

# B2GOLD SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-BACKED RHINO CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN NORTH-WEST NAMIBIA

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With conservation funding affected by the lockdown, a number of areas in north-west Namibia rhino range have been left exposed by the lack of tourists thus requiring extra patrolling efforts.

With donation of 1,000 ounces of gold by B2Gold, the launch of the B2Gold Rhino Gold Bar in January 2020 and the subsequent sale of 600 bars to local buyers, the B2Gold Rhino Gold Bar Advisory Committee has responded to the crisis.

Proceeds from the sale of the Rhino Gold Bar will be used in two vital ways: A portion will be invested to provide long-term financing to community driven efforts to protect Namibia's black rhinos, while the conservation premium will be applied to activities in the field, ensuring that your

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support goes directly to the trackers, rangers and communities who live with wildlife.

B2Gold's Gold Bar initiative supports to keep rangers from all 13 rhino range communal conservancies in the northwest in the field for the next 12 months, including the following conservancies: Anabeb, Otjikondavirongo, Ehirovipuka, Omatendeka, Sesfontein, Puros, //Huab, Doro Inawas, Tsiseb, Sorris Sorris, Uibasen, and #Khoadi Hoas.

The initiative also supports field staff from Save the Rhino Trust Namibia and Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation who are crucial in ensuring adequate patrol levels to keep the poaching pressure at bay and sustain population growth and funding for upgrades on the communications system that links field teams and base camp and is fundamentally important to ensure rapid reaction time to crisis situations.

Within four months of the launch of the B2Gold Rhino Gold Bar, the project has already disbursed N\$3 million to community-backed rhino conservation efforts.

The company said when the B2Gold Rhino Gold Bar is launched in North America, additional funds will be raised to provide long-term sustainable funding to community-backed rhino conservation in the Kunene region, ensuring that the conservation-based economy, for which Namibia is world-famous continues to be viable.



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Information pertaining to the submission and evaluation of the proposals is contained in the TOR document. All proposals submitted shall comply with the stipulations of the Public Procurement Act, Act 15 of 2015. **Only Audit firms will be considered.**

**Due date: Friday, 17 July 2020 at 11h00 (local time)**

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