

Showcasing national efforts toward informal settlement upgrading

OKONGO

1. Basic Facts

Population: **400**

Annual population growth: **4%**

Estimated population currently living in informal settlements: **280**

Number of people registered in the 'waiting list': **1,300**

Registered plots within urban area: **349 in valuation roll, but four extensions pending approval.**

Upcoming land developments: **1,200 plots**

Estimated cost of land servicing: **N\$50/m2 (residential)**

Challenges in servicing land: **Lack of economic opportunities, thick sand.**

Land still available for servicing: **30ha.**

Bulk infrastructure situation: **Informal areas have no sewer, roads or electricity.**

Annual budget: **N\$ 27,000,000**
Contribution from central government: **N\$ 11,000,000**
Locally-raised revenue: **60%**

Guiding documents: **National guidelines only, the structure plan is under preparation.**

Future plans: **Development of a strategic plan, structure plan, and construction of services in Extension 2 (200 erven) with water and sewerage.**

2. Current Situation in Informal Settlements.

Current situation: **The settlement was not ready for the high influx of people to Okongo; hence the sprawling informal areas.**

Interventions: **Council has thus undertaken the process of establishing a reception area, which has been planned and surveyed. It is awaiting formalization. It has 1,600 erven, of which 90% are residential. Council has registered all corrugated iron structures, so that they can move to the reception area. There is provision of basic services, such as water and sanitation (two public toilets); as well as electricity.**

Water: **Yes, at N\$13/m3**

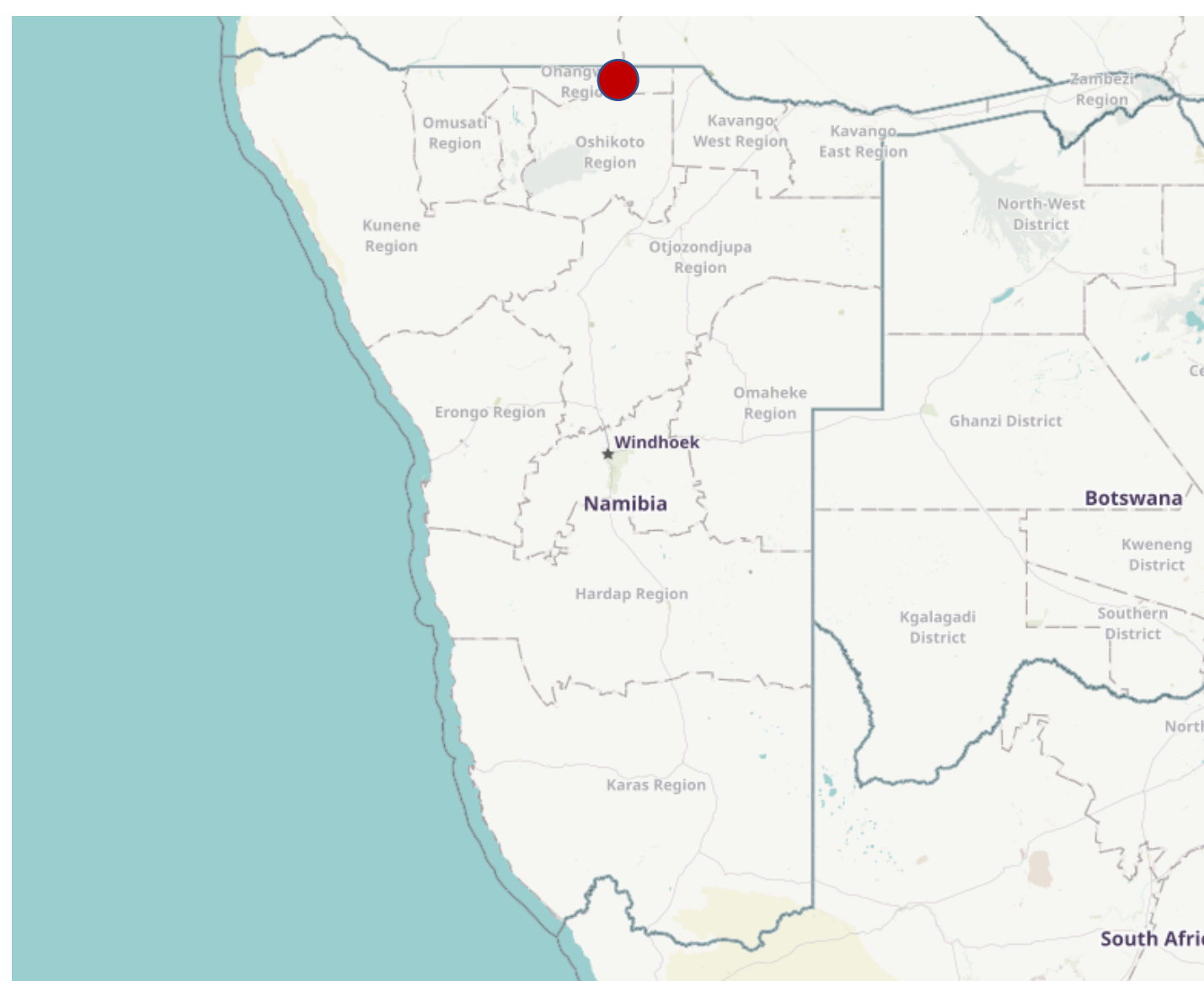
Sanitation: **Partially in formal areas, in informal areas no.**

Electricity: **Yes, at NORED rates.**

Other services: **Refuse removal and roads.**

Actions: **Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN) and quarterly community meetings.**

Future plans: **Servicing the area and construct sufficient proper sanitation.**



Case: contentious land allocation

SITUATION. The Regional Council allocated four plots of land to Chinese nationals for the construction of a mall.

CONSEQUENCES. Local people were not happy with the idea and conflict started during the Village Council meeting.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION. Dealt with the conflict until it was resolved.

3. Partners in informal settlement upgrading

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