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FOREWORD

BY THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR

The 2025 United Nations Country Results Report marks a defining moment in the enduring partnership between the United Nations and the Government and people of Namibia. As the first year of implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2025–2029), 2025 laid a critical foundation for a new phase of development cooperation, fully aligned with Namibia's Sixth National Development Plan and Vision 2030, and anchored in a people-centered approach to sustainable development.

A foundational year, 2025 unfolded amid a global context marked by economic uncertainty, accelerating climate impacts, and rapid technological change, all of which continued to shape development pathways worldwide. Within this broader landscape, Namibia itself entered a period of significant transition. The inauguration of the country's first female President in March 2025, alongside its reclassification as a lower-middle-income country, signaled both progress and heightened vulnerability. With a youthful population - more than 70 per cent under the age of 35 - persistent inequality, high unemployment, and intensifying climate-related shocks increased pressure on institutions, services, and livelihoods. Against this backdrop, the need for inclusive growth, strengthened protection systems, and resilient national capacities has never been more urgent.

The achievements highlighted in this report reflect the strength of collaboration between

the United Nations Country Team, the Government of Namibia, and a broad range of partners, including civil society, the private sector, and international development actors. Together, we transitioned from the previous partnership framework to a renewed model of joint programming and evidence-based action, designed to respond to both immediate challenges and long-term structural priorities.

Strategic results in 2025 pointed to meaningful transformation. Support to Namibia's first digital Population and Housing Census strengthened national data systems essentials.

Hopolang Phororo
UN Resident Coordinator, Namibia

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY AND REGIONAL CONTEXT



Political and demographic context

The first female President took office in March 2025. Namibia reclassified to Lower-Middle-Income Country in 2025

Population estimated at 3.02 million

Youthful population: 71.1% of population is under age 35

Namibia ranks among the most unequal globally (Gini coefficient approximately 0.59)

launch of Namibia's Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6)



Economic and labour market

GDP growth slowed to 3.5% in 2024 (from 4.2% in 2023)

Unemployment rate: 36.9% (youth disproportionately affected (44.1%))

Inflation declined to 4.3% in 2024

Labour force: 867,247

Namibia reclassification from an Upper-Middle-Income Country to a Lower-Middle-Income Country as of 1 July 2025



Social and human development

Neonatal mortality rate: 20 per 1,000 live births

Over 63% of children experience multidimensional poverty

Approximately 230,000 people living with HIV

46% of households lack access to adequate sanitation

28.7% of households in Namibia live in informal dwellings



Environment and climate

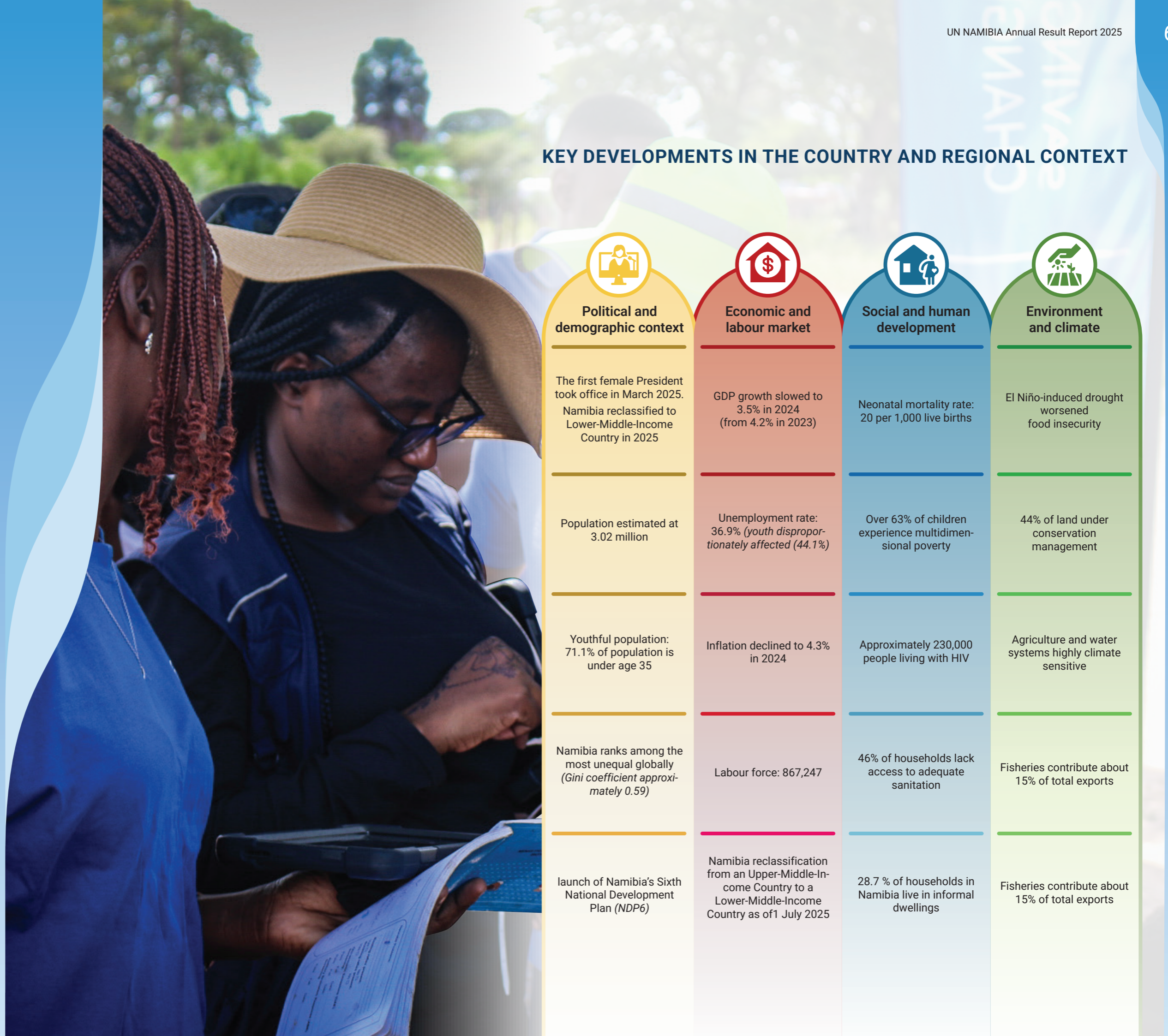
El Niño-induced drought worsened food insecurity

44% of land under conservation management

Agriculture and water systems highly climate sensitive

Fisheries contribute about 15% of total exports

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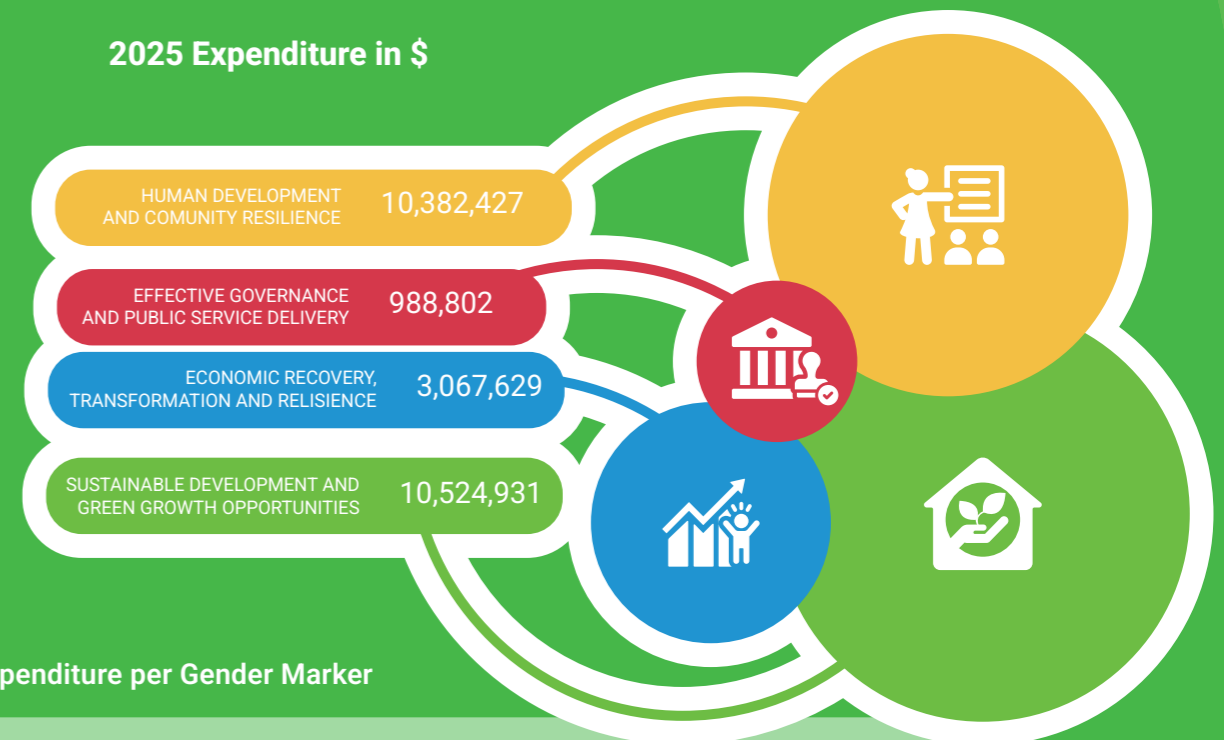


UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM SUPPORT TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES THROUGH THE COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

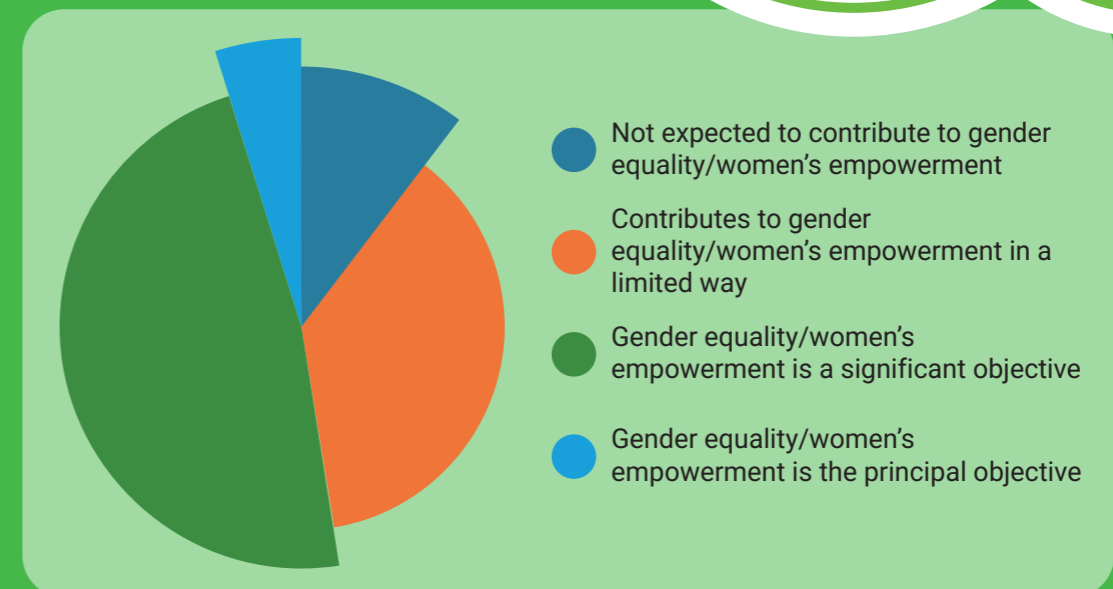
2.1. OVERVIEW OF COOPERATION FRAMEWORK RESULTS

The year 2025 marked the start of implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2025–2029 and the launch of Namibia’s Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6). As the UN’s primary instrument for supporting national priorities, the UNSDCF was operationalized through strengthened governance, joint planning, and evidence-based programming. The signing and rollout of the Joint Workplan (JWP) signified a renewed commitment between the United Nations and the Government to advance inclusive development and reduce inequalities. Implementation unfolded within an evolving national context shaped by Namibia’s reclassification to a lower-middle-income country, creating new financing opportunities while highlighting ongoing challenges related to inequality, unemployment, and climate vulnerability.

2025 Expenditure in \$



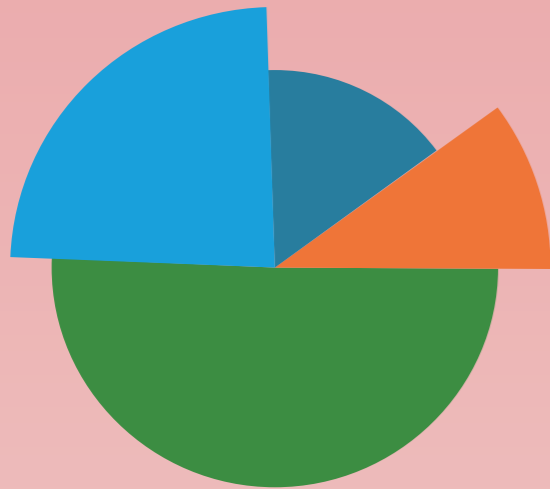
2025 Expenditure per Gender Marker



2.2. COOPERATION FRAMEWORK PRIORITIES

PILLAR 1: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

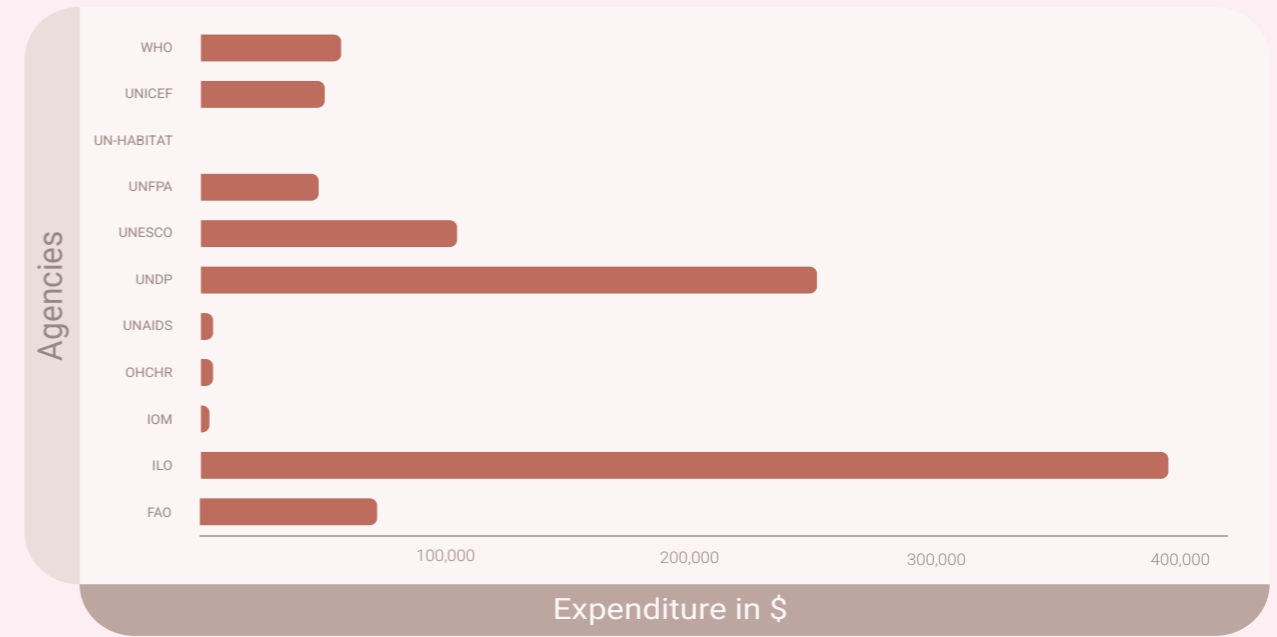
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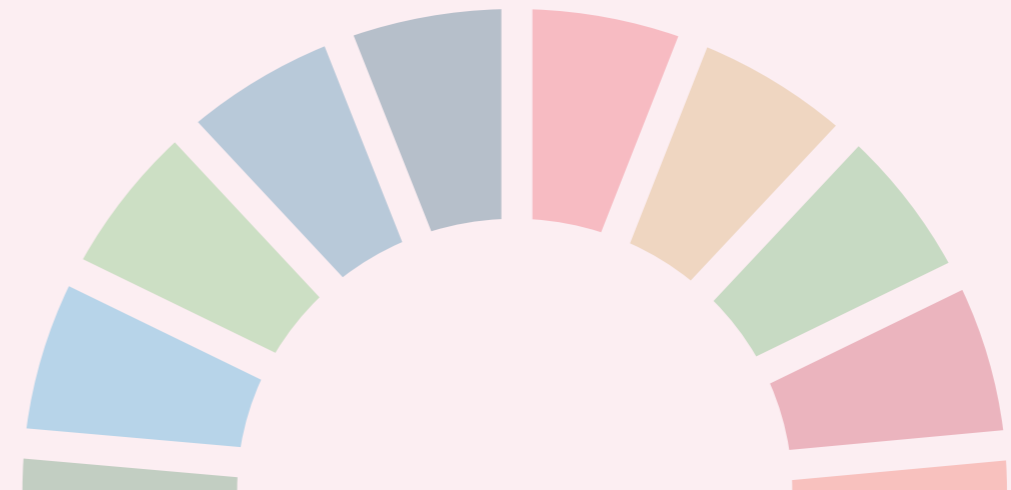


2025 Expenditure



In 2025, Namibia strengthened the foundations of effective, transparent, and evidence based governance. National institutions demonstrated improved capacity to generate, integrate, and use high quality data for planning, budgeting, monitoring, and policy formulation across sectors. Enhanced national data ecosystems, digital public infrastructure, and interoperable information systems enabled more coherent decision making and strengthened alignment between national priorities, public expenditure, and development results.

Governance outcomes were further reinforced through improved integrity, accountability, and inclusion. Strengthened ethical standards, anti corruption frameworks, parliamentary oversight, and participatory policy processes expanded civic space and public trust. Inclusive digital governance, legal identity systems, and regional cooperation mechanisms positioned institutions to respond more effectively to emerging risks, technological change, and climate related shocks, contributing to more responsive, resilient, and citizen centred public service delivery.



Output results at a glance



193
People
Capacited
across national
data institutions



1,000+
Ethics
Champions
reached across
government
institutions



269
Informal
Settlements
targeted for
standardized
profiling



82
Total
Leaders
(50+ Members
of Parliament
and 32 judges)
trained on ethical
AI governance



14
ministries
supported
To strengthen
anti-corruption
systems

Reinforced Ethical and Accountable Governance



Anti-Corruption:
Built institutional and
technical capacity to
implement the **National
Anti-Corruption Strategy**
and Action Plan



Integrity Standards:
Supported the rollout of
national ethics standards
and integrity guidance



Oversight:
Strengthened parliamentary
oversight of **public finance
and expenditure**



Human Rights:
Elevated the State and
civil society participation
in international human rights
accountability mechanisms

Strengthened National Data Systems and Statistical Capacity for Evidence-Based Planning and Accountability



Produced **Population
and Housing Census**
thematic reports,
specifically covering
fertility, mortality,
labour force
and migration.



Provided technical
and logistical support
for **national household**
and income surveys
used to underpin
poverty measurement



Advanced readiness
for a future
agricultural census
that aligns with
international standards



**Labour Market Information
Systems(LMIS)**
established to capture,
store and disseminate
data and information
based on improved
statistical standards,
surveys and
administrative data.

Enabled Future-Ready Governance through AI and Digital Identity



Digital Identity:
Supported the participatory
design of a **national digital
legal identity (eID)** system



AI Readiness:
Conducted AI readiness
assessments aligned
with international
ethics standards



Governance Capacity:
Built AI governance
capacity among lawmakers
and justice sector
actors to promote
the **responsible adoption
of emerging technologies**

Advanced Digital Transformation and Public Data Systems



Integrated Platforms:
Established and
operationalized
**integrated GIS
and environmental
data platforms**



Service Modernization:
Advanced the
modernization of
**education and health
information systems**
through diagnostics
and costed
reform roadmaps



Digital Infrastructure:
Supported digital learning
infrastructure and national
health information
system assessments



Urban Data:
Strengthened housing
and urban data systems
through **interoperable
architectures** and
geospatial integration

Improved Urban Governance and Service Delivery through Digital Solutions



Service Management:
Strengthened municipal
digital governance systems
for **service tracking
and management**



Mapping:
Built capacity in geospatial
analysis, informal settlement
mapping, and data
interoperability



Strategy:
Supported **smart city**
visioning and
evidence-based
urban strategies



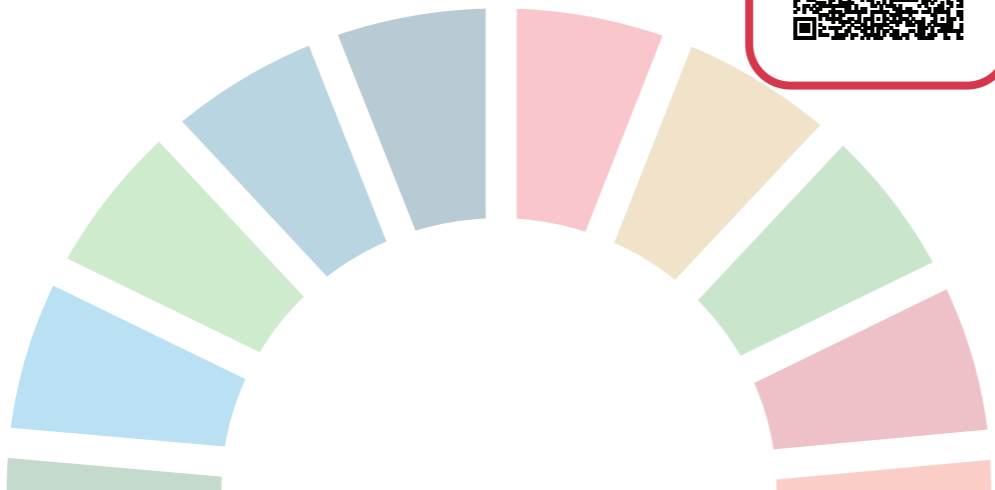
Service Delivery:
Generated actionable
data to address delivery
challenges, including
tracking **water losses**


STORIES OF CHANGE

HAIYAMBO JAKKO

Click here to read how Haiyambo Jakko is breaking barriers and amplifying the voices of young people with disabilities in Namibia. With support from the United Nations Population Fund, the 25 year old from Nkurenkuru joined the Youth Advisory Panel to ensure that national priorities around sexual reproductive health and gender equality are inclusive. Jakko, who has albinism, spent much of his life facing stigma and insensitive questions, but he chose to use his lived experience to challenge the assumption that persons with disabilities are incapable or fragile.

The Youth Advisory Panel serves as a critical platform for representation, allowing members like Jakko to influence how programs are designed at a national level. He advocates for disability inclusive policies that address essential needs such as access to education, employment, and specialized healthcare like eye care and sunscreen. By occupying a seat at the table, Jakko aims to normalize the presence of leaders with disabilities and ensure they have access to vital information regarding their bodies and rights. His journey demonstrates that providing opportunities for visibility can transform personal advocacy into systemic change for all young Namibians.



 Discover other inspiring stories



Sowing seeds of resilience in Namibia



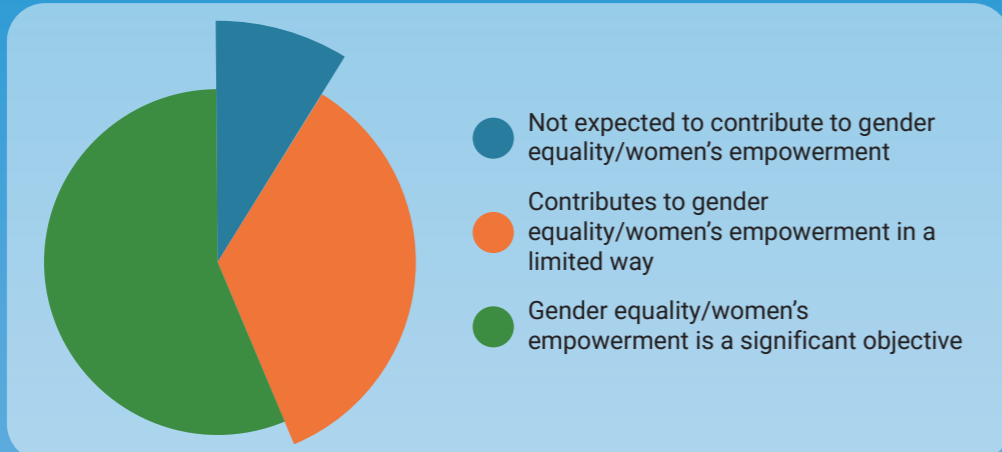
From hardship to harvest: Aline's garden of hope in Kunene



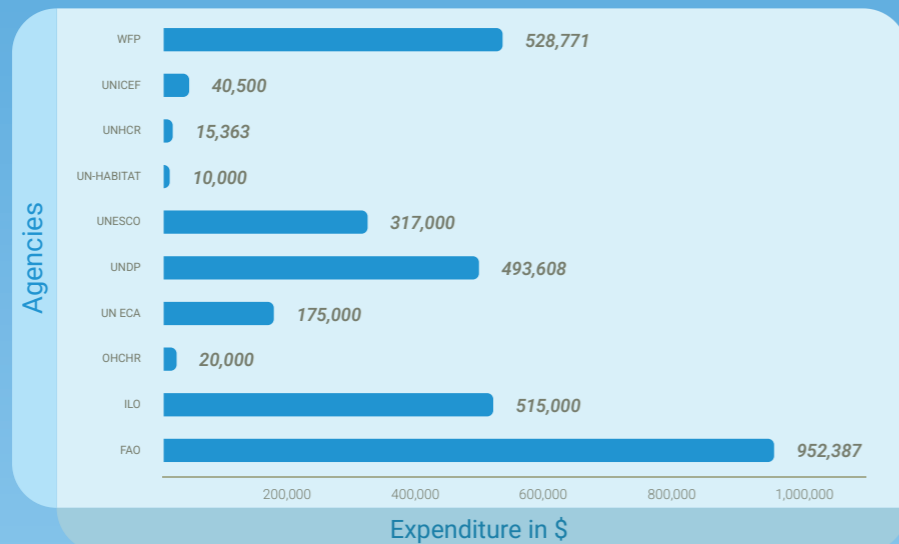
Advocacy doesn't begin with microphones and media

PILLAR 2: ECONOMIC RECOVERY, TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE

2025 Expenditure by Gender



2025 Expenditure



During 2025, Namibia advanced toward a more inclusive and resilient economic trajectory. National capacities to steer economic transformation improved through strengthened policy, financing, and analytical frameworks that aligned resource mobilization with development priorities. These outcomes supported progress toward diversified value chains, green industrialization, and improved economic governance, laying the groundwork for sustainable growth and job creation.

At the same time, household and community level resilience increased through improved food security, strengthened livelihoods, and expanded access to skills, finance, and markets. Women, youth, smallholder producers, and MSMEs benefited from enhanced productive capacities, green and digital skills, and inclusive financial services. Together, these outcomes reduced vulnerability to economic and climate shocks while expanding pathways to decent work, entrepreneurship, and sustainable livelihoods.



Output results at a glance



1,760

Households supported in agriculture (impacting ~8,800 people)



502

Hectares of land restored through bush thinning



295

Youth trained for the emerging green economy



50

Businesses Supported (26 MSMEs and 24 startups financed)



1,200

Learners gained new access to digital learning opportunities

Strengthened Policy and Financing Frameworks for Economic Transformation



Strategic Frameworks:

Supported policy development for critical minerals **beneficiation**, youth skills, trade and economic diversification, green jobs, and circular industrialization.



Macroeconomic Planning:

Strengthened evidence-based planning through the use of analytical tools on gender and pro-employment budgeting.



Financing Mechanisms:

Supported the institutionalization of **results-aligned financing**

Enhanced Resilient Food Systems and Agricultural Livelihoods



Direct Support:

Distributed agricultural inputs and resilience-building assets to vulnerable households



Sustainable Agriculture:

Built community capacity in sustainable farming techniques and nutrition



Local Production:

Supported household-level food production through the development of **backyard gardens**

Expanded Inclusive Value Chains and Green Skills Development



Small-Scale Fisheries: Strengthened governance, coordination, and reduced post-harvest losses



Nature-Based Enterprises: Supported bush-based and nature-based businesses linked to land restoration efforts



Green Jobs: Delivered accredited training in **biomass harvesting** and supported green energy and biomass investments



Inclusive Training: Provided livelihood skills training for forcibly displaced populations

Advanced Women's Economic Empowerment and Youth Inclusion



Women-Led Enterprise:

Supported businesses producing reusable sanitary products



Integrated Support: Combined **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)** with livelihoods training or youth and women



Breaking Barriers:

Applied gender-inclusive criteria to expand access to non-traditional economic sectors

Expanded MSME Growth, Digital Ecosystems and Economic Transparency



Business Growth:

Expanded financial assistance and startup support for MSMEs



Digital Skills:

Improved access to **ICT skills** and advanced national digital policy and data readiness.



Transparency:

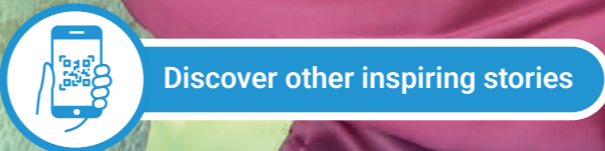
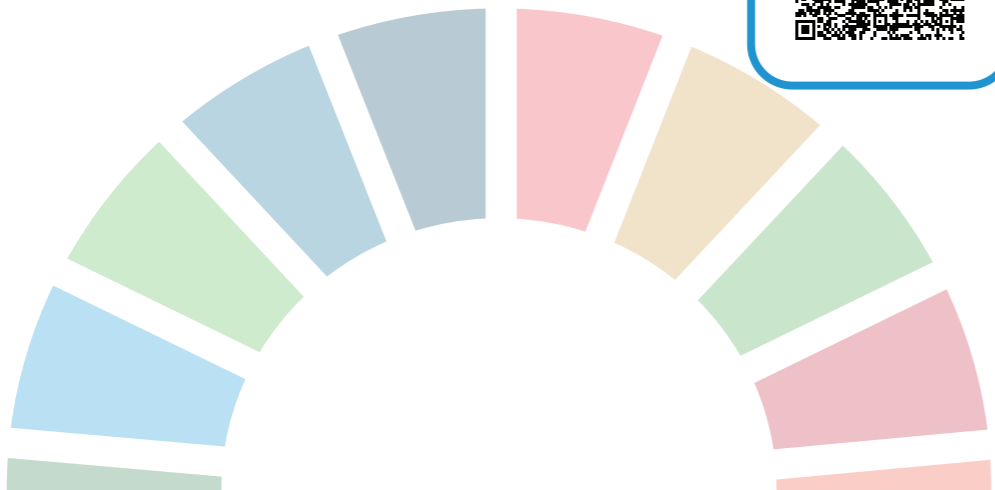
Strengthened **fiscal transparency** and real-time feedback systems

STORIES OF CHANGE

LYDIA KAMBO

Click here to read how Lydia Kamho turned her period of unemployment into a thriving educational enterprise that serves families in Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. With support from UN Women, the De Beers Group, and the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication, and Social Welfare, Lydia utilized the EntreprenHER program to gain the skills and confidence necessary to launch her first pre-primary school in 2021. Starting with only 20 children, her commitment to quality education led to rapid growth, resulting in the establishment of a second branch and the employment of five women from her community.

The success of Mighty Star Pre-primary School is a direct result of the financial management and digital literacy training provided through the initiative. Lydia applied disciplined budgeting to fund her expansion and used social media marketing to increase enrollments and professionalize her classroom environment. Today, her schools provide care for nearly 60 children, preparing them for their transition into primary school. By transforming her leadership skills and business acumen, Lydia now supports her parents and siblings while planning to build a primary school and boarding facility to serve rural communities in northern Namibia.



"I still want to finish school": A crisis of reproductive agency for girls in Namibia



Namibia rolls out human papillomavirus vaccination to help end cervical cancer



A voice for the unheard

PILLAR 3: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

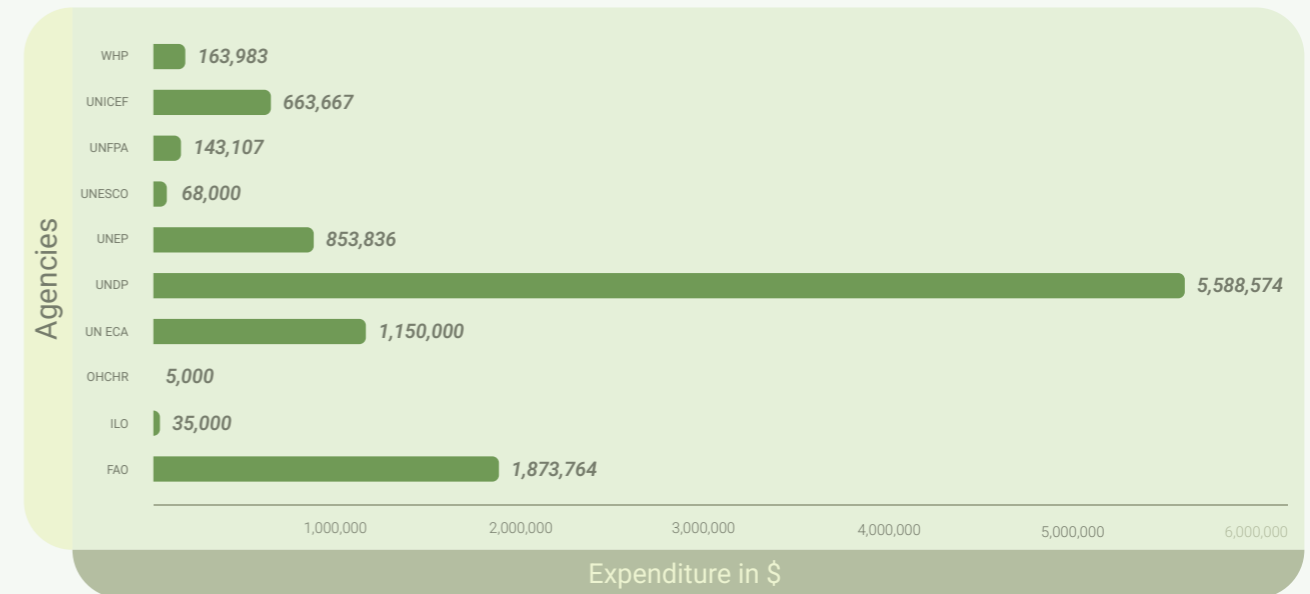
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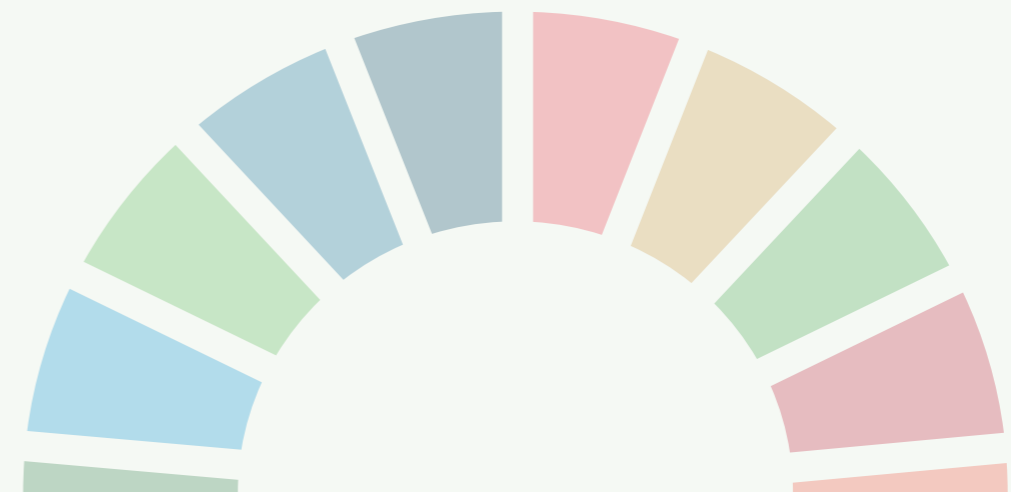


2025 Expenditure



In 2025, Namibia strengthened its capacity to pursue climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable development. Scaled climate finance, strengthened climate and biodiversity governance, and improved long-term planning enhanced national readiness to meet global environmental commitments while integrating climate action into development strategies. Improved transboundary cooperation and policy coherence supported sustainable management of shared natural resources and climate risks.

At the community level, resilience and green growth outcomes were realized through nature-based solutions, conservation-linked livelihoods, improved water access, and strengthened disaster preparedness. Biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and climate-resilient livelihoods improved incomes, food security, and environmental sustainability. Collectively, these outcomes demonstrate progress toward a development pathway that balances environmental protection, economic opportunity, and social inclusion.



Output results at a glance



28.63

Million USD

Mobilized for climate and environment priorities



167,141

People

Reached with drought-response food assistance



18,786

People

gained access to safe drinking water



3,800+

Community Members

supported through climate-resilient livelihoods



METT score

Increased
From 62 to 69 across 3 national parks

Mobilized Climate Finance and Strengthened Strategic Climate Policy



Large-Scale Financing:

Mobilized significant climate and environmental financing to support long-term goals



Policy Frameworks:

Supported the development of national long-term and **gender-responsive climate policy frameworks**



Strategic Alignment:

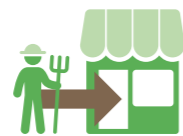
Strengthened the alignment between climate action and national development planning.

Strengthened Climate-Resilient Livelihoods, Food and Water Security



Drought Response:

Delivered **nutrition-sensitive food assistance** during drought emergencies



Sustainable Infrastructure:

Supported community-level climate-smart agriculture, market infrastructure, and water access



Solar Solutions:

Expanded access to safe drinking water specifically through **solar-powered systems**

Improved Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management



Park Effectiveness:

Strengthened the management effectiveness of protected areas



Green Employment:

Expanded wildlife enterprises and **conservation-linked employment**.



Ecosystem Restoration:

Restored degraded ecosystems through the application of **nature-based solutions**.

Enhanced Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Preparedness



Fire Management:

Built national and community capacity in **fire prevention and suppression**



Early Warning:

Deployed monitoring technologies and early warning systems to anticipate risks.



Conflict Response:

Strengthened response systems for **human-wildlife conflict**

Promoted Inclusive Climate Governance and Youth Leadership



Youth Innovation:

Engaged youth leaders to **co-design climate solutions**



Stakeholder Dialogue:

Convened multi-stakeholder dialogues to inform national climate commitments



Environmental Safeguards:

Strengthened social and environmental safeguards across development projects



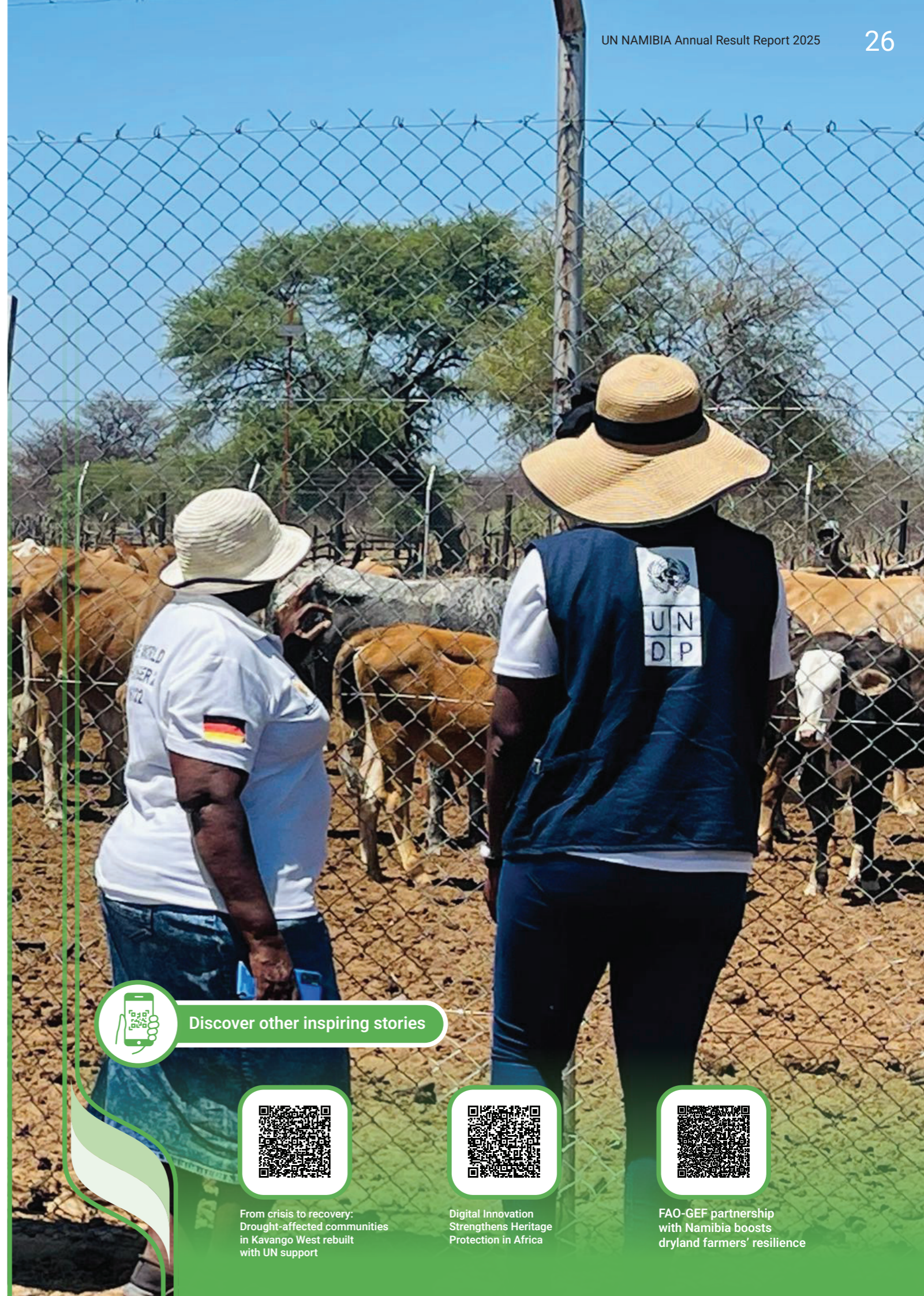
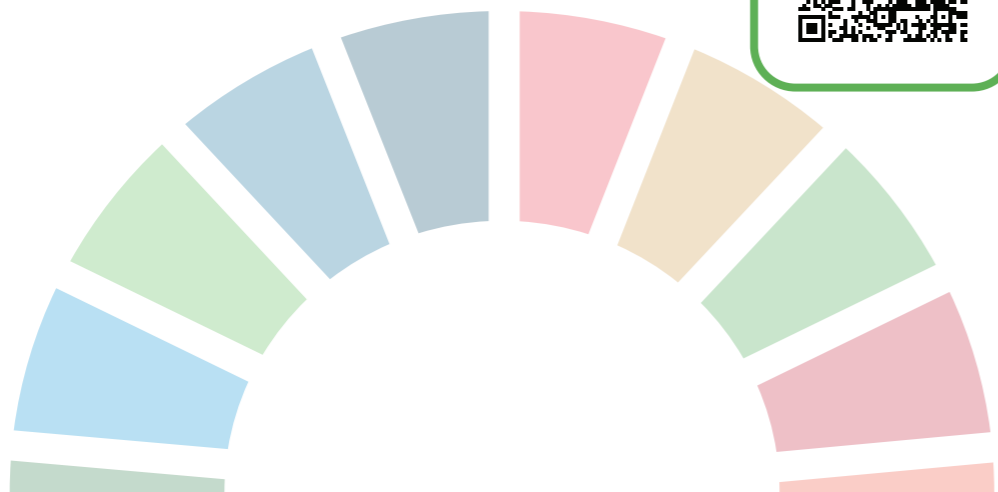
Governance & Tourism:


Advanced wildlife and natural resource governance reforms and supported **heritage conservation and geopark development**.

STORIES OF CHANGE FROM FEAR TO SECURITY

Click here to read how residents of Shilongo Shuukule Village transformed their lives from fear to security. With support from UNDP and the Global Environment Facility, this community in the Oshikoto Region of Namibia addressed the constant threat of lions and hyenas from nearby Etosha National Park. For years, farmers like Hilma Lugambo lived in a state of high alert as predators killed their livestock, which served as their primary source of income and cultural stability. Before 2023, the village recorded over 40 predator attacks, leaving families emotionally exhausted and economically vulnerable.

The introduction of predator resistant kraals and solar powered lighting in April 2023 marked a turning point for the village. These practical tools now protect hundreds of animals and allow families to sleep without the constant threat of financial ruin. Since these interventions began, the community has recorded zero livestock losses. Hilma and her neighbors now possess the equipment and confidence to co-exist with wildlife. This project has restored hope and demonstrated that targeted support can turn a high risk hotspot into a model of safety and resilience.



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From crisis to recovery: Drought-affected communities in Kavango West rebuilt with UN support



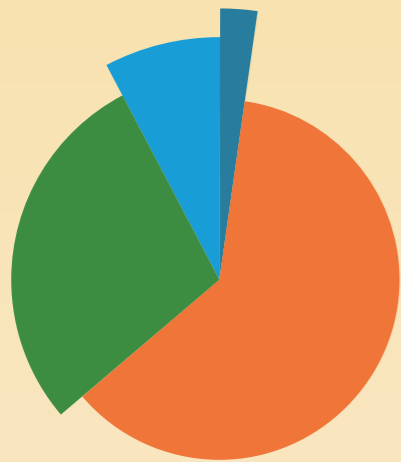
Digital Innovation Strengthens Heritage Protection in Africa



FAO-GEF partnership with Namibia boosts dryland farmers' resilience

PILLAR 4: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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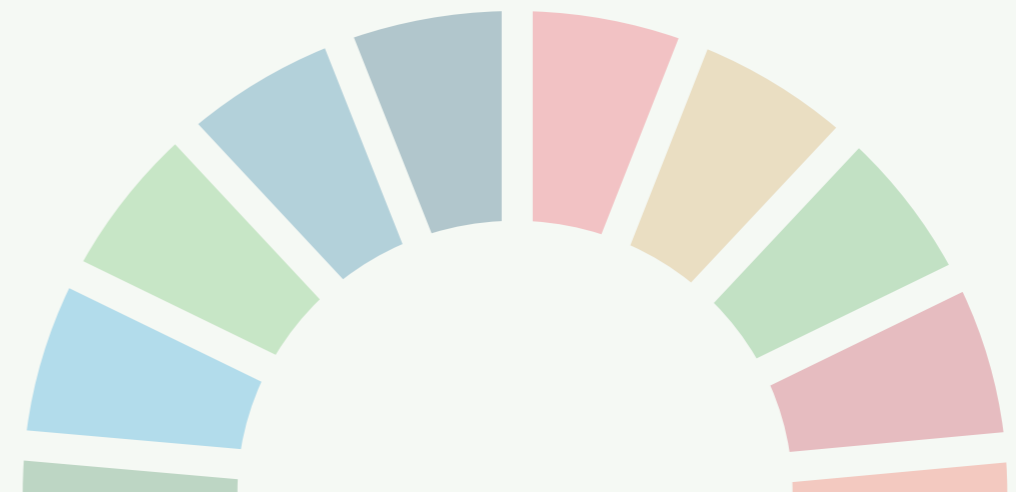


2025 Expenditure








In 2025, human development outcomes improved through strengthened Protection, health, education, nutrition, and social systems that expanded equitable access to quality services. Health systems became more resilient and responsive, with improved continuity of care across community and facility levels, strengthened emergency preparedness, and enhanced access to essential medicines and services. Integrated investments across maternal, child, adolescent health and nutrition contributed to reduced vulnerability among high risk populations.





Education, protection, and social inclusion outcomes were also strengthened. Improved learning systems, early childhood development, and digital transformation enhanced education quality and inclusion, while expanded school feeding and nutrition systems supported better learning and wellbeing. At the same time, stronger protection systems advanced survivor centred responses to violence, improved legal identity coverage, disability inclusion, and youth participation. Together, these outcomes strengthened community resilience, social cohesion, and the protection of the most vulnerable.



Output results at a glance

 <p>578,485 Children under five Screened for malnutrition</p>	 <p>213,501 Women Received nutrition counselling or assessment</p>	 <p>820,747 Learners Benefited from education system strengthening</p>	 <p>22,909 Individuals Accessed integrated SRH, HIV, and GBV services</p>	 <p>100,000+ Children Targeted through nationwide Early Childhood Development (ECD) feeding</p>
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Improved Nutrition, Early Childhood Development and School Feeding Systems

 <p>Malnutrition Response: Scaled screening, treatment, and prevention of child malnutrition</p>	 <p>ECD Governance: Strengthened Early Childhood Development (ECD) governance, curriculum alignment, and workforce capacity</p>	 <p>Monitoring Systems: Expanded school feeding and ECD nutrition programmes with digital monitoring</p>	 <p>Caregiver Support: Delivered large-scale behaviour change and caregiver support initiatives</p>
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Strengthened Health Systems and Advanced Universal Health Coverage

 <p>Strategic Frameworks: Strengthened health policy, legal, and strategic frameworks To support Universal Health Coverage (UHC)</p>	 <p>Health Security: Enhanced disease surveillance, emergency preparedness, and health information systems</p>	 <p>Medical Supplies: Improved regulatory systems for medicines and clinical supplies</p>	 <p>Workforce Development: Expanded digital learning and training platforms for the health workforce</p>
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Enhanced Education Quality, Inclusion and Digital Transformation

 <p>Learning Reforms: Advanced foundational learning and teacher professionalization reforms</p>	 <p>Assessment & Wellbeing: Strengthened assessment systems, learning materials, and evidence on teacher wellbeing</p>	 <p>Digital Platforms: Expanded digital learning platforms and connectivity planning</p>	 <p>Disability Inclusion: Generated national evidence on the costs of disability to families and institutionalized early identification of developmental delays</p>	 <p>Skills: Promoted adolescent skills development and participation.</p>
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Improved Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Outcomes

 <p>Financing & Delivery: Mobilized financing for integrated Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (MNCAH) interventions</p>	 <p>Quality Standards: Strengthened service delivery, workforce capacity, and quality-of-care standards</p>	 <p>Essential Equipment: Provided critical maternal and neonatal equipment</p>	 <p>Community Links: Strengthened community health systems and Referral linkages</p>
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Strengthened Protection Systems and Human Rights Safeguards

 <p>Advanced legal and policy reforms regarding GBV, Violence Against Children (VAC), violence and harassment at work (V&H@W), occupational safety and health (OSH) and trafficking</p>	 <p>Response Capacity: Expanded multisectoral frontline response capacity and delivered integrated SRH, HIV, and protection services</p>	 <p>Information Systems and Dialogue Platforms: Strengthened GBV information systems and explored climate-gender linkages; and established platforms for migrant and fisheries workers' protection</p>	 <p>Legal Identity: Expanded legal identity and civil registration coverage</p>
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STORIES OF CHANGE

MUKANGA NGATUPETUKE

Click here to read how Mukanga Ngatupetuke, a 24 year old mother in the Kunene Region, is overcoming cultural and economic barriers to complete her education. With support from the United Nations Population Fund and the Government of Namibia, young women in indigenous, semi-nomadic communities are accessing the resources needed to return to school after pregnancy. Mukanga, who gave birth at age 22, initially feared her academic journey had ended, but Namibia's Policy for the Prevention and Management of Learner Pregnancy and the dedicated support of her 84 year old mother, Tjisunga Muukubande, provided a vital second chance.

The intervention by UNFPA focuses on reducing unintended pregnancies by training teachers to provide life skills based health education and equipping healthcare workers to offer adolescent friendly reproductive services. In addition to academic support and counseling from Omuhonga Combined School, Mukanga now uses long acting reversible contraceptives to ensure she can focus on her studies without the risk of another unintended pregnancy. These efforts address the interconnected challenges of child marriage and patriarchal traditions that often force girls to drop out of school. By fostering a supportive environment at home and in the classroom and community, the project helps young women like Mukanga transition from vulnerability to a path of self reliance and a better future for their children. By fostering a supportive environment at home and in the classroom, the programme helps young women like Mukanga transition from vulnerability to a path of self reliance and a better future for their children.



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Opening Doors
Melissa's mission
for Inclusion



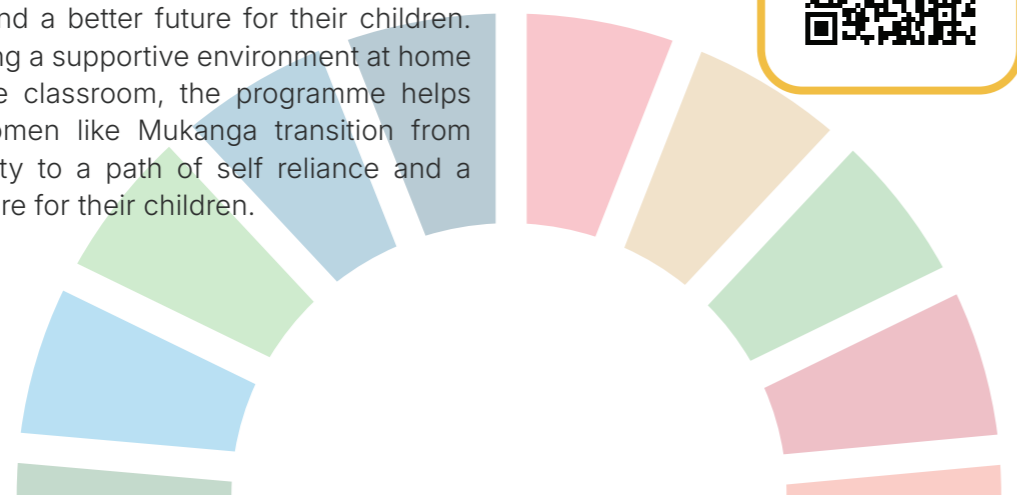
Joint hope in hardship
A lifeline for Sara's family



A Story of Strength
and Sight Beyond Vision



Refugees in Namibia
rebuild their lives through
livelihood activities



2.3. SUPPORT TO PARTNERSHIPS AND FINANCING THE 2030 AGENDA

KEY PARTNERSHIP IN 2025



Private Sector (MTC):

Focused on digital inclusion and youth empowerment.



IFIs (World Bank & AfDB):

Integrated into the UNCT to enhance economic policy and SDG financing.



Bilateral Support (Japan):

Targeted investments for health systems and emergency readiness.



Media (SABA):

Regional communications partnership reaching 250 million viewers.

PRIVATE SECTOR INNOVATION (MTC)



Collaboration:

Formalized a Joint Memorandum of Understanding with Mobile.



Key Focus:

Advancing digital transformation, youth empowerment, and equitable access to information.



Shared Commitment:

Joint Declaration of Intent to advance the SDGs through digital innovation and public platforms.

STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC POLICY WITH IFIS



Integration:

Fully integrated the World Bank and African Development Bank (AfDB) into the UN Country Team.



Economic Strategy:

Collaborative focus on economic policy, public finance management, and macroeconomic advisory.






Financing Pathways:

Leveraging Namibia's Lower-Middle-Income status to open new avenues for concessional SDG financing.






2.4. RESULTS OF THE UN WORKING MORE AND BETTER TOGETHER: UN COHERENCE, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EFFICIENCY

TARGETED BILATERAL INVESTMENT (JAPAN)

 <p>Health Security: Approved three UN-implemented projects under the Japanese Supplementary Budget (JSB).</p>	 <p>UNICEF (USD 753,333): Enhancing community and health system emergency preparedness.</p>	 <p>WHO (USD 373,333): Initiatives focused on health emergency readiness and upgrading cancer diagnostic capacity.</p>
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REGIONAL SDG ADVOCACY (UN-SABA INITIATIVE)

 <p>Massive Reach: Partnering with the Southern African Broadcasting Association (SABA) to reach 16 SADC countries.</p>	 <p>Content Creation: Co-creating media on youth employment and gender-based violence while training journalists.</p>	 <p>Leadership: Positions Namibia as a regional leader in media-driven SDG advocacy at no additional cost.</p>
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STRATEGIC POSITIONING

 <p>The Goal: Moving beyond traditional aid to become a strategic, policy-driven partner.</p>	 <p>Systemic Resilience: Strengthening resilience through innovative financing models and deep engagement across sectors.</p>
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1 GOVERNANCE & TRATEGIC COORDINATION

 <p>Operational Excellence: In 2025, the UN fully operationalised the governance structures of The UNSDCF 2025–2029.</p>	 <p>Leadership: Heads of Agencies took leadership roles across four Results Groups, the Programme Oversight Group and thematic teams (Gender, Disability, Human Rights, Communications, and Operations).</p>	 <p>Unified Planning: For the first time, all coordination mechanisms produced joint annual workplans aligned with national priorities.</p>	 <p>Shared Evidence: Strengthened the use of UNINFO as a shared platform for joint planning, reporting, and evidence management.</p>
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2 JOINT PROGRAMMING - THE GLOBAL ACCELERATOR (GA)

 <p>High-Level Commitment: The GA on Jobs and Social Protection gained strong national visibility, including direct endorsement by the Head of State during the launch of NDP6.</p>	 <p>Integrated Action: Two complementary joint programmes are driving job creation and social protection through partnerships between the UN (ILO, UNDP, FAO, UNICEF) and the World Bank.</p>	 <p>Policy Reform: Advanced the draft Third National Employment Policy and conducted diagnostics on the informal economy to shape future investments.</p>
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3 IMPACT AT A GLANCE (KEY NUMBERS)

 <p>USD 3.32 Million Mobilised: Total funds for joint programmes (USD 1.8M for AgriSystems/Biomass and USD 1.52M for Social Protection/Employment).</p>	 <p>295 Youth Trained: Specifically in biomass harvesting as part of the green economy transition.</p>	 <p>Quarterly Collaboration: Consistent coordination, joint monitoring, and collective problem-solving across all Results Groups.</p>
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4 OPERATIONAL INNOVATION - THE UN HOUSE COLOCATION MODEL

 <p>Sustainable Solutions: To address global economic pressures, the UN initiated colocation with International Financial Institutions (IFIs).</p>	 <p>Strategic Partnerships: The World Bank established offices inside the UN House in 2025, with negotiations for the African Development Bank (AfDB) well advanced.</p>	 <p>Enhanced Value: This model moves beyond cost-sharing to promote programmatic synergies, accelerated access to finance, and joint policy engagement.</p>
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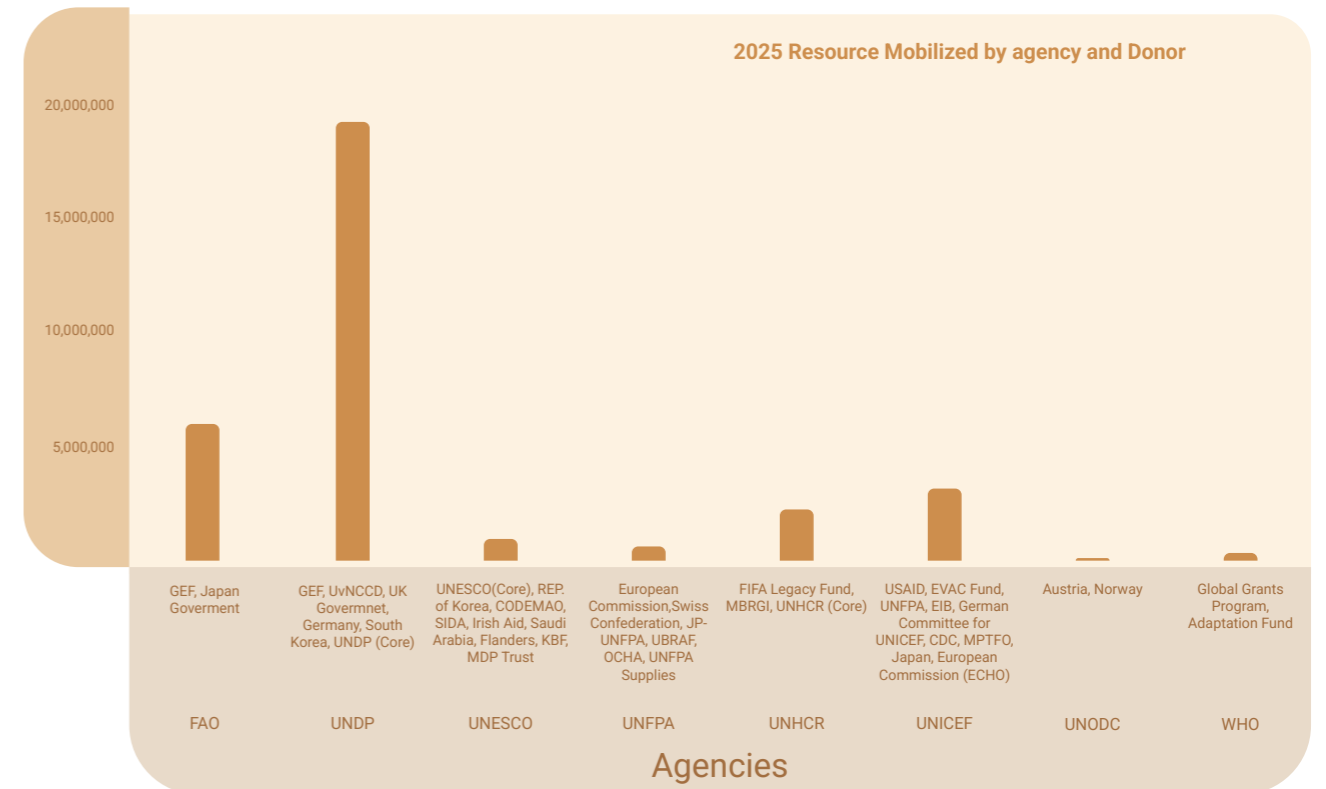
2.5. EVALUATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

During the first year of implementation of the UNSDCF 2025 to 2029, the UN Country Team strengthened strategic learning through analytical work and joint reflection processes which informed programme adaptation and positioning. A key knowledge product was the reclassification analysis, which examined demographic pressures, inequality trends, climate vulnerability, and macroeconomic shifts influencing Namibia's development trajectory. The analysis informed adjustments in UNCT engagement, including stronger focus on policy advisory support, financing dialogue linked to the Integrated National Financing Framework, and prioritization of Leave No One Behind approaches targeting youth, rural communities, women, and persons with disabilities. Evidence generated through this work supported alignment between the UNSDCF, NDP6, and emerging lower middle income country dynamics, reinforcing integrated programming and partnership strategies.

No Cooperation Framework evaluation took place during the reporting year, as 2025 marked the first year of implementation of the new UNSDCF cycle.

2.6. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION

In 2025, collective results were achieved through the joint efforts of 14 UN entities in collaboration with government agencies, development partners, CSOs, the private sector, and academia. The chart below provides an overview of resources mobilised and key contributing partners to UNSDCF 2025-2029.



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UNCT KEY FOCUS FOR NEXT YEAR

1 STRATEGIC OVERVIEW AND COORDINATION



Strengthen collaboration with the Government and advance integrated Results aligned with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals



A collaborative, results-driven method focusing on policy dialogue, strategic partnerships, and inclusive development outcomes.

2 DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR OSIRE REGUGEE SETTLEMENT



The Shift: Transitioning from a traditional humanitarian response to a long-term, durable solution for the Osire settlement.



Key Action: Engaging in high-level advocacy dialogue with the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) and key stakeholders.

3 HIGH-LEVEL ADVOCACY ON SENSITIVE NATIONAL ISSUES



Focus Areas: Addressing critical challenges including:

Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Violence against children.

Hate speech.

Land issues.

Online abuse.



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