

About Namibia

Namibia has a population of over 2 million people. The country has a stable political and economic environment. Despite these achievements Namibia has made since independence, there continues to be a number of challenges faced, such as unemployment, dry climate and unequal income discrepancies among the rich and the poor. The country depends on the agricultural sector for food security and this sector contributes to the countries development. The country heavily depends on imports for most products it consumes.

Most of the challenges are mostly faced by the rural poor and in particular marginalized groups such as women, girls, orphans, indigenous communities and subsistence farmers. In addition, there are still many capacity challenges faced which result in the failure to assist the rural poor and blocking their access to the state instruments such as national documents especially for children. The country has also been faced with the HIV/Aids pandemic over the years and to date has an overall HIV prevalence rate of 17%. Children in rural areas in Namibia are prone to mal- nutrition and dropping out of school.

About DAPP Namibia

DAPP Namibia (Development Aid from People to People) is a Namibian organization registered as an Association Not for Gain (number 21/90/45) since 1990 and as a Welfare Organization number WO 85 since 1992. DAPP Namibia promotes community mobilization and fight hand in hand with the poor to improve their living conditions.

DAPP's first direct activities in Namibia immediately after independence were to conduct tree planting actions in the Omusati region in the north together with war veterans and families and to provide affordable and good quality second hand clothes to many people as well as to create an income for other development activities through the DAPP Shops and Sorting Centres. In 1996 the DAPP Vocational Training School, situated in the Omusati Region, was inaugurated. The DAPP Kindergarten and the DAPP Nursery were also established at the same location. Since then DAPP Namibia has expanded its activities within Health, Education and Community Development activities including Climate Actions to many more people and regions of the country.

