

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME LAND, SANITATION AND ECD PROGRAMMES

Low-cost Land for Housing

With the easing of lock down measures, the land programme has picked-up activities.

- Oshakati:** Servicing of water connections to 90 erven has been completed in 2019, the last clients are now paying off their erven in June, 40 erven have been allocated and construction of houses has initiated.
- Okahao:** Servicing of water connection to 400 erven is being completed. 76 erven have been allocated, roads opened and first houses are being built (see picture below).



- Karibib:** The servicing of the first 28 of 306 erven is planned for May. DWN has also signed an MoU with Town Council to assist with upgrading an adjacent informal settlement.
- Opuwo:** The topographical survey has been completed and a first draft layout submitted. The MoU with Town Council plans for 2000 erven to be serviced over the coming 2-3 years.
- Keetmanshoop:** With the MoU signed in February, this project with 700 erven is now initiating with planning, preliminary engineering designs and erf servicing cost calculation.
- Oniipa:** After meetings held in February, the Town Council confirmed their desire to collaborate with the programme.
- Oranjemund:** Upon request from Town Council, a draft MoU has been submitted in May.

Covid-19 Emergency Response

60 green shirted volunteers have now installed more than 10,000 tippy taps in different towns, reaching more than 25,000 families or 75,000 residents.

Lüderitz: With support the Debmarine-Namdeb Foundation and in collaboration with the Town Council, the programme started on 2 May and a total of 1,500 tippy taps are being installed.

Otjizondouipa region: With support from B2Gold and in collaboration with relevant local authorities, activities were initiated in Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Kalkfeld (total of 6,500 tippy taps).

Kunene, Omusati and Oshana regions: A total of 1,500 tippy tap kits are being delivered to Opuwo, Fransfontein, Okahao and Oshakati. These activities are supported by generous individual sponsors, Deloitte, Future Energy, and Housing! ForFuture. Activities are supervised by DWN's northern office based in Okahao.

Zambezi, Kavango East and West, Erongo: With support from UNDP, a total of 40,000 tippy taps will be installed over the next 5 months, with DWN offices currently being established in Katima Mulilo, Rundu and Swakopmund.

Generous general support to the programme is provided by GIZ, FirstRand Foundation and B2Gold.

Progress of tippy tap installation can be monitored on our web GIS application: <https://arcg.is/1nG1r80> (sponsored by WWF Namibia)

Appropriate Low-cost Sanitation

A methodology called **Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)** has been used for this programme that initiated in **Windhoek** in August 2019, with support from UNICEF, UNDP, the FirstRand Foundation and Debmarine-Namdeb Foundation. CLTS uses community engagement to raise awareness about the importance of improved hygiene, and dangers of open defecation. Residents are encouraged to build their own latrines according to standards provided by the City of Windhoek.

Community meetings are an important component of CLTS, but not practical under Covid-19. The methodology has therefore been adapted to emergency conditions. Activities in Windhoek have now re-initiated, with a high demand from local residents that want to build their own toilet facilities. With support from B2Gold, CLTS has also initiated in **Otjizondouipa**, adapted to local regulations and priorities.



Child and "Green Shirt" volunteers, testing a newly installed tippy tap.

Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Shortly after the outbreak of Covid-19 in March, DWN developed a **Kindergarten outreach project** with technical support from UNDP and the European Commission, and financial support from the Botnar Foundation and InterTEAM.

This project delivers teaching materials to kindergarten teachers who, in turn, provide these to parents of the children registered at the kindergarten on a weekly basis. Those complying with the tasks receive a food parcel each week.

The project was piloted at Kid Care Kollege Kindergarten in April, and is now already engaging 20 Kindergartens in Samora Machel and Moses Garoeb constituencies. Feedback from parents has been very positive; many parents expressed excitement for keeping their children involved educationally. Due to logistical reasons, food parcels have been exchanged for food vouchers.



Kid Care Kollege teacher and parent receiving instructions