

Showcasing national efforts toward informal settlement upgrading

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1. Basic Facts

Population: **4,500**

Annual population growth: **3.2%**

Estimated population currently living in informal settlements: **None**

Number of people registered in the 'waiting list': **59**

Registered plots within urban area: **77**

Upcoming land developments: **Oosterheim ext. 5 – 199 plots**

Estimated cost of land servicing: **N\$150/m²**

Challenges in servicing land: **Very hard rock, lack of economic opportunities**

Land still available for servicing: **14.5 ha. Residential and 4 ha Business**

Bulk infrastructure situation: **Outdated infrastructure, needs to be upgraded.**

Annual budget: **N\$15m (incl. contribution from NPC)**

Contribution from central government: **N\$1,539,097 (Operational)**

Locally-raised revenue: **N\$8.4m**

Guiding documents: **Strategic plans**

Future plans: **Future new extensions/ Business development in the pipeline (Fuel station; chalets; shop). Waiting for the business plans of 9 business plots that have been sold and approved by Minister.**

2. Current Situation in Informal Settlements.

Current situation: **No Informal settlement**

Services available

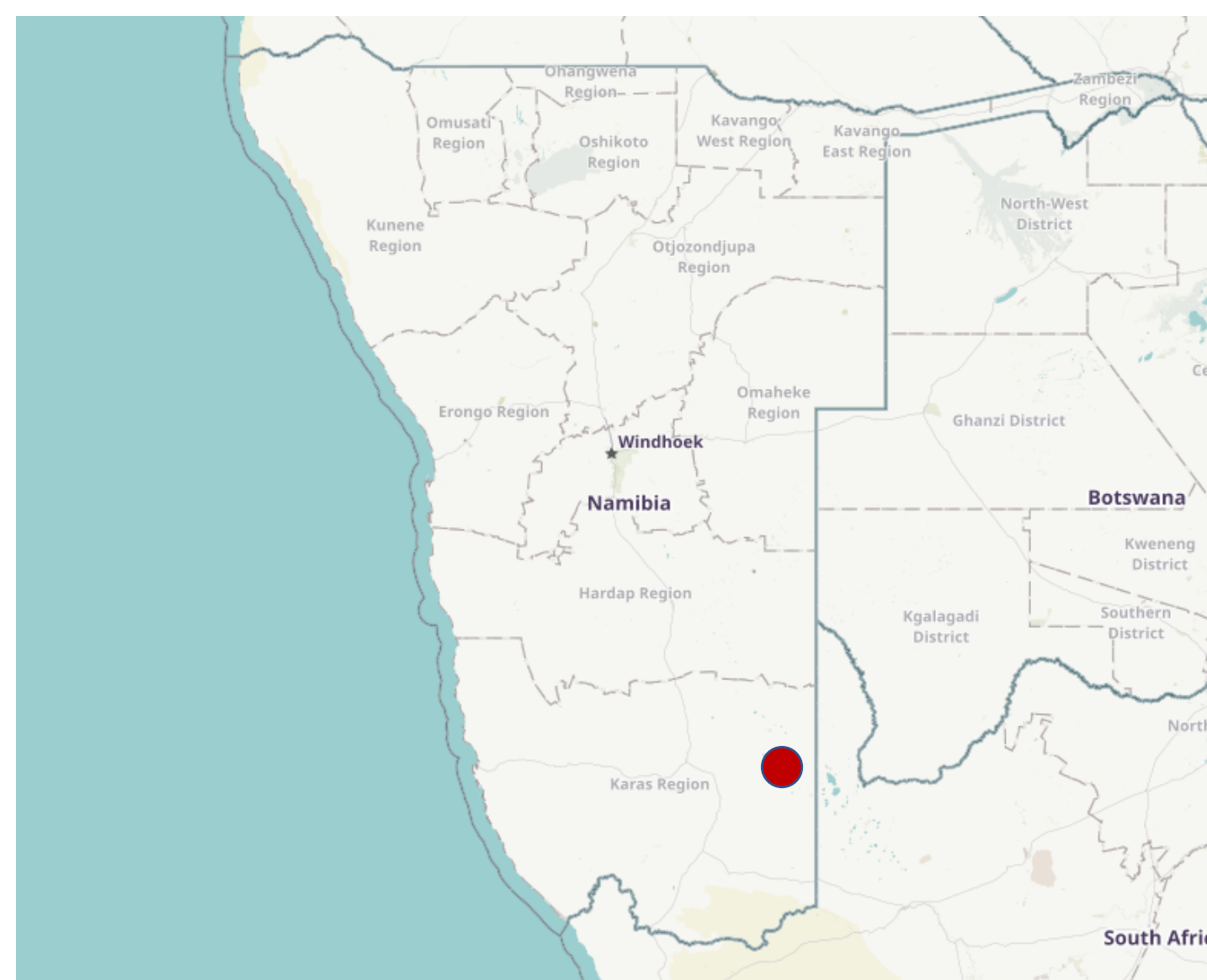
Water: **All households are connected to clean water. Purchase price per cubic meter from Namwater bought at N\$16.00 and sold at N\$18.88.**

Electricity: **All households and businesses are connected to electricity. Conventional meters N\$1.88kWh + basic. Pre-paid N\$2.05 per unit. Purchase from Nampower at N\$1.22kWh**

Sanitation: **All households are connected to a waterborne system. Maintenance cost per month residential N\$83.00. Business large N\$1,500 per month**

Other services: **Refuse per month residential N\$71.00. Business N\$115.00 per month; Fire levy N\$5.75 per month; Delivery of sand N\$120 per load; removal of garden refuse N\$120.00 p load; Maintenance levy on request.**

Future plans: **Council is trying their utmost best to provide low cost housing to avoid the creation of an informal settlement**



Case: Social Housing Project

SITUATION. Ministry recommends to upgrade the informal settlement area.

CONSEQUENCES. The area was not well planned, not enough water sewerage services.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION. Local Authority asks approval from the Ministry to use the allocated amount for the upgrading of the settlement to be used to build social houses. Ministry approves the request and the council applies for an additional amount of extend the project.

OUTCOMES. The council managed to relocate all 78 households in the informal settlements to well-constructed houses.

LESSONS. Permanent solutions are always better.



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