

Showcasing national efforts toward informal settlement upgrading

OMARURU

1. Basic Facts

Population: **7 900 Inhabitants**
Annual population growth: **2,85%**

Estimated population currently living in informal settlements: **3 000**
Number of people registered in the 'waiting list': **644**

Registered plots within urban area: **None.**
To be included in the new Valuation Roll.
Upcoming land developments: **1 787 Plots**

Estimated cost of land servicing: **N\$105/m²**
Challenges in servicing land: **Lack of Funds**
Land still available for servicing: **1,787 plots**

Bulk infrastructure situation:

Sewer: The current capacity of the sewer ponds is 60,000 m³. A new modern conventional facility is required for the whole town (Ozondje and Omaruru). The following projects were executed to improve the sanitation: Construction of Sewerage Infrastructure (Ext. 4 & 7 Ozondje); Design of Sewerage Infrastructure (Ext. 3 & 5 Ozondje and 1 & 2 Omaruru).

Water: Water in Omaruru is extracted from underground water through boreholes. The capacity is currently at approximately 800,000 m³ / annum. The Council came up with infrastructural report and proposed solutions to water pressure problems in Omaruru.

Roads: There is a need to extent gravel roads to the new established townships in phases. Omaruru has 220km of gravel roads which need to be upgraded at approximately N\$660,000,000.

Electricity: The average electricity usage in Omaruru is estimated at 3.6 megawatt / hour equivalent to 300 kilowatt / month. The current intake substation capacity for Omaruru is 5 megawatts

Guiding documents: **Planning Scheme & Strategic Plan**

Annual budget: **N\$64,908,515**
Contribution from central government: **N\$8,000,000**
Locally-raised revenue: **N\$75,390,740**

Future plans: **Ozondje – Extension 6-11**
Total No. of Plots 1 787; Revival of Omaruru Trade & Industrial Estate (OTIE); Data Base and Registration of Street vendors in conjunction with the Social Security Commission (SSC).

2. Current Situation in Informal Settlements.

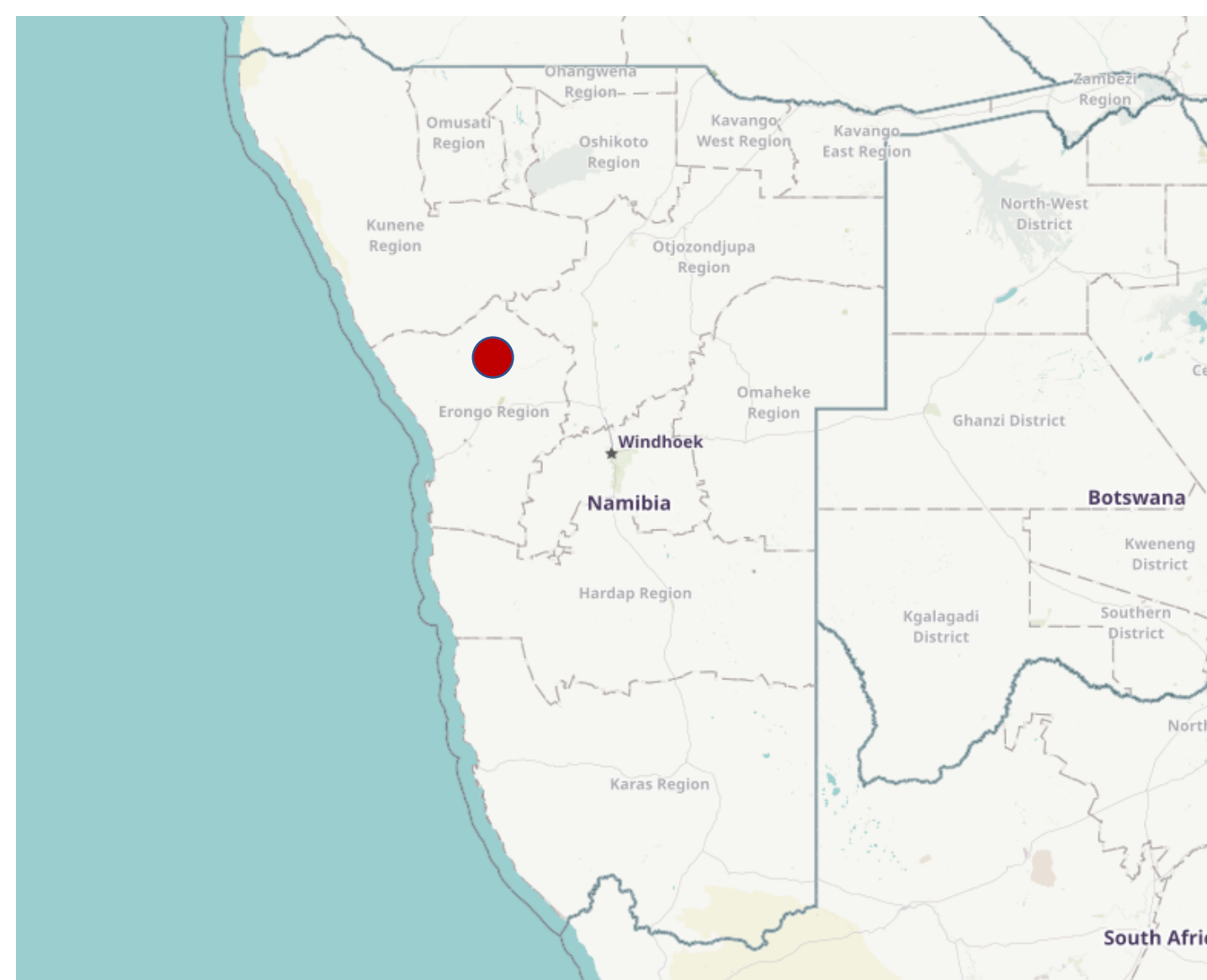
Current situation: **Due to severe drought, the residents of informal settlements migrate from nearby villages in search of employment and better living conditions.**

Interventions: **Every new person that comes into town is required to apply for land. Clients are allocated available land that has been planned and not serviced.**

Water: **Yes, own Water. N\$9,70 / m³**

Sanitation: **Yes, N\$114.60 / month – Residential**

Electricity: **Yes, but provided by Erongo RED.**



Other services: **Waste Management, N\$103.30 / month. Sales of Erven N\$137.80 for Serviced Land in Omaruru (Town) & N\$105 for Serviced Land in Ozondje. Rates & Taxes Land Value**

Actions: **Through Committees; Shackdwellers Federation pf Namibia (SDFN).**

Future plans: **Motivating the people that are living in informal settlements to join the Shackdwellers Federation of Namibia and to apply for land.**

3. Partners in informal settlement upgrading

Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN); Erongo RED.



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