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## UN Namibia 'Delivered as One' in 2018 for sustainable development

*End of year message by the UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Rachel Odede*

2018 was a busy and successful year. Through agencies, funds and programmes, the United Nations (UN) Namibia 'Delivered as One' and dedicated its efforts towards supporting policy implementation, capacity-building as well as advocacy work, solidifying its position as the 'Partner of Choice' for the Government of the Republic on Namibia (GRN).

Through hard work and dedication, we achieved milestones in the priority areas set out in our partnership framework with GRN, the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF) 2014-2018. As this was the last year of implementation of this framework, we jointly finalised and launched the UNPAF 2019-2023 and are preparing for roll out starting January 2019.

This framework aims to eradicate poverty and inequality and is fully aligned with national and international development agendas. This includes the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5), the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP), Namibia's Vision 2030, the Blue Print on Wealth Redistribution and Poverty Eradication, the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Through seven outcomes within four Pillars – Economic Progression, Social Transformation, Economic Sustainability and Good Governance – the UN will execute strategic interventions to support the GRN in addressing Namibia's development challenges.

Namibia has fully committed to achieving sustainable development and has integrated the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its national development plans. UN Namibia continued to play an important role this year in supporting local mainstreaming and achievement of the SDGs. This included supporting a baseline report to monitor implementation locally as well as providing technical and financial support to the GRN to ensure timely preparation of its Voluntary National Review (VNR), which is part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development's follow-up and review mechanism.

Namibia was one of the first African countries to present its VNR in July at Headquarters. The partnership between the GRN and the UN is crucial to ensure that Namibia conducts regular and inclusive reviews of progress towards the Agenda 2030 at the national and sub-national levels.

UN Namibia also continued to focus on strengthening coordination of development partners. Alongside the Government, we provided platforms for partners to discuss and take action towards streamlining development efforts.

Heading into 2019, UN Namibia will focus on improving efficiency, coordination and data collection and analysis to address Namibia's 'last mile challenges'. We are ready to begin implementation of UNPAF 2019-2023 and further support the GRN in ensuring that no one is left behind.


Some key activities and innovations to look forward to include the Joint Area-based Programme, an integrated approach to rural development, and the implementation of a resource mobilisation strategy. The Upper Middle-Income Country Strategy for Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland (BLNSS) will be a priority for 2019.

As we close off 2018, the UN System in Namibia wishes you a happy holiday season and good health for the new year. We encourage everyone to continue focusing on eradicating poverty, protecting the environment and standing up for human rights. Together, we can bring about the world we want to see and ensure that future generations are able to prosper.

# Monthly Photo Highlights of 2018

## January: Hepatitis E Outbreak

Starting off the year, the UN System stood as a reliable partner in addressing the Hepatitis E outbreak, providing technical and material support to ensure that the outbreak was controlled and that steps for future prevention were put in place. This fight has continued throughout 2018, and preparedness and preventative measures have been rolled out to other regions.



**2 Feb, Windhoek:** The Hon. Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr Bernard Haufiku, and H.E. the President, Dr Hage Geingob, visiting the epicentre of the Hepatitis E outbreak in Havana settlement. *UNFPA*

## February: MICs Experience Sharing Forum


In February, representatives from UN agencies and Governments from across Southern Africa converged in Swakopmund to share their experiences in addressing the challenges that middle-income countries face in terms of keeping up the momentum of development and reducing inequality, known as the Middle-Income Trap. This platform allowed the opportunity for partnership development as well as south-south cooperation.



**19 Feb, Swakopmund:** Hon. Obeth Kandjoze, Minister of Economic Planning speaking on a panel with government planning officials chaired by R-UNDG MICs, Champion Leila Pakkala. *UN Namibia*

## March: Promotion of Gender Equality

Throughout the month of March and in support of Namibia's efforts, UN Namibia dedicated time to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, in line with the global call that the #TimeisNow to address and end gender inequalities and disparities as well as to address challenges that leave women behind. This included advocacy through joint events and initiatives.



**24 Mar, Windhoek:** Students, young professionals and stakeholders discussing online violence against women (VAW) in Namibia as part of a panel discussion held by the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). *UN Namibia*

## April: UNPAF 2019-2023

UN Namibia finalised its next partnership framework with the Government, UN-PAF 2019-2023, and officially launched it at the Development Partnership Forum (DPF). Development partners coordination mechanisms, including the DPF as well as the Development Partners' Dialogue (DPD), were held twice each year. April was the last month of former Resident Coordinator, Kiki Gbeho's tenure in Namibia. She is serving as the Deputy Joint Special Representative for UNAMID.



**27 April, Windhoek:** Former UN Resident Coordinator, Kiki Gbeho and the Minister of Economic Planning, Hon. Obeth Kandjoze launching UNPAF 2019-2023. *UN Namibia*

# Other Beginning of the Year Highlights

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Protecting Namibia's biodiversity and environment



NAM's emergency preparedness and response strengthened



UNESCO signs MoU with CRAN



National Commemoration of International Women's Day



WANTED: Leaders for a TB Free Namibia



SCORE supports farmers in northern Namibia



Water delivery brings relief to thirsty learners




UNFPA hands over N\$7.4m of contraceptives to Health Ministry



Kangaroo Mother Care

## May: National Workshop on Disability


Ensuring that 'no one is left behind' was in the spotlight in May. UN Namibia supported the National Workshop on Disability, which provided a platform for stakeholders, including persons with disabilities (PwDs), to discuss effective strategies for disability mainstreaming in Namibia.



**31 May, Windhoek:** Participants highlighting the importance of promoting and facilitating the inclusion of PwDs in development agendas. *UN Namibia*

## June: Beating Plastic Pollution


UN Namibia advocated for 'Beating Plastic Pollution: If you can't reuse it, refuse it' through the commemoration of World Environment Day. The event provided a platform for discussion about policy actions, investment opportunities, and behaviour changes that individuals and institutions can pursue to address plastic pollution. This was also in line with the National Clean-up Campaign, which UN Staff Members came out in full force to support on 25 May.



**25 May, Windhoek:** UN Staff members 'Beating Plastic Pollution' to protect the environment as part of the National Clean-up campaign. *UN Namibia*

## July: Good Health

Health was at the forefront in July. UN Namibia stood by the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) in launching its Strategic Plan for 2017/18 - 2021/22. The plan outlines activities towards making Namibia a healthy nation, in line with national and international development agendas. Namibia participated in and was also recognised at the 22nd International AIDS Conference for its progress and achievements towards the Fast Track targets and the ultimate goal to End AIDS by 2030.



**16 July, Windhoek:** WHO Namibia Representative, Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses, Hon. Minister of Health, Dr Bernard Haufiku, UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Rachel Odede and Bertha Katjivena (MoHSS) launching the Strategic Plan. *UN Namibia*

## August: #BeFree

UN Namibia supported the First Lady of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Madame Monica Geingos' #BeFree initiative throughout the year. Leaders and role models from across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and UN Namibia engaged with the youth as part of the #BeFree SADC Youth Dialogue in August. The dialogue took place on the sidelines of the 38th SADC Summit. The platform provided a safe space for the youth to have conversations about sexual and reproductive health and rights.



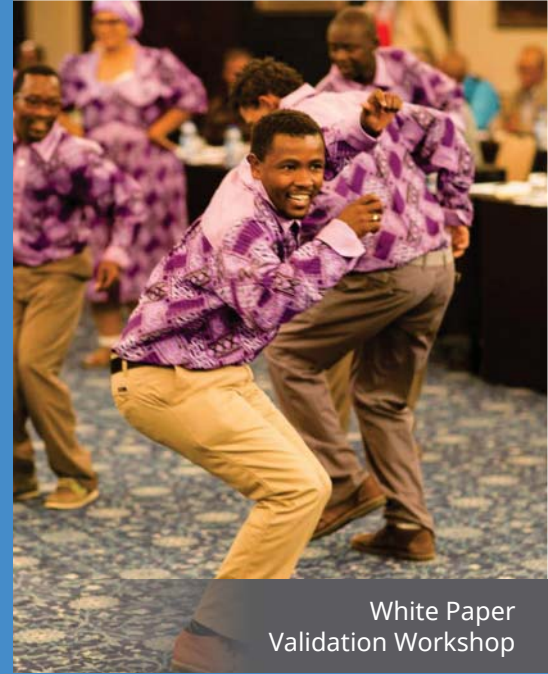
**17 Aug, Windhoek:** UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Rachel Odede greets the First Lady of the Republic of Namibia (FLON) as she arrives at the #BeFree SADC Youth Dialogue. *UNFPA*

# Other Middle of the Year Highlights

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International Yoga Day at the UN House



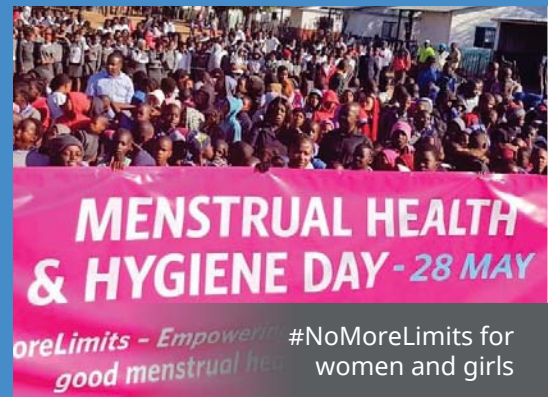
White Paper Validation Workshop



UNDP visits Family of Hope Services for Mandela Day



Living Together in Peace



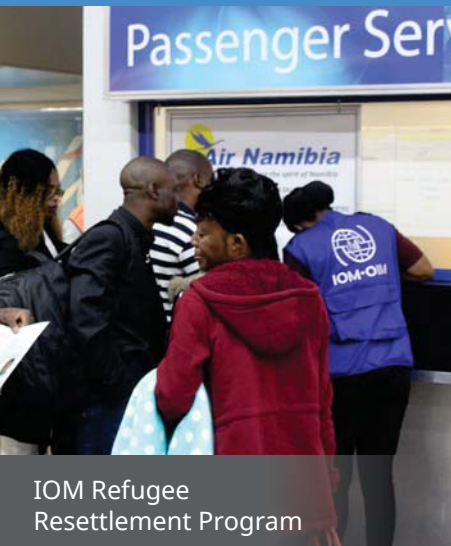
oreLimits - Empower good menstrual health #NoMoreLimits for women and girls



ILO country programme to ensure decent work for Namibians



Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing



IOM Refugee Resettlement Program




Storybook about the Global Goals launched



Launch of The Condomize Campaign in Namibia


## September: 73rd UNGA

Youth was also a large topic of discussion at the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), held at Headquarters in New York City in September. Addressing the UNGA, H.E. the President, Dr. Hage Geingob noted the importance of empowering young people and utilising their potential for the good of the global community, amongst other priorities.



**26 Sept, New York:** H.E. the President, Dr. Hage Geingob addressing the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly. *UN Photo/Cia Pak*

## October: UN Day #UnitedwithUNNamibia




UN Namibia celebrated UN Day with the local community at an early childhood development (ECD) centre, an old age home, a hospital, and a local university. Under the theme, '#UnitedwithUNNamibia', the day called on partners, stakeholders, staff members and the public to promote sustainable development in their lives. Over 70 staff members went to the four sites on the day.

**24 Oct, Windhoek:** UNRC a.i. Rachel Odede demonstrating how to properly wash hands with soap as part of the UN Day celebration at the Humble Care Centre. *UN Namibia*

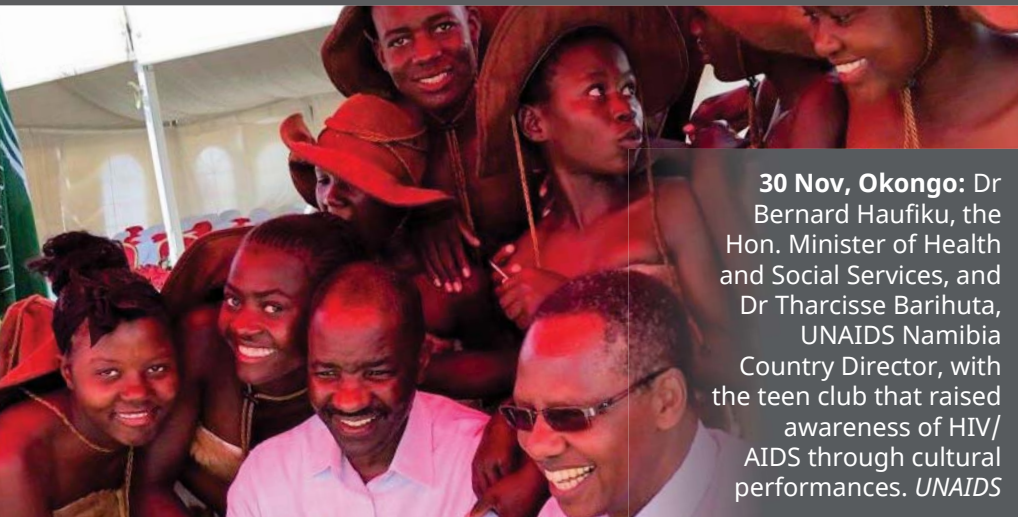
## November: Building Resilience and Ending GBV

Namibia's Disaster Risk Reduction (DDR) Country Level Workshop, which finished in the beginning of November, increased knowledge and understanding of DDR and resilience-building among stakeholders. Later in November, UN Namibia supported the Government in launching and commemorating 16 Days of Activism, urging the world to end violence against women and girls in all spheres of life, including in the workplace.



**2 Nov, Windhoek:** Stakeholders from across Namibia gained knowledge about disaster risk reduction and the importance of integrating scientific results into informed decision-making through the Country-Level Workshop. *UN Namibia*

## December: World AIDS Day



UN Namibia celebrated World AIDS Day (WAD), commemorated annually on 1 December. This included supporting the national event held in Okongo, under the leadership of Dr Bernard Haufiku, the Minister of Health and Social Services, and the City of Windhoek for the capital city's event. UN Namibia also hosted an internal event for Staff Members. The themes, "Know Your Status" and "Empowering Girls and Young Women Against HIV and Teenage Pregnancy" were shared across the country.

**30 Nov, Okongo:** Dr Bernard Haufiku, the Hon. Minister of Health and Social Services, and Dr Tharcisse Barihuta, UNAIDS Namibia Country Director, with the teen club that raised awareness of HIV/AIDS through cultural performances. *UNAIDS*

# Other End of the Year Highlights

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Model United Nations Namibia (MUNNAM) Conference 2018



Launch of Demographic Dividend Study Report



Greening the Blue



Raising awareness of trafficking in persons (TiP)



Launch of NAMPHIA results



Development Partnership Forum



Health and Hygiene Promotion Month kick off



Food Bank Programme goes digital with SCOPE



#BeFreeBreakFree Fun Walk



SCORE Namibia Project



UNESCO integrates ICTs in teaching and learning



World Food Day

# Social Media of the Month

**unicwindhoek** @unicwindhoek

Following

Come and view our photo exhibition at the UN House, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Open to the public until Human Rights Day, 10 Dec.2018. #StandUp4HumanRights



12:43 PM - 27 Nov 2018 from Namibia

**Farayi Zimudzi** @FarayiZimudzi

Following

Happening now: International Human Rights Day & Namibian Women's Day in Keetmanshoop, Karas Region. #HearMeToo. @UNNamibia



11:57 AM - 10 Dec 2018

**UN Namibia** @UNNamibia

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently launched a risk communication and social mobilisation project in Swakopmund in response to the #HepatitisE outbreak.

More via NAMPA: [bit.ly/2L5bH5S](http://bit.ly/2L5bH5S)  
📷: @WHONAMIBIA

#SDG3 #GoodHealth #SDG6 #CleanWater #Sanitation



12:04 PM - 7 Dec 2018

**UN Namibia** @UNNamibia

.@UNNamibia recently bid farewell to Dr. Jean-Pierre Ilboudo, who is assuming duties as Head of Kinshasa Office and @UNESCO Representative to the Democratic Republic of Congo. He served as Head of @UNESCOWindhoek and Representative to #Namibia from March 2015 – November 2018.



9:00 AM - 11 Dec 2018

**UNDP Namibia** @UNDPNamibia

Following

The installation of the #electriccar charging stations at the UN House in #Namibia is underway! The electric vehicles use #cleanenergy, which contribute to #SDG13, #SDG7 & will provide extra mobility for UN Namibia. #UNDP has agreed to walk the talk by practicing @UNGTB



11:27 AM - 30 Nov 2018

**UN Namibia** @UNNamibia

At @UNNamibia's #WorldAIDSDay celebration, staff members were reminded that #KnowledgelsPower when it comes to treating and preventing HIV/AIDS.

Here's why you should #GetTested & #KnowYourStatus:  
[unaids.org/en/resources/d ...](http://unaids.org/en/resources/d...)

#WorldAIDSDay2018



1:30 PM - 29 Nov 2018

**UNFPA Namibia** @UnfpaNamibia

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National stakeholder engagement for 3rd National Youth Policy already well underway this morning in Windhoek, #Namibia. #YoungPeople are bringing their ideas & knowledge together to shape the #future of the youth policy on a wide range of topics.@FLON\_Namibia @NYC\_Namibia



11:51 AM - 3 Dec 2018

**UNFPA Namibia** @UnfpaNamibia

Following

#NothingForUsWithoutUs would be meaningless if #youth representation & participation in #policymaking is not extended "to be more than a seat on the table". - @FLON\_Namibia Madam Monica Geingos #NationalYouthPolicy Stakeholder Consultation Meeting.@NYC\_Namibia



2:31 PM - 3 Dec 2018

**UN Namibia** @UNNamibia

Staff members were inspired by @hphororo's journey, discussed #genderequality with @FNBNamibia's Bolle Hans, and listened to spoken word about #womensempowerment & #toxicmasculinity by @ashwynmberi as part of @UNNamibia's #16DaysofActivism Women's #Leadership Series! #SDG5



2:23 PM - 30 Nov 2018

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UN Namibia and post  
using our hashtag:  
#UnitedwithUNNamibia





The first harvest of WFP's hydroponic pilot at the UN House was recently distributed to UN Staff Members. The project, a low cost initiative, will soon be rolled out in the National School Feeding Programme and will provide fresh vegetables locally produced to the learners. *WFP/UN Namibia*



At the End of Year Safety Briefing held on 30 November, Sidney Boois from the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA), showed UN Staff Members how to check the wear on their tyres so that they can remain safe on the roads. *UN Namibia*



UN Volunteers (UNVs) are building resilient communities in Namibia. For International Volunteers Day (5 December), UNVs shared their experiences with one another and recommitted to ensuring that no one is left behind. *UNDP*

## Stay updated with UN Namibia!

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## Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 'Sustainable Cities and Communities' is the SDG of the Month!

The world's population is constantly increasing. To accommodate everyone, we need to build modern, sustainable cities. For all of us to survive and prosper, we need new, intelligent urban planning that creates safe, affordable and resilient cities with green and culturally inspiring living conditions.

To make cities and communities sustainable, we all have to take action. Get inspired here:  
<https://www.globalgoals.org/11-sustainable-cities-and-communities>

