

Namibia on verge of universal education target

...97,8% of children access primary schooling

Otniel Hembapu

NAMIBIA, through its continuous investment in both infrastructure and human resources, count amongst a few African countries that has achieve a success rate of over 90% in the number of children accessing primary education and in terms of net enrolment.

As it currently stands, Namibia has an accessibility and net enrolment success rate of 97,8%, which places the country in a favourable position of very soon achieving the universally accepted 100% accessibility and net enrolment rate for primary education.

Namibia has achieved this through the introduction of the Universal Primary Education Grant in 2013, which made primary education free and ensured that financial backgrounds are not an impediment to children seeking to access basic primary education.

In terms of infrastructure, government has over the years invested heavily in the construction of new and expansion of existing schools, which saw the number of primary schools increased from 1703 recorded in 2011 to well over 2036 schools as of 2023.

Not only has government constructed more schools, but it has made it a priority to bring schools closer to communities countrywide.



Progress... Namibia has achieved a success rate of 97,8% in terms of children's access to primary education and net enrolment. Photo: Otniel Hembapu

Despite the good progress, Namibia is still faced with challenges of classrooms shortage and a growing number of children eligible to access primary education. As of 2023, Namibia had a total of 615 634 learners enrolled in the primary phase of education.

Overall enrolment in primary schools indicates that there are slightly more boys than girls in the primary phase, except for pre-primary and grades 6 and 7. Grade 1 recorded the highest enrolment of 104, 594, translating into 12% of the national total in 2023.

Under the sixth National Development Plan (NDP6), which will serve as government's action plan and policy guiding document for the next five years, President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah promised to focus on ensuring that every primary school learner is being taught in an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment and by qualified teachers.

"The aim of this strategy is to strengthen implementation of foundational literacy and numeracy in primary inclusive of resource schools, units and learning support classes. Under this strategy, the aim is to revise post provisioning norms to reduce class sizes and accommodate the needs of multi-grade and inclusive schools; expand continuous professional development, particularly in teaching literacy, numeracy, and pre-vocational subjects, and ensure availability

of quality teaching and learning materials, including digital and assistive resources," said Nandi-Ndaitwah during the launch of the NDP6.

The President also plans to establish a coordinated teacher supply and demand system, aligning subject combinations with national education needs and priorities.

"This is a transformative teacher development programme that ensures qualified, motivated, and appropriately deployed teachers at all levels of primary education. It improves pre-service training, expands professional development and introduces digital teaching tools and AI awareness to modernise the classroom."

The country has also made good progress in terms of making primary level education free and accessible to children with special educational needs. Children with special educational needs are catered through three schools for the intellectually impaired, two schools for the visually impaired and three schools for the hearing impaired.

The leading categories of learners with special education needs and disabilities are also catered for through four additional resource schools and 10 resource units situated in five regions, which are attached to mainstream schools.

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Valombola student wins skills competition

Taimi Haihambo

Emmanuel Nathanael, a 21-year-old student from Valombola Vocational Training Centre in Ongwediva, has been crowned the overall winner of the 2025 National Skills Competition in Namibia.

Specialising in bricklaying, Nathanael not only secured a gold medal in his field but also walked away with the prestigious Presidential Award, which recognises the top achiever of the entire competition.

This was Nathanael's first time participating in a national competition since joining the institution as a second-year student, making the achievement a remarkable milestone.

"This has really been a journey I never expected," he said. "Even though I have been putting in effort, I did not think I would make it this far at just 21." Along with his medals, Nathanael received a cash prize of N\$35,000 – a reward he described as both surprising and life-changing. He admitted that financial challenges have been among his biggest

struggles as a student. "This money will help me cover my basic needs and improve my living. I am really happy that my talent could bring me this far," he added.

Nathanael credited his mentor, Philip Shiteni, from the Construction Engineering Department, for guiding him to success. Shiteni praised his dedication, noting that his victory was no surprise. "From day one, I could see he had the discipline, energy and skill to excel. His win is proof that hard work pays off," he said.

The competition brought together 13 students from Valombola and over 170 participants from across the country. Valombola Vocational Training Centre once again proved its strength, scooping multiple awards. In total, the institution walked away with two gold medals, one silver and four bronze. Among the winners was another standout student, who received a gold medal in clothing design along with a N\$15,000 cash prize.

The centre's manager, Isak Ndiwashimwe, praised the results, commending the Valombola leadership team and staff for their tireless

commitment to student training. He noted that this was not the first time the centre had dominated the National Skills Competition, recalling that Valombola also emerged best overall when the event was first launched in 2014. "Valombola is one of the biggest vocational training centres in the country. We have the facilities, the equipment and the expertise to produce quality graduates, and the results are showing," Ndiwashimwe said. He also expressed gratitude to regional partners who continue to support the centre's initiatives, adding that such collaborations strengthen opportunities for young people.

Looking ahead, Ndiwashimwe revealed that Nathanael is expected to represent Namibia at the World Skills Competition scheduled for September next year in Shanghai, China. "Our fingers are crossed that he makes it there, just like others who have gone before him. This achievement proves that vocational training truly

empowers young people. Once you are out in the market, even if jobs are scarce, you can still create opportunities for yourself. That is what we stand for," he said.

Valombola's dominance at this year's competition has not only placed the institution firmly back on the national stage but has also reinforced the vital role vocational training plays in shaping Namibia's future workforce.

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Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM
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■ Taimi Haihambo

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■ Victoria Immanuel

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Depression, stigma haunts Walvis Bay woman



By Adolf Kaure

A 27-year-old woman from Walvis Bay, Samantha Claasen recalls how she has had a lengthy ordeal of mental health issues, stigma and isolation due to three botched breast reduction surgeries which happened in 2024. Speaking to Confidente, an emotional Claasen said that she underwent her first breast reduction surgery during October 2024 due to chronic back pain experienced for many years. “As a woman this breast reduction operation has put me through a lot. I suffer from anxiety

and depression. I was put on the Amitriptyline antidepressant pills and I was not told about their side effects and this made me feel even,” Claasen narrated. “I know I am a laughing stock to some, especially to friends and some people I know and it feels like an embarrassment,” she added. According to Claasen, the pain was a result of her breasts being too large (38DD - bra size) since she was eleven years old in 2008 and she did not think that they would grow to the size (42DD - bra size), which they were before the three surgeries (two in October 2024 and one in November 2024).

“After all these procedures none of them were successful. It was just complications after complications. I did not go for cosmetic surgery. I went because I had chronic back pain for years and it was unbearable and as a woman with big breasts the self-esteem was hard to deal with.” The mother of two added: “It has been ten months since the last operation and there has not been any improvements. I cannot be in the sun too long, then my breasts start to burn and also in the cold. Everyday I am in pain. For a woman, her breasts are her everything, but since this tragedy happened to me, I have no self-confidence and there are just tears and fears every day of my life.” “Whenever I look in the mirror or get dressed, I break down in tears. There are times that I can’t describe how I feel, but generally I feel shattered,” Claasen lamented. Unable to work because of stigma and feeling like a social outcast, Claasen has become a shadow of herself. However,

despite the depression and stigma, Claasen is grateful for her mother, Ruth Müller, who has stood by her all the way, providing her with financial and emotional support. “Samantha changed completely and now she wants to take her own life. I have to keep a watchful eye on her daily. She starts breaking down in tears and it never stops. She questions why the doctor did this to her,” Müller said. The 65-year-old pensioner supports her daughter daily, saying that Claasen has become ashamed of being seen in public. “She goes nowhere without me. The painkillers do not even help and when she is in pain, I sit with her. She cannot do anything by herself. I do everything for her and it is a heartbreaking thing. It is a wound that can never be healed. As I receive my monthly money as a pensioner, I provide for her with the little that I have,” she added. With local doctors reluctant to operate on her to restore her bosom, Claasen’s only hope is a South African doctor, who has given her the chance to restore her breasts for an exorbitant fee of over N\$72,000. A 2022 survey done by Statista on the effects of body image found that 46 percent of 18-24 year olds and 41 percent of 25-34 year olds globally reported negative effects on their well-being. Psychological counselor at the Ministry of Labour in the Erongo Region, Marcella Katjijova explained the significance of breasts to a woman’s mental wellbeing. “When it comes to body image, there are a few things that speak to the gender of any person. When it comes to the female anatomy the biology of the hormones and periods defines one becoming a woman even if she is sub-conscious,” said Katjijova. “When it comes to body image that affects one’s health, specifically large breasts. They do affect their posture and carry. Breast reduction surgery helps women’s back structure, helping them become more comfortable, walk straight, with elegance and in a sense of womanhood. This helps them do daily tasks with ease,” she explained. Katjijova also explained how a woman can lose her identity and can get mentally ill after a botched breast operation. “When a botched image, where more harm is done and regret falls in. That leads to body dysmorphia disorder (BDD), where the woman feels like they are not good enough or woman enough.”



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- **Rezoning of Erf No. Rehoboth E 354, Extension 1, from "Single Residential" with a density of 1:300, To "Business" with a bulk of 1.0; and**
- **Consent to commence with the proposed development while the rezoning is in progress.**

Erf No. Rehoboth E, 354, is zoned "Single Residential" with a density of 1:300, as per the Rehoboth Zoning Scheme. Erf No. Rehoboth E 354, measures 436m2. Erf No. Rehoboth E, 354 is located within an established residential neighbourhood, predominantly characterised by single residential erven. It is located on the corner of Benjamin Jagger Street and Welprieda Beukes Street. The owners intend to rezone the erf to "Business" with a bulk of 1.0, in order to establish a corner shop that will serve the everyday needs of residents in Rehoboth, while complementing surrounding land uses and contributing to the overall quality of the neighbourhood.

Sufficient parking for the development will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Rehoboth Zoning Scheme.

The locality plan of the Erf lies for inspection on the town planning notice board at the Rehoboth Town Council and at Harmonic Town Planning Offices, 76B Pasteur Street, Windhoek West.

Any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the Rehoboth Town Council and with the Applicant in writing within 14 days of the last publication of this notice (final date for objections is **Thursday, 23 October 2025**).

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Town, and Regional Planners, on behalf of the owners of the respective Erven, intend to apply to the Rehoboth Town Council and the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

- * Consolidation of Erf No. Rehoboth E 378, 379 and 380, Extension 1, into Consolidated Erf "X";
- * Rezoning of the Consolidated Erf "X", from "Single Residential" with a density of 1:300, to "Business" with a bulk of 1.0; and
- * Consent to commence with the proposed development while the rezoning is in progress.

Erf No. Rehoboth E, 378, 379 and 380, are all zoned "Single Residential" with a density of 1:300, as per the Rehoboth Zoning Scheme. Erf No. Rehoboth E, 378, 379 and 380, measure 436m2, 434m2 and 434m2 respectively. The erven, are located within an established residential neighbourhood, along the intersections of Benjamin Jagger Street, Max Haraseb Street, and Welprieda Beukes Street. The owners intend to consolidate and rezone the erven into a single 1,304m² erf, zoned "Business" with a bulk of 1.0, to optimise land use, enable orderly development, and establish a small-scale, multipurpose neighbourhood store that will cater to the daily needs of residents in Rehoboth.

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REZONING NOTICE

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- REZONING OF ERF 16, KAISOSI FROM "RESIDENTIAL" WITH A DENSITY OF 1:300 TO "HOSPITALITY" TO OPERATE A GUEST HOUSE
- CONSENT TO COMMENCE WITH THE DEVELOPEMNT WHILST THE REZONING IS IN PROCESS.

The rezoning of Erf 16, Kaisosi as well as the consent use sought would increase the development potential of the erf by ensuring the erf is more efficiently utilized and that mono-functionality of the surrounding neighborhood is countered. Additionally, the proposed development would enable the owner of the property to thus cater towards the need to contribute towards the hospitality industry of the town.

Take note that a similar notice of the intent to rezone, have been posted on site, published in the Government Gazette as well as on the Notice Board of the Rundu Town Council. The consultation with neighboring erf owners duly took place too.

Take note that any person objecting to the proposed rezoning as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof with the Chief Executive Officer, Rundu Town Council, Private Bag 2128, Rundu and/or the applicant in writing within 14 working days of the publication of this notice.

The last date for comments/ objections is thus **17 October 2025**.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION, PERMANENT CLOSURE AND REZONING OF ERF 1697, OSHAKATI NORTH EXTENSION 8, OSHANA REGION

Notice is hereby given to all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant stakeholders, that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) for the following activities:
Project Title: Subdivision of Erf 1697, Oshakati North Extension 8 into Erf A, and the Remainder, Permanent Closure of Erf A as a Public Open Space and the Rezoning of Erf A from Public Open Space to "Single Residential"
Project Location: Oshakati North Extension 8, Oshana Region
Proponent: Oshakati Town Council
REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs) AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:
In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing on or before 05 November 2025.
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