



Development Aid from People to People Namibia is a local NGO in operation since 1990, with over 30 years' experience implementing climate change adaptation, community development, public health, and education projects.

The mission of DAPP Namibia is 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.

DAPP Namibia works with communities to provide localized solutions to development challenges. The projects implemented by DAPP Namibia operate in direct support of national development goals and objectives, working closely with both state and non-state actors.

DAPP Namibia is a member of the **Humana People to People (HPP) Federation**, a global network of 29 independent member associations working in 45 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America. Through this affiliation, DAPP Namibia leverages experience and expertise from HPP member organizations regionally and globally.



Our approach to Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Building

Namibia is particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. It is one of the largest and driest countries in sub-Saharan Africa, characterized by high climatic variability through persistent droughts, unpredictable and variable rainfall patterns, variability in temperatures and water scarcity. In addition, significant parts of Namibia's population live in poverty, without adequate access to basic services.

The prevailing tendency towards drought in Namibia and its negative impact on food security and livelihoods are a critical and negative impact of climate change to the wellbeing of the Namibian people, as around 70 per cent of the Namibian population depends directly or indirectly on agriculture as their main source of livelihood.

To address these challenges, DAPP Namibia works with small-scale farmers affected by climate change in villages and communal areas to build their understanding of climate change and how they can employ localized adaptive measures. The activities implemented by DAPP Namibia provide local climate change mitigation measures at the household and community levels while simultaneously enhancing the health and wellbeing of families and communities.

Climate Change Adaptation Projects

1. ADSWAC

DAPP Namibia and ADPP Angola are the National Executing Entities of the Adaptation Fund supported ADSWAC project (Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought-Struck South-Western African Communities in Angola and Namibia).

The main objective of the project is **enhancing the adaptation capacity and resilience** of communities to climate change impacts and variability in the transboundary region of Angola and Namibia. Since 2023, it is being implemented in the communities on both sides of the border between southern Angola in Cuando Cubango and northern Namibia in Kavango West and East.

The project is currently working with the following groups in Namibia:

40 **Producer Organisations**
with 1600 farmers

40 **Water User Associations**
with 1600 members

20 **Schools with green school programs**
and environmental clubs



The project aims to:

- Enhance local, sub-national and regional capacities to adapt and respond to climate change risks in the cross-border area;
- Build organizational and technical capacity for climate-resilient production and water management;
- Improve food security among rural and vulnerable communities;
- The ADSWAC project will run for 5 years.

2. Mimi Moto Stoves

In Namibia's Omusati region, due to the naturally arid climate and through deforestation, families have difficulty accessing sufficient **firewood as an energy source** for cooking and water boiling.

Students and staff from the DAPP Vocational Training School, in partnership with Southern Botanica Trust introduced Mimi Moto Stoves to 50 rural families. These stoves, which employ **solar technology** and use **marula tree kernels** reduce CO₂ emissions.

Locally-led Adaptation: Vocational Training in the Agricultural Sector

1. Strengthening Agricultural Sector through Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (SAS.ATVET)

With the support of Humana People to People Spain, this EU co-funded Erasmus+ project facilitates the introduction of two additional **vocational agricultural management** qualifications for national **ATVET** Training providers at the **DAPP Vocational Training School**. This project capacitates the youth to actively contribute to the improvement of the agricultural sector in Namibia as well as integrating climate adaptation strategies, equipping graduates with the skills needed to implement resilient agricultural practices that mitigate the impacts of climate change.



2. Expanding Horticulture Food Production at the DAPP VTS

The DAPP Vocational Training School received support from City of Vienna and Humana People to People Austria to upgrade its water supply infrastructure crucial for the expansion of **horticulture production in its training gardens** and community garden. The water infrastructure upgrades directly support food security and improved nutrition, while aiming to access competitive markets to increase agricultural output. These upgrades enable DAPP VTS to implement sustainable farming practices that can better withstand the challenges of climate change, ensuring long-term productivity and community benefit.

Locally-led Adaptation: Improving Nutrition through Household and Community Gardens

1. Food Circles

In Namibia, malnutrition, particularly among children, remains a persistent challenge, as evidenced by high rates of stunting and wasting. To address this challenge DAPP Namibia, with the funding support of the British High Commission, has introduced Food Circles among 730 families in the Omusati and Ohangwena regions.

A Food Circle is a planting bed around a compost pit, where people can grow trees and vegetables using their household grey water (the relatively clean waste water from baths and cooking). Food Circles are a simple and low-cost means to increase local soil fertility and to improve household access to nutritional foods grown at home.

2. Community Nutrition Garden

With support from the British High Commission, DAPP Namibia is currently implementing a Community Nutrition Garden in Ohangwena region to enhance concerted efforts and interventions centred on nutritional awareness and capacity building, ultimately aiming to educate and inspire communities to come together to cultivate and consume locally grown horticulture and arboriculture crops, thereby addressing malnutrition and food insecurity in the region.

The Community Nutrition Garden targets 30 rural families, and employs a mixed cropping system that encompasses vegetables, fruits, plantation crops and herbs in order to maximize the diversity of nutrients provided and crop yields produced.

3. Backyard Gardening

The Capricorn Foundation supported the initiation and development of nearly 200 backyard gardens at rural village-based households with a reliable water supply. A diverse range of vegetable crops are now regularly included in the daily meals of beneficiary families, providing fresh and nutritious food directly from their gardens, and the fruit trees planted as part of this initiative will contribute to a healthy diet in the years to come.

This intervention has had a catalysing effect, inspiring many others within the community to start their own backyard gardens, creating a ripple effect that extends beyond the initial group of beneficiaries. This growing interest signifies a community-wide shift towards sustainable food practices and enhanced nutritional self-sufficiency.

More about DAPP Namibia

DAPP Namibia has a proven record of delivery of impactful projects supported by high profile donors and cooperating partners backed by a staff complement of over 700 well qualified, experienced and exposed staff members serving at Management and implementation level, 99% of whom are Namibians.

The organization has its Head Quarters in Oshakati, Namibia. The Headquarters have good infrastructure, communication systems and equipment to aid staff in the execution of projects, management and operations of the programs throughout the country. The Windhoek Partnership Office is strategic to the operations of the organization mainly dealing with Donor, Partnership Relations and Resource Mobilisation. DAPP Namibia as over time evolved and gained competitive edge in implementing projects funded by diverse cooperating partners and it has excellent systems, policies and procedures that ensure value for money through its transparent and accountability measures in project implementation and use of partner funds and resources.

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