

Strengthening Namibia food systems to recover from emergencies and disease-related shocks through the Build Back Better



COUNTRY: Namibia

PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening Namibia food systems to recover from emergencies and disease-related shocks through the Build Back Better

PROJECT DURATION:

March 2021 – March 2022

NCE March 2022 – June 2022

BUDGET: US\$ 2,108,909

PARTNERSHIPS: Ministry of Agriculture Water and Land Reform – Government Implementing Partner, Swakopmund municipality – Responsible Party, Hardap Regional Council – Responsible Party, Rundu Town Council – Responsible Party, City of Windhoek municipality – Responsible Party, NEC Africa Pty (Ltd.) a subsidiary of NEC Corporation Japan – Private Sector partner as – Responsible Party, Environment Investment Fund of Namibia – Responsible Party, Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency (AMTA) of Namibia

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

This project support aimed at strengthening efforts toward food systems in Namibia to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, emergencies and related shocks. It targeted the livelihoods of informal vendors and small-scale farmers in urban and peri-urban settings of Namibia.

The project achieved this through three outputs focused on

- Prevention of further spread of COVID-19 through the provision of hand washing facilities for informal food markets.
- Urban food production to mitigate humanitarian needs of food security and nutrition.
- Addressing socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 by supporting the livelihoods of the vulnerable through income generating activities.



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KEY RESULTS IN NUMBERS

The project reached a total of **399** beneficiaries

OUTPUT 1

Safeguarding livelihoods of urban food market vendors through improved hygiene infrastructure

48 stalls with improved ablution and hand washing facility for informal vendors for meat and general informal food markets

19 toilets and 11 handwashing facilities constructed.

OUTPUT 2

Strengthened local food supply chains through innovative solutions and horticulture and poultry value chain development activities

4 urban gardens established

258 total number of beneficiaries

Erongo Region – **25**
 Khomas Region – **109**
 Kavango East Region – **98**
 Hardap Region – **26**

US\$500K+ for urban agriculture infrastructure

OUTPUT 3

Strengthening capacities, policy frameworks and partnerships of municipalities to be more responsive and resilient pandemics and shocks

141 Total of grant beneficiaries inclusive of individuals, SMEs and cooperatives

1 tested digital solution established

1 strategy / urban food production policy

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Forty-eight (48) food and meat stalls for informal vendors operating in informal market(s) were constructed with improved ablution and handwashing facilities. The anticipated results will benefit and safeguarding livelihoods of urban food market vendors through improved hygiene infrastructure in the 2 regions (Erongo & Kavango East). The markets will allow the municipalities to promote public hygiene, while ensuring that there are sufficient trading premises and sites for informal traders preventing market closures during outbreaks or pandemics.

Capacity of the Kavango, Erongo, Hardap and Khomas regions to support a targeted 400 urban farmers productivity mostly women was enhanced through provision of grants.

Four urban farms were established through infrastructure support that provided equipment, sustainable water sources (boreholes), green housing, solar irrigation systems, storage facilities and training directly benefitting 187 women out of 258 beneficiaries. Furthermore, through collaboration with the Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency (AMTA) of Namibia the beneficiaries were linked to markets, such as the lodges, hotels, restaurants and local communities.

Capacities of officials from the respective regions were strengthened through Training of Trainers training offered on "Establishing Agribusiness and Sustainable Farm Management for Small Holders with the Galilee International Management Institute. These capacities will be transferred to beneficiaries operating in the respective urban farms.

Capacities of the Government (MAWLR) were enhanced to provide digitized financial service delivery while improving livelihoods of urban small-scale farmers and agri value chain actors 141 through the implementation e-voucher system with Japan' private sector partner the NEC Corporation.

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