

## Showcasing national efforts toward informal settlement upgrading

# TSUMEB

## 1. Basic Facts

Population: **19,275 (2011 Census)**

Annual population growth: **5% per annum.**

Estimated population currently living in informal settlements: **2,000**

Number of people registered in the 'waiting list': **3,000**

Registered plots within urban area: **6,000**

Upcoming land developments: **1,290 plots**

Estimated cost of land servicing: **N\$111/m<sup>2</sup> (18 ha for proposed extension 8 [Nomtsoub] with servicing cost at approximately N\$ 20,000,000).**

Challenges in servicing land: **Hard rock, insufficient fund & budget cut**

Land still available for servicing: **Seven (7) residential extensions which are up to the maximum of 300 erven each.**

Bulk infrastructure situation: **Capacity limited to accommodate the influx number of people, insufficient funds to upgrade the bulk services.**

Annual budget: **N\$ 25,574,800**

Contribution from central government: **N\$ 8,000,000**

Locally-raised revenue: **N\$ 1,401,000**

Guiding documents: **Local Authority Act, Town Planning Scheme, Structure Plan, Town Planning Ordinances , SABS/SANS Standards.**

Future plans: **Upgrading sewer treatment plans, create residential properties, construction of fruit and vegetable market.**

## 2. Current Situation in Informal Settlements.

Current situation: **The Kuvukiland Informal settlement is located at the western side of Tsumeb. About ¼ of the portion was owned by the Tsumeb Municipality and the rest by the mine. The ¼ portion was initially reserved for residents from Soweto, however it was expanded to the mine area and then until to the B1 road reserved areas. This area caters for most of the unemployed and low-income earners; especially those migrating to seek for the employment opportunities. The majority of houses are constructed using corrugated iron. It is as well characterised by a high number of informal economic activities.**

Interventions: **The Municipality is currently busy with the informal settlement upgrading process with an assistance from the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia and the Namibia Housing Action Group, the Community Land Information Programme (CLIP) team and the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).**

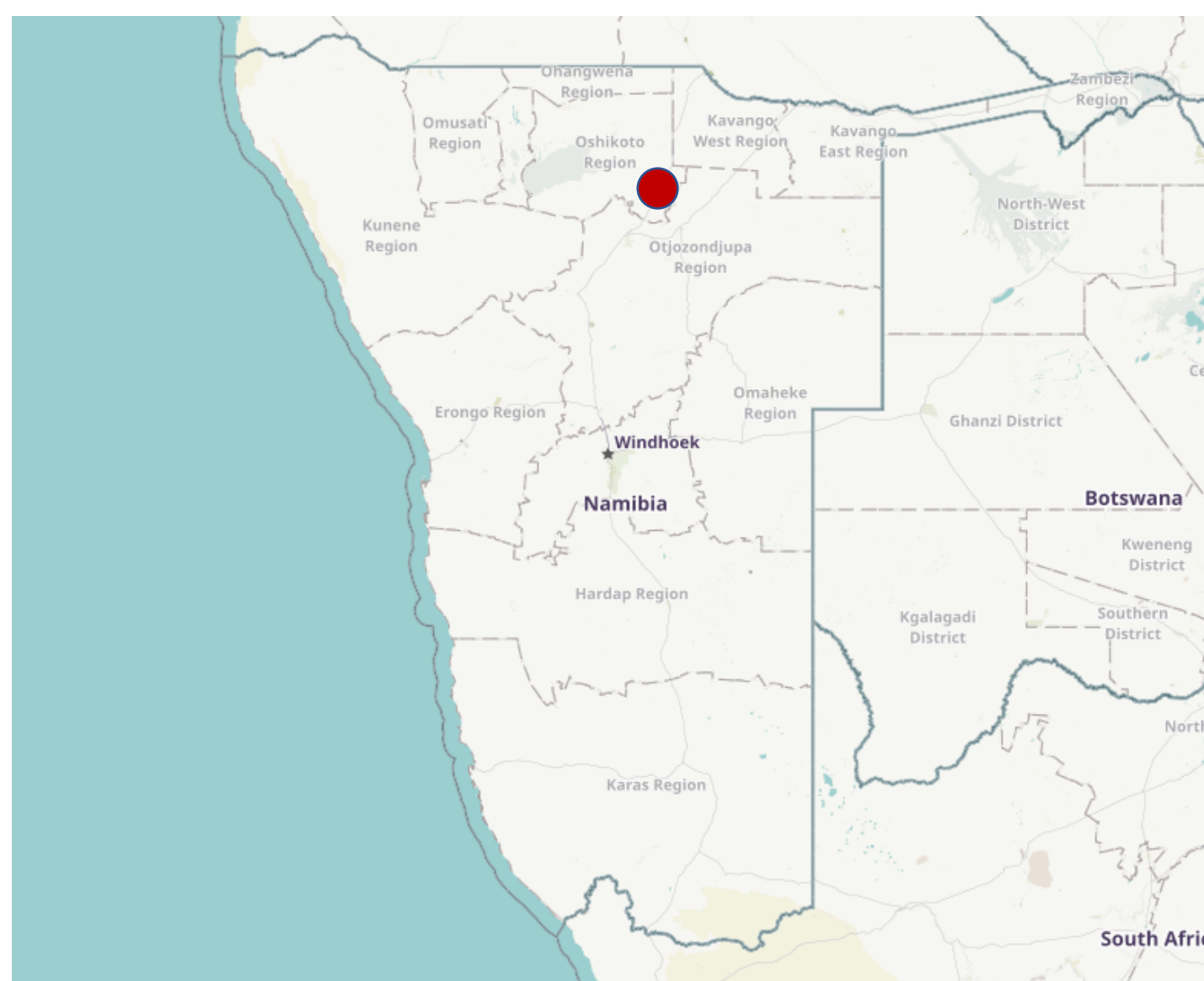
Currently **NUST students at the Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning are busy amending the layout for the final output.**

Socio-economic surveys have been completed and the Municipality together with the Kuvukiland Community are busy with the verification.

Water: **There are currently 13 communal pre-paid stand pipes (taps)**

Sanitation: **No.**

Electricity: **Half of the ¼ of the first portion (Block A) is electrified**



Actions: **The Local Authority engaged with the inhabitants through the committees as well as directly through community meetings. Within the Municipality, the structure tasked to deal with informal settlement is the Engineering Department, however mostly the involved with Town Planning Section**

Future plans: **Currently we only have one informal settlement (Kuvukiland) that we are upgrading. However, the plan is to upgrade to provide basic services and improve the living conditionS. Also, due to the high influx of people coming to town, Council will look up for alternative land to be considered as a reception areas and as well to accommodate people that will not be accommodated in the Kuvukiland area after the upgrading.**

## 3. Partners in informal settlement upgrading

**Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN); Namibia Housing Action Group (NHAG); NUST student under the Town and Regional Planning department; Kuvukiland Community; CLIP team (Communal Land Information Program)**



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