



Namibia Anglican Community  
Development Organization - NACDO

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## Who we are

Namibia Anglican Community Development Organization (NACDO) is an affiliate of the Anglican Diocese of Namibia. NACDO is a registered welfare organization under the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS), welfare registration number: W.O.71.

### The Mission

NACDO's mission is to collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and individuals at local, national, and international levels to assist individuals to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit, holistically; to assist in ending diseases like HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria as well as to work to eradicate hunger and poverty.

### The Vision

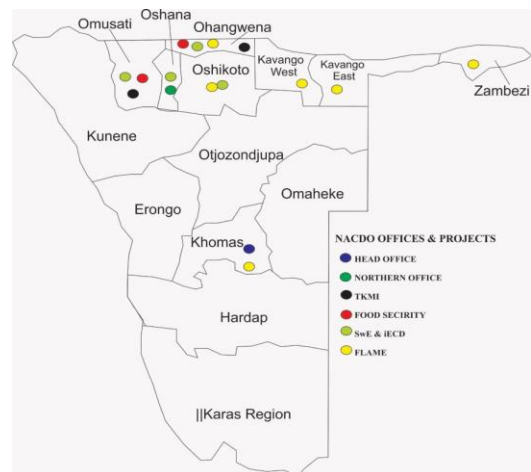
NACDO's vision is derived from the Anglican vision and promise that: future generations will be born and live in countries free from preventable diseases, poverty, inequality, and all other social ills. Therefore, we commit ourselves to breaking the silence, educating ourselves, confronting poverty, ending stigma, building capacity, providing leadership, skills, care, prevention, and counselling, and providing better livelihoods and improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

### The Core Values

- 1) Faith and hope
- 2) Individual full potential
- 3) Non-Discrimination
- 4) Respect of individuals' dignity, values, history, and religion
- 5) Fairness, transparency, and accountability

### Where we are

NACDO unevenly implements all four projects in Kavango East & West, Ohangwena, Oshana, Oshikoto and Zambezi regions.



## What we do

### **1. Faith Leader Advocacy for Malaria Elimination (FLAME)**

Namibia Faith Leader Advocacy for Malaria Elimination (FLAME) comprises Coalitions of leaders from diverse faiths driven to improve and sustain the health and well-being of Namibians affected by malaria. Established in March 2021, the project catalyzes the formation of technically competent interfaith coalitions of religious leaders to advocate for the:

- Adoption of policies and strategies that accelerate malaria elimination
- Implementation of policies and strategies that accelerate malaria elimination
- Necessary funding for these policies

FLAME Coalitions are comprised of a central-level coalition and five sub-national coalitions from the Regions with the highest malaria transmission including Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Oshikoto and Ohangwena Regions. The work of FLAME Coalitions aligns with the Namibia Malaria Strategic Plan (NMSP) and faith leaders work closely with the multisectoral Malaria Elimination Task Forces (METF) within regional government structures.

The FLAME Namibia project is implemented through the Namibia Anglican Community Development Organization (NACDO), a welfare organization registered as an affiliate and of the Anglican Diocese of Namibia.

## **2022 Highlights**

### **Coalition establishment and growth**

The FLAME secretariat facilitated the establishment of Ohangwena region coalition, alongside the establishment of the region's Malaria Elimination Task Forces-METs, adding to the national and 4 regional coalitions established during 2021, with over 130 members. Coalitions cover the Khomas region and the five regions with the highest malaria burden (classified as Zone 1 of malaria transmission). Such regions are Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena and Oshikoto. FLAME coalitions currently represent over 20 denominations, including the Anglican church, Dutch Reformed Church, Eden Church, Faith apostolic church, Lutheran church, Mission Baptist church, New Apostolic Church, Pentecostal church, and Roman Catholic church.

### **Partnership building**

During 2022, FLAME coalitions worked closer with pre-existing METFs. These are multi-sectoral advocacy bodies operational as part of the Regional AIDS Coordinating Committees (RACOCs), which have evolved to coordinate health and community development matters at the regional level (not only HIV/AIDS-related activities). The METFs, established between 2020 and 2021 became less active since being establishment, owing to COVID-19 lockdowns and budget constraints. However, adding the enthusiasm of the faith leaders since FLAME establishment has re-energised METF members to work in partnership with FLAME coalition members in the respective regions. As of 2022, FLAME regional coalitions work in active partnership with METFs following joint orientation workshops, where annual plans for advocacy and resource mobilization activities are created.

### **Capacity development training workshop**

Regional Malaria and advocacy refresher training workshops were held in each region for both FLAME and METF members. Out of the 126 faith leaders who joined FLAME and received training on malaria and advocacy, 86 faith leaders received initial training during 2021 and a refresher training during 2022. There were 40 additional faith leaders who joined the coalitions and received a refresher training during 2022. A series of training workshops were conducted from February to June 2022 in order to:

- (i) provide technical information on malaria, malaria elimination, advocacy, malaria and budget advocacy.
- (ii) (ii) facilitate political and financial problem analysis and stakeholder mapping for advocacy strategies.
- (iii) (iii) develop advocacy SMART objectives, messages, stakeholder maps and workplans for each region.

**Establishment of the Malaria Elimination Task Force for Ohangwena**

Malaria Elimination Task Forces had been previously developed with the support of the Malaria Elimination Initiative in four Regions. During 2022, FLAME facilitated the establishment of METF in Ohangwena Region. The Ohangwena Regional Health Directorate led the development of their METF, alongside the FLAME secretariat. The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) partnered with FLAME to support training and orientation activities of the METF members.

**Faith leader mobilization meetings**

FLAME coalitions at regional level (Ohangwena, Oshikoto, and Zambezi) in partnership with Malaria Elimination Task Forces (METFs) organized meetings in November and December 2022 with the aim of expanding their coalition membership. Faith leaders' involvement in sharing FLAME objectives and advocacy strategies with other faith leaders was valuable for strengthening the credibility and extending the platform of FLAME advocates.

## Central-level coalition review meeting

The FLAME coalition at national level was convened during December 2022, to provide a progress update on the activities of the regional coalitions, review the national coalition advocacy strategy and mobilize additional faith leaders to join the movement. Most notably was the participation of the acting national chairperson for the Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN), and the faith-based organization representative on the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) to the Global Fund to Fight HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

- ✓ FLAME Coalitions in Ohangwena, Kavango East, and Zambezi regions organized World Malaria Day (WMD) 2022 activities including commemoration events with high-profile speakers, public outreaches at shopping malls and other popular places in towns, quizzes, radio talks, and a march for action against malaria.
- ✓ FLAME Coalition in Ohangwena participated in the National IRS launch for 2022 in Okongo Health district\_which was core funded by FLAME. High-level stakeholders were present including the SADC E 8 Ambassador, WHO, Regional leaders, NVDCP, and Ohangwena regional health staff. FLAME shared a valuable presentation and received recognition from the stakeholders as a strong partner to accelerate malaria elimination.
- ✓ FLAME Namibia launched a Facebook page to share information. The Facebook page can be accessed at: [www.facebook.com/FLAMEAdvocacyNamibia](http://www.facebook.com/FLAMEAdvocacyNamibia)
- ✓ FLAME members from each of the active Regional FLAME coalitions were recognized as key stakeholders by the Namibia Vector-borne Disease Control Programme (NVDCP) to provide inputs to external reviewers during the End-Term Review of the Malaria Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022.
- ✓ A strategy review conference was held in October 2022 with representatives from all FLAME coalitions and METFs, J.C. Flowers Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The conference provided an opportunity to reflect on progress, lessons learned and best practices to inform future FLAME strategy development and implementation. A networking dinner was also hosted alongside the conference with key stakeholders such as the SADC Malaria Elimination Eight (E8) secretariat, the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) Youth Lead for southern Africa, the Office of the First Lady, BMGF, JCFF, NACDO and faith leaders from the central level FLAME coalition. The networking dinner offered an opportunity to share perspectives on challenges towards eliminating malaria in Namibia.
- ✓ Regional FLAME Coalitions and METFs held monthly meetings to review progress towards implementation of regional advocacy strategies and budgets, as well as plans for upcoming activities.



### Coalition & Task Force training



### Community mobilization and awareness raising



### Radio talk campaigns



## **2. Food Security**

The food Security Project is aimed at contributing to the Namibian Vision 2030, by improving food security and quality of life of the people in Namibia. The project implements an extensive household food security approach in Ohangwena and Omusati regions with 252 Contact Farmers (CFs) as direct beneficiaries and more than 9000 indirect beneficiaries.

The project uses 5 main thematic areas which increased food production capacity within 12 communities in the northern part of Namibia:

- 1) Provision of relevant skills and knowledge in agroforestry
- 2) Poultry Farming
- 3) Home gardening
- 4) Food Processing
- 5) Water management.

The project's targeted beneficiaries comprise of peasant farmers including those marginalised unemployed youth, and people aged 16 to 65 years.

The Contact Farmers (CFs) received skills through Farmer Field School (FFS) approach to transfer skills to Fellow Farmers (FFs) in a ratio of 1:5 (1 contact farmer trained at least 5 fellow farmers).



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### **Stories of Contact Farmers from Epatululo village in Ohangwena Constituency Ohangwena region.**

Ten Contact Farmers were trained in horticulture in Epatululo village Ohangwena Constituency, Ohangwena Region in 2022. The baseline data for all trainees shows that none of them has a steady income. They all relied on subsistence farming as a sole source of food for their households which is currently negatively affected by the prolonged drought spells and negative effect of climate change.

This group like all other groups in different villages were supported with the materials and also received guidance to establish their home gardens, which was successfully accomplished. Some of the Contact Farmers in this village took the advantage of this opportunity and successfully transformed themselves from dependence to entrepreneurship.

Tresia Nghifinya is a young woman between the age of 21 and 30 years old. She is a resident of Epatululo village. She depended on others for financial support before she received training on horticulture. After the training she worked hard and expanded her garden by adding more varieties like cabbages and kales. Currently, she produces enough vegetables for household consumption and the business.

Tresia produces enough for house consumption and a surplus for selling. She harvests three times a week and gets a minimum of N\$ 100.00 from each harvest, which translates into a total amount of N\$ 300.00 per week.

Rosalia Mhani is another young woman between the age of 30 and 35 years, from the same village. She was trained together with Tresia and like her teammate, she expanded her garden and produced more vegetables enough for both household consumptions and business. Rosalia is harvesting on a daily basis and her daily income ranges between N\$ 100.00 to 170.00. The income generated from the garden is enough to cater for her other household basic needs at household level, she stressed. She appreciated the training opportunity which transformed her household situation.

Josefina Josef is an older woman between the age of 60 and 65. She also received the horticulture training together with the above-mentioned teammate in Epatululo village. She also managed to transform her home garden into business. Josefina makes N\$ 100.00 per day on average with which she supports her family in addition to her old age social grant income. She is grateful and appreciates NACDO for the training opportunity which transformed her life.

Some pictures of their home/ sack gardens:



### **3. Savings with Education & Integrated Early Childhood Development**

The Savings with Education initiative engages communities in micro-saving schemes to help reduce the burden of employment and to alleviate poverty amongst community members. The initiative operates in 4 northern regions: Ohangwena, Oshana, Oshikoto, and Omusati. SwE trains and builds capacity among community members to form up Savings Groups. The Savings Groups will then save money on a weekly basis and distribute over a period of 12 months. All benefits involved in the Savings Groups are for the group members and NACDO has no say or decision over such benefits.

An Early Childhood Development Program is aimed at strengthening families so young children thrive. The program model focuses on the moments that matters in the early developmental stage of a nurturing and caring for children from 0-3 years of age. The nurturing includes maternal & child health care, nutrition, family livelihoods, security & safety, responsive care, and early learning. When communities mobilize children will live in safe, stable, and supportive caregiving environments. When primary caregivers learn, support, and connect with their children, they become healthy primary care givers who can respond effectively to their children's' needs. Finally, children will thrive and reach their full developmental potential.

## **2022 Highlights**

### **New & Continuing Savings Groups**

<b>New &amp; continuing</b>	<b>Number of Groups</b>	<b>Number of Group Members</b>	<b>Total Number of Men in Groups</b>	<b>Total Number of Women in Groups</b>
<b>New Groups Formed 2022</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Continuing Groups Formed in 2021</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1824</b>
<b>Continuing Groups Formed in 2020</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1245</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4083</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>3488</b>

The project has also seen a total number of 685 Savings Group Members that has started new businesses by December 2022. A total 169 expanded their businesses, because of NACDO's engagement with the communities in economic empowerment activities and learning. A Refresher Training for 45 Facilitators was also held in 2022.

There is still a high demand for Savings Group activities in the communities, and this means that there is a need for mobilization of more resources to sustain the Project.

**Integrated Early Childhood and Development - iECD**

IECD trained a total of 16 Promoters on Moments that Matters and ECD in the first Quarter of 2022. These promoters are now carrying out Bi- Monthly Home visits, facilitate caregiver support and Learning Groups meeting and Promote ECD activities as well as Positive Parenting in their communities.

After the promoters were trained, they have successfully started with Family Registration in March 2022 and First Home visits in April. Family registrations went well, and a total number of 88 Families were successfully registered in the project during the first Quarter of 2022. A record of 141 Children from the two communities were also registered.

**Community Mobilization Meetings for MTM**

Two meetings were conducted in the community of Eembidi and Ohendjeno, where Community members were engaged on Parenting and early childhood development in September 2022. This has therefore created a platform for the Project staff to engage men on parenting, as well as selecting the ECD Committee members. This was mainly done to sensitize community members on issues of parenting as well as early childhood development. A total number of 121 community members attended the community meeting.

**ECD Committee Meeting**

This meeting brought together ECD promoters as well as ECD Committee members to reflect on their work and look at how we can better work together in helping the communities, looking at community challenges faced as well as how we can best work towards resolving them.

**Male Engagement meeting**

The two male engagement meetings were also conducted in the two communities, the meeting was spearheaded by men from the community and facilitated by Mr. Joseph (ECD Committee Chairperson) as well as Mr. Junias (Eembidi Community Deputy headmen). Mr. Kenya led the meeting in Ohendjeno Village. The meeting brought together a total of 46 Male participants.



*ECD Promoters during the MTM Part 1 Training for ECD Promoters in Okatana.*



*The Picture on the left shows the Regional Coordinator Saveria Akawa holding Toys made by Caregivers during the toy Making session in Omusati Region. On the right caregivers are also seen preparing Meals for Children during the Cooking Demonstration Sessions.*



*Fathers and Male Caregivers During the Male Engagement Meeting on Parenting in Both Omusati and Ohangwena Region*



#### 4. Trans Kunene Malaria Initiative

The Trans Kunene Malaria Initiative (TKMI) is a cross border collaboration of Malaria activities between the governments of Angola and Namibia. The main aim has been to assist the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) in compacting and eliminating Malaria as per the Malaria Elimination vision of 2022.

TKMI makes use of community Malaria Volunteers (CMVs) and Field Workers (FWs) who provide informative education on Malaria prevention and usage of nets, as well as to assist with the mass distribution of LLINS in areas of operation.

##### 2022 Highlights

##### **Social Behavior Communication Change – SBCC**

TKMI continued with operations in Omusati and Oshana regions covering 4 constituencies (Oshikango, Ongenga, Etayi and Outapi) with a total number of 275 active Community Malaria Volunteers - CMVs and 25 Fieldworkers - CMVs based on the target communities.

- ✓ A total of 26 **96** people within **10 593** households have been engaged and given Malaria education at the household level, in both regions by CMVs and FWs.
- ✓ Engaging **Mothers and Caregivers** was introduced to encourage them to seek early treatment for children under the age of 5 to make sure that there is no delay in treatment of Malaria in young children to prevent fatalities. A total of **89 mothers and caregivers** have been engaged through 2 meetings in Oshikango and Ongenga constituencies.
- ✓ Four **Malaria SADC week commemoration events** have been carried out at the border posts across the two regions in partnership with the ministry of health (Namibia /Angola) and TKMI Angolan team. Targeting mostly the mobile populations at the border posts. A total of **3920** people has been reached with Malaria education whilst **1862** people have been tested for Malaria of which **10** were positive and have been given treatment on the spot, as well as mosquito Nets. All positive cases recorded where non local (Angolan cases). A total of **1500** mosquito nets have been distributed to Mothers with children under 5 and pregnant women.
- ✓ A Knowledge Attitude and Practice - KAP survey was conducted in the two regions to assess the knowledge of Malaria amongst community members, as well as the use of Insecticide treated nets and Indoor Residual spraying acceptance. A total of **1857** samples were used to collect the data. And the key findings were that at least **83%** of the respondents understands Malaria as a disease, signs and symptoms, preventative methods and treatment. Net usage has also increased to **76%** amongst households who own Mosquito nets. The results also show an increase in care of children and pregnant women being prioritized to sleep under mosquito nets.



*TKMI Registered Nurse conducting Malaria testing at Oshikango border post*

*A caregiver showing the Mosquito nets she received during the SADC malaria event*



**Testing, Treating, Tracing and investigation for Malaria Positive Cases - TTT**

A total number of 37 malaria positive cases were reported from the Ministry and all of them were traced. During the tracing, 257 people were tested, and 4 people tested positive for malaria. All people were provided with Malaria education during tracing. A total number of 37 households received Indoor Residual Spray - IRS during tracing of cases. Tracing of malaria cases is conducted jointly with the Environmental Health Officer from the Ministry of Health and Social Services, who then provides at least 2 nets per household, as nets are not sufficient to cover all bed space.

*The first picture showing the testing during tracing and the second picture showing the young boy taking the first dose. The boy was tested by the community Health Worker. She referred them to the hospital the same day because the CHW was not having anti-malarias. They could however not go to the hospital as they said they don't have transport money. CHW phoned TTT to visit this house the next morning. TTT made it possible to give a treatment to the young boy.*





**School campaign /Malaria education given to the school learners**

# of schools reached	# of learners reached with education	# of learners with malaria signs
10	3000 learners	20 learners

A total of 10 schools were targeted in the Okongo Health district and all the schools were reached. During school campaigns, 3000 learners were reached with Malaria education and 20 learners were suspected with malaria signs, they were tested and all results were negative. Learners appreciated this initiative and were very happy for the malaria commodities they received from NACDO-TTT.



*NACDO-TTT Registered Nurse asking one of the active learners at Okongo primary school to explain to other fellow learners the use of Doom, Mosquito repellent and mosquito coils.*