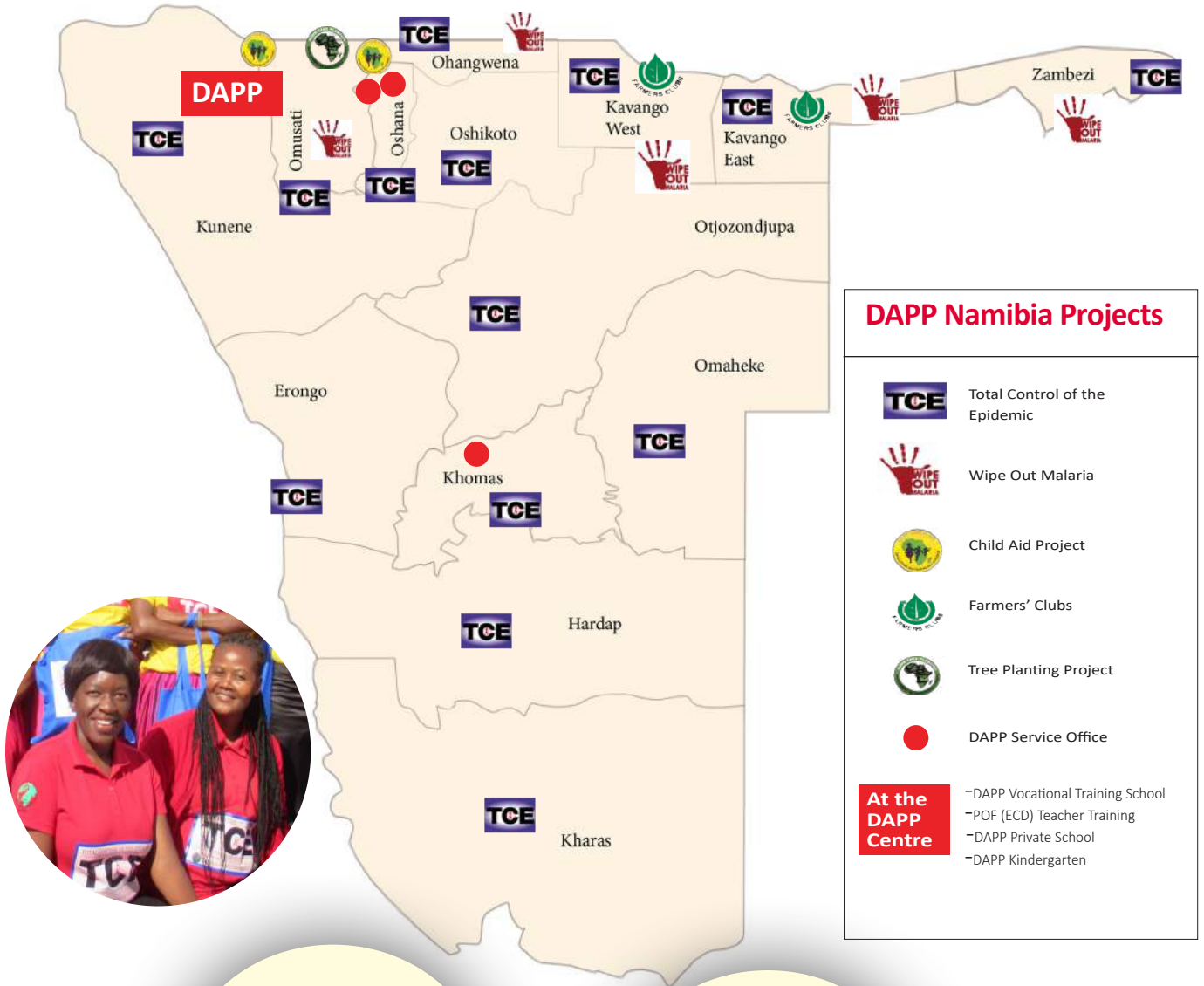
In DAPP Namibia we appreciate cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform about the implementation of the ADSWAC project together with 2000 small scale farmers and learners and teachers in 20 schools in the Kavango West and Kavango East regions. Education of children and youth is at our heart. We are engaged in Early Childhood Development giving every child the best start in life, in primary and secondary education as well as Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), teaching the next generation important skills, values and attitudes needed for own livelihoods, for building communities and also peace. In Community Development activities we are organising people to work together to improve their living conditions via information and education leading to better understanding and then taking action to make things better. As an example, in health and nutrition education and practical food production for better health. You can read more in the following pages.

We want to express our sincere thank you to all our partners who provided funding, support in kind or sound advice, and to all our stakeholders and cooperating partners. Together we did more in 2023 and in the future, we believe that together we can do even more!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsten Moeller Jensen".

Kirsten Moeller Jensen  
Managing Director

# Where we work



**346,180**  
people reached

**23**  
project units



**839**  
employees





# 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 Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria (GFATM), Humana People to People partners and the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

In 2023 the public health programming implemented by DAPP Namibia included:

The Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) project

to deliver comprehensive community and health facility-level 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 2023.

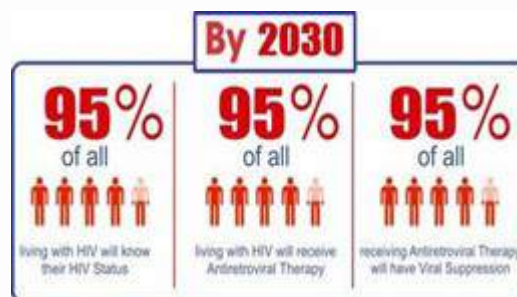


**TCE - Total Control of the HIV Epidemic and elimination of TB - is what we are aiming at.**

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 at health facilities.

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. But 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 UNAID strategy of the 95-95-95 targets, which call 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 virus.



Namibia has achieved results of 95-97-94, meaning the country has progressed well on the path towards achieving sustainable epidemic control, a process which the TCE programme actively contributes to by implementing evidence-based programme activities along the entirety of the HIV testing and treatment cascade.

**In 2023 the TCE Programme did index contact testing and linked 98% of those tested to treatment.**





## Two first ladies sharing the joy of two HIV-positive mothers being on track to keep their babies HIV negative.

*"The TCE field officer has been helping me since I had my first child. This is now my second baby and they are both negative", said one of the mothers. She explained that the TCE programme has been instrumental in educating and teaching mothers how to take care of themselves and their babies without exposing them to the virus. "I would like to express my gratitude to the TCE field officers for never giving up on us, for always being there to encourage us to take our medication and come for our appointments at the clinic".*

TCE field officer Aina Ita added: *"It has been a joy to be part of what we call the Mother-Baby Follow-up. My aim is to support all my HIV-positive mothers throughout pregnancy until birth, and from birth until the baby turns 18 months, with the purpose of guiding the mother to do the right things, so the baby will remain HIV negative".*

The TCE programme works with HIV positive pregnant women and nursing mothers to prevent HIV transmission to their babies.

TCE field officers support mothers to ensure adherence to infant prophylaxis and maternal ART. The program reminds mothers to attend scheduled visits at health facilities, ensures that infant HIV retesting occurs at 6 weeks, 9- and 18-months ages, ensures mothers practice appropriate breastfeeding practices, conducts maternal viral load monitoring every 3 months, enrolls mothers in TRIOs and CAGs for additional adherence support, and facilitates the integration of family planning education at community level to women.

The TCE program also works to identify pregnant women in rural communities and link them to antenatal care at health facilities to improve the health of the women during pregnancy and the health of their babies.

**In 2023, the TCE programme supported 7470 mother -baby pairs with a 99% success rate.**

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



In 2023 the TCE program employed 483 TCE field officers who implemented HIV and TB activities in the catchment areas of 259 health facilities in 14 regions of Namibia.

The TCE programme provided community level direct service delivery of a wide range of HIV and TB services in direct support of the Government's objective to achieve sustainable epidemic control, these 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.
- Community tracing and treatment reengagement of people who interrupted their HIV treatment.
- TB screening for treatment linkage and adherence programming and TB preventative therapy.
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**In 2023 TCE traced and re-engaged  
21,137 people in treatment and  
established 2,609 CAGs**



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

A DAPP Community Health Worker for Malaria explains: *“On June 21, 2023 on my way to Silumbi village, I passed by Tabele village and noticed that there were two households that I had not visited before. I decided to visit them. I went into the first house and found a 15-year old girl who was very sick. Her mom told me about her sickness and her travel history. I then tested her for malaria and found that she indeed had malaria. According to my judgement this was severe, so I did not start her on treatment, but told the family to take her to the Bukalo Health Centre right away. They told me that they could not do that, since they did not have money for transport. I called my coordinator for help and with her assistance we managed to arrange for an ambulance from the Ministry. She was admitted to hospital and treated there. After a week I was relieved to hear that she had been cured and could go home. The family expressed their gratitude for the assistance. I was very happy that I passed by that house and could help before it was too late”.*

Namibia is in the 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 are at risk of contracting malaria.

The DAPP Namibia malaria program works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services National Vector-borne Disease Control Program, implementation is focused in 5 malaria endemic regions; Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, and Omusati.

The DAPP Namibia malaria program uses community health workers to deliver malaria health education at the community and household levels, and to deliver community level malaria prevention, testing, and treatment services.

DAPP Namibia’s malaria program makes a significant contribution to national malaria control objectives through the provision of community-based interventions which save the lives of many Namibians each year.

**In 2023 the DAPP malaria program in Namibia reached over 125,000 individuals with malaria services.**



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

The DAPP Vocational Training School has been training young people in skills and attitudes that would allow them to get a paid job or to make a living for themselves and also 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.

**86 students trained in Agriculture, Construction and ECD Teacher Training during 2023**

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



POF stands for Preschool children Of the Future. 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: Preschools 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 preschool**

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

Highlight: Longer practice in preschools.

**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

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 2023 school year the teachers and learners focussed 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 and we can mention the Science Fair Competition, the

Spelling Bee Competition, the Mathematics Olympiad. The learners from DAPP Private School positioned themselves well. And these events inspire and motivate 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 4-6 visited Etosha National Park and were amazed to see many wild animals close up.

The school also hosted sports events for netball and soccer tournaments and participated where others invited.

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

**357 learners studied in Grade 1-9 and the school reached an overall pass rate of 86% in 2023.**



# Community Development

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

*From the Humana People to People Charter*

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

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 is the main structure we apply in "Child Aid". Here, people identify challenges, have 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 problems, create better educational conditions and organise care for children in difficult situations. Through shared activities, the groups improve life in many ways: they create food security, promote good health, solve basic water and sanitation problems, create better educational conditions and organise care for children in difficult situations. In this way, their voice is being heard and reckoned with.

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



## Smart cooking for better health and for better environment.

In Namibia's Omusati region, families have challenges with cooking fuel. The firewood has become scarce and you often have to walk long distances to find it. The Mimi Moto Stove might be one of the solutions. This stove is designed to use the husk from marula fruits as fuel or firewood.

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Without going into the details here, the results were that the families welcomed the Mimi Moto stove, as it reduced their time

to look for firewood as well as the amount of firewood collected, since they could use the kernels that were normally not regarded as a value. The cooking on the stove was faster than using the normal 3 stones and the smoke was much less. A further advantage to the family was that the attached small solar panel that drives a ventilator could also be used to charge their cell phones.

In relation to the environment, the use of the Mimi Moto meant less emission of CO<sub>2</sub> and of course less strain on the already deforested landscape.

DAPP Namibia and Southern Botanica is therefore looking forward to expanding our partnership and reach more families with this and other opportunities to use smarter ways of cooking that help the women while also protecting the environment.

**50 families took part in the piloting of the Mimi Moto Stoves cooking compared to traditional cooking.**



## **Grow a Food Circle with healthy and cheap vegetables and fruits.**

In Namibia, malnutrition, particularly among children, remains a persistent challenge, seen in high rates of stunting and wasting. In the DAPP Child Aid project, we partnered with the Kambashu Institute in Windhoek for the introduction of the simple concept of “food circles”, targeting families in rural homesteads in Omusati and Ohangwena regions, with the intention of improving the nutrition of these families.

The food circle is meant for growing food: vegetables and fruit trees. A variety of vegetables and fruits are planted in a horseshoe shape around a compost pit where you can put in your leftover scraps, which then improves the soil and supplies nutrients to the variety of crops. The good thing about the food circle is that you can use your grey water from washing or cooking to keep the compost pit moist at all times and also to water the plants. It is manageable for most people.

Trainers from the Kambashu Institute came to DAPP Vocational Training School and did training for our Child Aid staff and 40 Village Action Group Leaders on how to make the food circles, what to plant and why, as well as how to care for them. After training, this concept was introduced with explanations and practical support at one homestead after another. This was done with financial support from the British High Commission.

*“I am now harvesting from my food circle and eating better, I even sold some vegetables and bought some more seeds for another food circle”,* was the comment from one of the satisfied families.

**730 families made food circles in the second half of 2023.**

# 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 2023 DAPP Namibia prepared for the execution of a new cross border projects that will build resilience in small scale farmer families living on both sides of the Kavango river in Angola and Namibia.



**Baseline study and consultations with stakeholders in full swing in preparations for the ADSWAC project**







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

The main idea of the project is to work with communities in Namibia and Angola to build resilience in the face of climate change. The project aims to help people adapt to changing conditions while also protecting the internationally significant Okavango River basin. Cross border collaboration is therefore an important feature of the project, as communities both face similar challenges. Through the project people will learn the effects of climate change and what they can do about it.

Two Climate Change Action Centres in Namibia, one in Kavango West and one in Kavango East, and four in Angola will be at the centre of the project, organising and coordinating local climate change adaptation activities with authorities, community members and other stakeholders.

Communities will be supported to make plans for how they can adapt to the changing climate. Based on their plans, they will receive training in alternative ways of making a living from the land. Farmers will be organized and trained in climate resilient agriculture.

Water user associations will work with community management of water, and the project will renovate or create new water points to increase simple irrigation for agriculture and domestic use. Twenty schools will also benefit from climate change education and actions.

In Namibia 1600 families will be directly involved in producer organisations and a further more people indirectly.

In 2023 baseline studies, a KAP survey and consultations with numerous stakeholders have taken place. 22 staff members have been recruited to work in this project in Namibia and have been part of an induction programme.

The executing entities are: DAPP Namibia and ADPP Angola, the implementing agency is The Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), and the funding organization is the Adaptations Fund.

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.

# 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 annual clean financial audits.

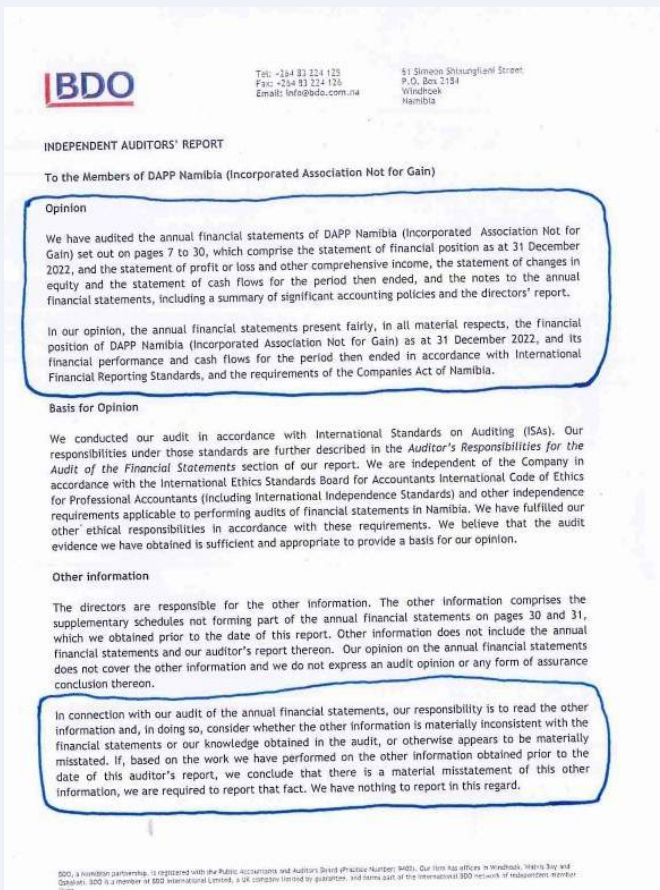
DAPP Namibia has been certified for governance policies and procedures and the implementation thereof, through an external

audit, using the NGO Governance Benchmark by NGO Governance Standards SA of Geneva, Switzerland. The standard was developed by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) to provide Non-Governmental Organisations with a management tool dedicated to highlight their key strengths and weaknesses in their functioning. It targets three key objectives: 1) show evidences of accountability, 2) strengthen trust with respect to their donors, and 3) highlight areas of improvement to foster operational efficiency.

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



## 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 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 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.



Mothers-Babies from the EMTCT Programme meeting with the Global Aid Coordinator and MoHSS ED

## Sources of Income and Expenditure 2023

DAPP Namibia in 2023 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	89%
National Development Partners incl. government	5%	Education Projects	9%
Parents’ school fees	4%	Community Development and Climate Change Action	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Quotes from letters of recommendation written by stakeholders

**Mrs Regina Ndopu-Lubinda, Chief Regional Officer:** ...*"DAPP/TCE is a welfare organisation registered with the Ministry of Health and Social Services implementing programs on HIV & AIDS and Malaria. The organisation has been and active member of the Regional AIDS Coordinating Committee (RACOC) since 2008...Among its successes in the regions are HIV Index Contact Testing in communities, successful linkage to HIV treatment and care, the establishment of Community Adherence Groups (CAGs), supporting HIV clients on ART home delivery, Tracing lost to follow-ups and linking them back to care and strengthening ART adherence by forming up treatment support systems such as TRIOS. It is against this background that we provide a recommendation to DAPP/TCE for any funding and continued support for the organisation to continue with its programmes in the region. The upmost support in this regard will be highly appreciated"*.

**Egidius Nambara, Acting Chief Regional Officer, Kavango West:**

*"1. Kavango West Regional Council immeasurably appreciates the services provided by DAPP/TCE and its common goal of improving the quality of lives of communities impacted by HIV and AIDS.  
2. DAPP TCE is one of the key stakeholders that commonly engage in implementing HIV prevention interventions, treatment, care and support programmes. Moreover, the organisation has accelerated and improved treatment coverage in the Kavango West Region and strives to achieve the Namibian UNADIS targets of 95-95-95 by 2026.  
3. DAPP determinately provided much needed health services such as house-to-house HIV Counselling which are in line with the National Strategic Framework (NSF) 2017/2022 as extended. It is against this background, the Kavango West Regional Council sturdily recommends the continuation of DAPP/TCE operations in the region*



Donkerhoek Clinic

*for the sustainability of community services accessibility, well-being promotion, understanding and skill development. Thank you for your indefatigable involvement in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Kavango West Region".*

**Dr. MK Kandjimi, Senior Medical Officer, Engela Hospital:**

*...3. The program has been improved over time so at the respond to the new challenges.  
4..Now the program is focussing more in identifying index contacts and tracing as well as testing them at household level and positive clients are being linked to care, identifying clients with high viral loads and do intensive adherence counselling to avert the situation and break the chain of elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV infection.  
5. The lost-to- follow- up cases had reduced drastically because of the remarkable work by the field officers.  
6. Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision increased due to high referrals of HIV negative makes by field officers.  
7. The PReP intake had also increased because of efforts by the TCE/DAPP field officers.  
8. Now the program had established community adherence groups that bring HIV positive clients on ART together that aims to achieve viral load suppression.  
9. We are glad to see the program continuing as it benefit the community most."*

# People to people stories

## New initiatives after training

In 2023 DAPP Namibia awarded scholarships to 8 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 a year-long hands-on-training in addressing challenges of our world today – all linked to development and management.



## Marcelius Mukosho Kanyety

was one of the students. Climate smart agriculture and production of organic vegetables were some of the skills he learnt. He came home to educate and encourage the community of Mambushe including school children to make use of the water from the Kavango river to produce own vegetables and fruits at their houses. *“Let us make use of low-cost initiatives and water from our river to start our backyard gardens and start small businesses by selling the vegetables in our communities rather than spending on transport from buying in town”,* were his words.

## New income opportunities

At Omutaku village in Ondobe constituency, Ohangwena regions **Lydia Shanyonapo** is now a farmer. She got trained by DAPP Namibia in how to make a “food circle” and use grey water from her household to grow vegetables at her house. *“I had more vegetables than I could eat, so I started selling my vegetables at the Epupa pay point and with the little I earned I also started a small business to also sell fish. These activities have helped me to pay for my child to go to Kindergarten”.*

## Solving problems in the way for adherence to ARV treatment

An HIV positive mother and her HIV positive son missed appointments at the clinic and therefore did not pick up their life saving ARV treatment. A TCE field officer was tasked to trace the mother, which she did and after more discussions and counselling the mother opened up and told, that she was in a new relationship and did not dare disclose her HIV positive status to her new partner out of fear that he might reject her. It was agreed that the TCE field officer confidentially should offer an HIV test to the partner, which she also did, and it turned out that he was also HIV positive. He admitted to having defaulted on his treatment. After some discussion he agreed to get back on treatment.

The next step for the TCE field officer was to separately discuss with both the mother and her new partner that she could assist in the process of them meeting and disclosing their HIV status to each other including that of the son’s. This meeting happened and the process went well, ending with the three of them forming a TRIO of daily support. ARV treatment is for life so very important to solve adherence problems.

From a TCE field officer in Otjozondjupa region.



# Humana People to People

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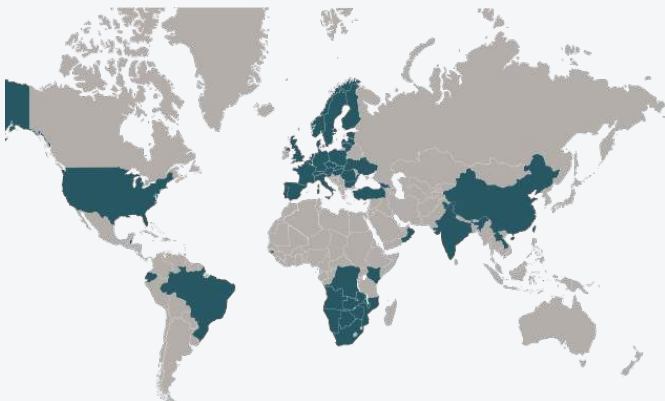
Namibia is a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It was formally established in 1996 and comprises 29 independent national member associations. Our common agenda is:

*“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 second hand clothes in commercial businesses, first for use directly with the next person and then for recycling into other products. This saves the planet for CO2 emissions, freshwater use, chemicals and all then other polluting elements of 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 put in simple terms where those who have more than they need 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.

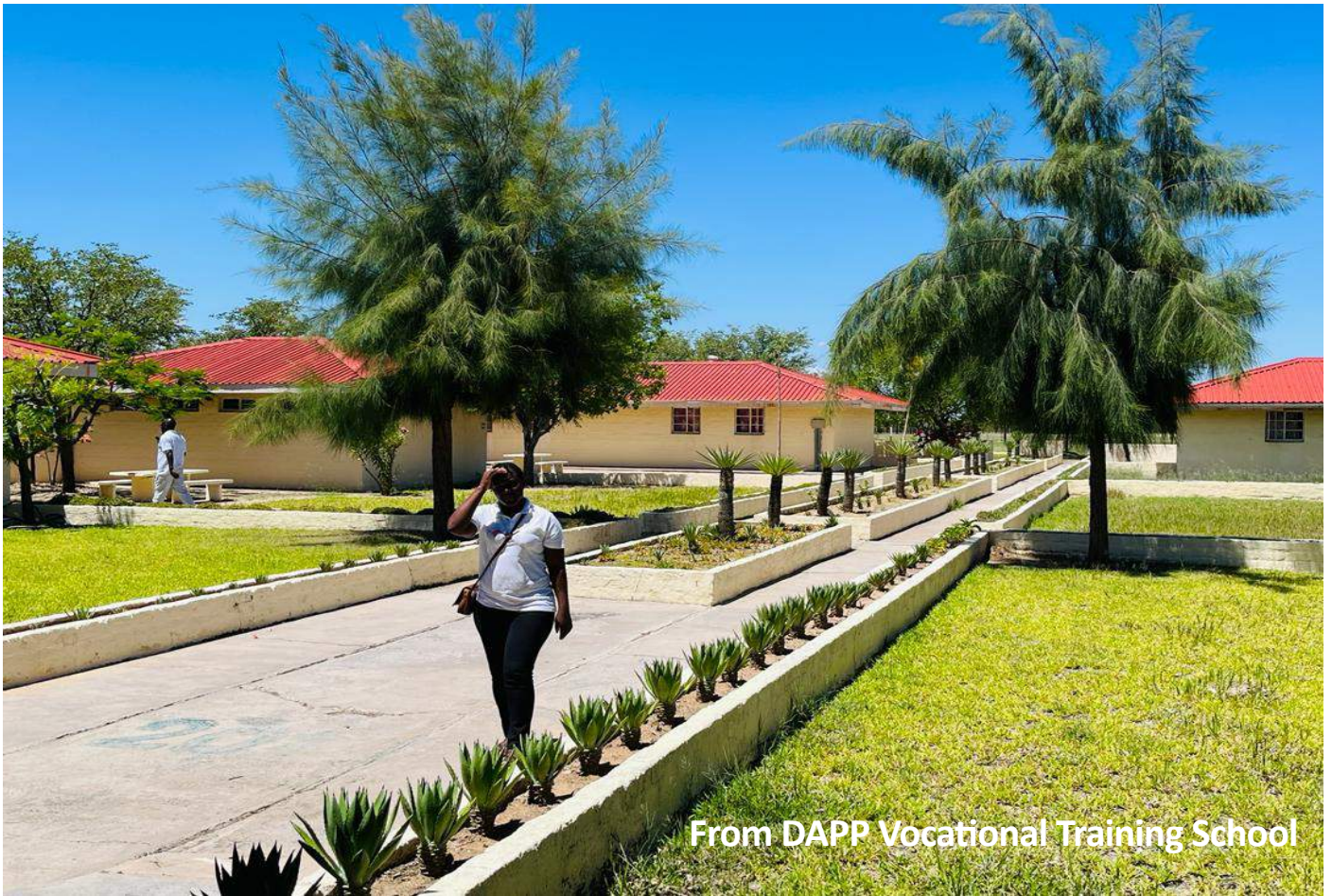


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Humana People to People International Headquarters in Shamva, Zimbabwe

## DAPP Namibia in brief



From DAPP Vocational Training School

### **DAPP is short for Development Aid from People to People.**

**Legal status:** DAPP Namibia is 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 in order to improve the quality of life in the country. To help children, young people and families in distress or in need”.

**History:** DAPP Namibia grew out of the anti-apartheid movement and started development activities as a Namibian organisation based in the Omusati 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 second hand 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 were hardly known and worked with children in school environmental clubs and HOPE Youth Clubs. All that and much more is now part of 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



Learners from Grade 6 at DAPP Private School

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