

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIPS & CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTORATE: OSHANA REGION

DIVISION: INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI

VACANCIES

SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICES

Post Designation : Specialist Grade 4 (Psychiatry)
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 554 603 (P)
Motor Vehicle Allowance : N\$ 110 917 per annum
(Capital cost N\$ 83 106 per annum and Running Cost N\$ 27 811 per annum)
Fixed overtime : N\$ 270 369 per annum
Housing Benefit : N\$ 121 560 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as a Medical Practitioner and Psychiatry (Specialist) with Health Professions Councils of Namibia or Authorization to practice as a Health Profession in Namibia.

NB: Post to be filled with effect from 22 February 2026

SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICES

Post Designation : Senior Medical Officer Grade 4 (Anaesthesia)
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 517 195 – 543 728
Motor Vehicle Allowance : N\$ 110 917 per annum
(Capital cost N\$ 83 106 per annum and Running Cost N\$ 27 811 per annum)
Fixed overtime : N\$ 258 600 per annum
Housing Benefit : N\$ 121 560 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as a Medical Practitioner with Health Professions Councils of Namibia plus three (3) years appropriate experience.

SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICES

Post Designation : Medical Officer Grade 5
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 432 601 – 517 195
Motor Vehicle Allowance : N\$ 85 063 per annum
(Capital cost N\$ 60 943 per annum and Running Cost N\$ 24 120 per annum)
Fixed overtime : N\$ 231 513 per annum
Housing Benefit : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as a Medical Practitioner with Health Professions Councils of Namibia.

NB: Post to be filled with effect from 14 December 2025.

SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: DENTAL SERVICES

Post Designation : Chief Dentist Grade 4
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 517 195 – 543 728
Motor Vehicle Allowance : N\$ 110 917 per annum
(Capital cost N\$ 83 106 per annum and Running Cost N\$ 27 811 per annum)
Fixed overtime : N\$ 258 600 per annum
Housing Benefit : N\$ 121 560 per annum

Minimum requirement :
Registration as a Dentist with Health Professions Councils of Namibia plus three (3) years appropriate experience.

Enquiries:
Dr. T. Nhinda (065) 2233007 or Mr. Gerhard Ashipala (065) 2233049

DIVISION: INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI
SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: PARAMEDICAL AND CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES
SUBSECTIION: PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

Post Designation : Pharmacist Grade 7
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 291 128 – 347 926
Fixed overtime allowance : N\$ 155 769 per annum
Housing allowance : N\$ 17 424 per annum
Transport allowance : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as a Pharmacist with the Health Professions Councils of Namibia.

NB: Post to be filled with effect from 1 April 2026.

Enquiries:
Ms. Wilika Abner (065) 2233242 or Mr. Gerhard Ashipala (065) 2233049

DIVISION: INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI
SUBDIVISION: NURSING SERVICES
SECTION: GENERAL NURSING SERVICES
SUBSECTION: CLINICAL WARDS

Post Designation : Senior Registered Nurse Grade 7
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 291 128 – 347 926
Housing allowance : N\$ 17 424 per annum
Transport allowance : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as Registered Nurse with the Nursing Council of Namibia OR Registration as Midwife/Accoucher with the Nursing Council of Namibia plus three (3) years appropriate experience.

NB: Post to be filled with effect from 01 February 2026.

DIVISION: INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI
SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICES
SUBSECTION: OUTPATIENTS AND CASUALTIES
UNIT: EYE CARE UNIT

Post Designation : Senior Ophthalmic Clinical Officer Grade 7
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 291 128 – 347 926
Housing allowance : N\$ 17 424 per annum
Transport allowance : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement:
Registration as an Ophthalmic Clinical Officer with the Health Professions Councils of Namibia plus three (3) years appropriate experience.

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UNIT: EYE CARE UNIT

Post Designation : Ophthalmic Clinical Officer Grade 8
1 x Post : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 238 825 – 285 420
Housing allowance : N\$ 17 424 per annum
Transport allowance : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement :
Registration as an Ophthalmic Clinical Officer with the Health Professions Councils of Namibia.

Enquiries:
Ms. Helvi N. limbangu (065) 2233367 or Mr. Gerhard Ashipala (065) 2233049

DIVISION: INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI
SUBDIVISION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICES
SUBSECTION: FORENSIC MEDICAL SERVICES
UNIT: MORTUARY SERVICES

Post Designation : Mortuary Assistant Grade 11
2 x Posts : Oshakati
Salary Scale : N\$ 132 987 – 159 505
Housing allowance : N\$ 13 944 per annum
Transport allowance : N\$ 10 512 per annum

Minimum requirement :
A Grade 10 (or equivalent) Certificate on NQF Level 2 plus satisfactory completion of the appropriate internal functional training course.

Enquiries:
Ms. Agnes Ndakeva (065) 2233171 or Mr. Gerhard Ashipala (065) 2233049

Applicants should note the following:

- Applications form for employment **156043 and 156094** obtainable at all Government offices should be fully completed together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of educational qualifications and academic records/ transcripts.
- Applicants with foreign qualifications must attach proof of evaluation report from Namibia Qualification Authority (NQA).
- Applicants within the Public Service must attach proof of confirmation of probation
- Faxed and emailed applications will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and no documents will be returned.
- **Failure to complete all items on the application form for employment and not attaching all the required documents will disqualify the application.**

Applications should be submitted to the following address:

The Medical Superintendent
Intermediate Hospital Oshakati
Private Bag 5501
Oshakati

or hand delivered

The Human Resource Office
Intermediate Hospital Osh
Administration block, 1st Floor

CLOSING DATE : 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

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Welwitschias' 2027 world cup bid sketchy

By Michael Uguwanga

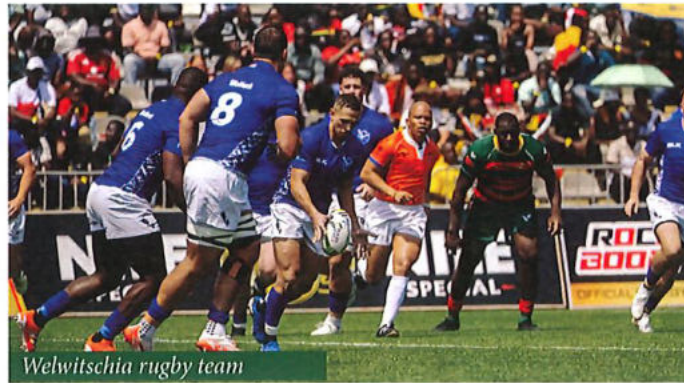
THE country's senior men rugby side, nicknamed the Welwitschias is in danger of losing out for a place at the 2027 Rugby World Cup, following a defeat to Zimbabwe in the final of the Africa Cup over the past weekend in Kampala, Uganda.

The match recorded 30-28 points, which resulted in Zimbabwe qualifying for its first rugby world cup since 1991.

While the country fell short in the final, it still remains in contention for a place at the Rugby World Cup that will be staged in Australia, as a runner-up. This means they will face the second placed team from the Asia Rugby Championship, which is the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in a cross regional play off this coming Saturday, 26 July in Uganda.

The winner of the match will advance to the final qualification tournament for a final opportunity to secure their spot in Australia. The Welwitschias is one of the few sides that has never missed a world cup campaign since 1999, when they made their debut in Wales and went on to feature in other six world cups. The last appearance being the one of 2023 in France.

If the Welwitschias fails to make it to the Rugby World Cup, it will be a big blow to the



Welwitschia rugby team

country's rugby union, that usually get good funding from world rugby and from the government.

Riaan van Zyl, who currently plays professional rugby in Poland for Krakow, still believes that the team can qualify for the World Cup.

"For us as a nation it came as a shock. It was really anyone's game, unfortunately its part of the game. There had to be someone on the losing end," Van Zyl said.

"This is where we as a team needs to pull together. It will be important for our senior players to get the boys together and build together. Its part of life, but it is in these

moments that it shows character.

"The road forward will not be easy and each year the sport is getting more and more competitive. The boys need to pull together and see this through. Anything is possible. It just comes down to who wants it more," he added.

A local rugby expert, Willie van Zyl, said he was surprised by the defeat.

"I really thought they had a chance to beat Zimbabwe but Zimbabwe's rugby is on a big upward. They (Zimbabwe) have

invested money into the team and also got players from abroad to boost their chances," Willie said.

"It will now be difficult because I do not know if all the overseas players will be available this weekend against UAE. I do believe that we can beat them (UAE) easily but then it will be tough to qualify at the end of year's playoffs against, for instance Canada," he added.

The Namibia Rugby Union (NRU) recently held a press conference, citing concern regarding the team's performance against Zimbabwe and the way forward for the team ahead of the match against UAE.

NRU president Petri Theron noted: "This result is naturally disappointing for us all. However, let me assure you, our journey is not over. Namibia remains firmly in the hunt for qualification to the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia.

"We now turn our focus to the Africa - Asia Play-off. The winner of this vital match will proceed to the final repechage tournament to be held in Dubai in November 2025."

The final repechage to the 2027 Rugby World Cup will feature a four-team round-robin competition, with only one team securing the last available ticket to the world cup.

The participating nations are Brazil, Canada, Belgium and Namibia or UAE.



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Hugo Hahn

Hahn,

Du Plessis scoop cross

By Staff Reporter

Hugo Hahn and Monique du Plessis were crowned the 2025 Nedbank Namibian Mountain Bike XCC, XCO and Cross-Country Championships, after two days of fierce competition at the Towerbos Trails, recently. The event was organised by the Namibia Cycling Federation (NCF). Hahn produced a dominant performance in the cross-country olympic (XCO) to win the elite men's title by coming home in a time of 01:21:27, followed by Martin Freyer, who clocked 01:26:55 and Theuns van der Westhuizen in third place after ending on 01:31:40.

However, in the cross-country short track (XCC), tables were turned as Freyer came back to exert revenge in a time of 00:22:37 in first place, ahead of Hahn, who clocked 00:22:41.

Third place was taken by Van der Westhuizen, who came home in 00:23:11.

Speaking to *Confidente* Hahn said: "This track has its technical aspect, which makes it unique and challenging. Within the features themselves, you can find many little things that can either make or break your speed. It was a good race for me with a strong start. I am happy with my lap times, my race speed and my calmness and confidence throughout the race."

He added that the track has a good layout, saying the challenging track is good for Namibian riders as it makes them better riders. In the women's elite XCO race, Du Plessis clocked 01:22:32 to fend off Mimi Hough, who came second in a time of 01:24:0.

Du Plessis then won the elite women's short course event with a time of 00:19:17 in the XCC event.

NFC's Tauko Shilongo, said: "It was phenomenal racing. The course out here is phenomenal. The trails have undergone

extensive work. The renovation is a significant investment in the trails. It is world-class."

In the under-23 men's XCC category, Bergran Jensen secured first place, with Rodger Suren winning the junior men's XCO crown ahead of Nathan Chase in second place and Marco Thiel in third place.

For the XCO and XCC junior women, Delsia Janse van Vuuren emerged first, ahead of Rosemarie Thiel in second place in both events.

In the boys' under-16, Mike Olivier Baartman beat Theodor Janse van Vuuren and Francois van Zyl. Nicole Suren won the girls under-16 race.

Meanwhile, Selma Kaulinge, the spokesperson of Nedbank Namibia, said the bank was proud to be a partner in these national championships.

Kaulinge urged those who did not reach the podium this time, to train harder, stay focused and come back even stronger to claim the title next season.


Young Namibians share PrEP stories

Etuhole Amutenja

As Namibia sees rising HIV infections among its youth, some young people are quietly turning to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for protection, even as stigma, misinformation and silence around its use persist. Namibia's HIV prevalence among youth remains high, particularly among adolescent girls and young women. According to the Joint United Nations

Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), young women aged 15-24 are more than twice as likely to acquire HIV as their male peers in sub-Saharan Africa. Lukas*, a 25-year-old gay man from Windhoek, says he started taking PrEP earlier last year after losing a friend to AIDS-related illness. "I did not want to live in fear anymore but I also did not want people to assume I am HIV positive just because they saw pills in my bag," Lukas explained.





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He noted that he initially heard about PrEP at a pop-up health stand in Katutura. "The nurse told me that it is like a daily pill that protects you from HIV. I was shocked [as] I never heard of it before. I thought only condoms existed," he added. Faith*, a 22-year-old student who also uses PrEP, says it gives her a sense of control. "I am not sexually active all the time, but when I am, I want to feel safe. Still, even some nurses questioned why I would be on it if I have no 'real reason.' It is like you are only allowed to protect yourself after something bad happens," faith retorted. Both say they had to overcome fear, stigma and disapproval, even from healthcare providers, to access PrEP. Their stories reflect broader concerns raised by youth-led groups across the country. As of late 2024 and early 2025, Namibia reached approximately 93 percent of people living with HIV being aware of their status, 95 percent of diagnosed individuals on treatment and 98-99 percent of those on treatment achieving viral suppression. However, viral load suppression rates remain lower for youth only around 65.4 percent of HIV positive females aged 15-24 were virally suppressed, compared to over 80 percent among older adults. Organisations like the Young Feminist Movement (Y-Fem) Namibia say silence and shame continue to drive the spread of HIV among youth. The movement says it has heard of similar experiences from many young people, especially queer youth and young women, who are often judged when trying to access sexual and reproductive health services. "Young women are disproportionately affected by HIV. Even through

Y-Fem applauds the positive and innovative advances in bodily autonomy which is contributing to advances such as PrEP, however, currently we are going backwards when it comes to protecting the human rights of women," said Florence /Khaxas, the executive director of Y-Fem. Nsozi Mwazi, a feminist advocate and policy officer at Regain Trust, says the culture of policing young people's bodies must end. "Young people have a right to protect themselves. Whether it is PrEP, condoms or HIV testing, access should come without shame, questions or judgment. However, we are still fighting stigma from service providers and communities," Mwazi said. Mwazi added that while organisations like Namibia Planned Parenthood Association (NAPPA) have tried to fill the gap, barriers remain for youth in rural areas. "If you are in Windhoek, you might manage. But what if you are in Okakarara or Outapi? Youth there do not have safe spaces to learn or ask questions. The government needs to invest in rural youth access." In response, the Ministry of Health and Social Services said its HIV prevention strategy targets young people with condom distribution, HIV testing, circumcision services and access to PrEP, which was rolled out in 2016. "The ministry is working with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and youth networks to promote awareness of PrEP through campaigns such as My Protection, My Choice, and the use of youth ambassadors," the ministry said. PrEP and testing services are reportedly available at all public health facilities, including rural clinics. The ministry also said it is exploring wider distribution of HIV self-test kits.