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Logistics in the Walvis Bay port area

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Federal state – partner country
Bremen – Namibia

Title
Mobility for all! Improving the mobility and logistics sector in Namibia

In cooperation with the GIZ programme
Transport, Mobility and Logistics

Financing arrangements

BMZ contribution	€ 232,500
Bremen contribution	€ 151,800

Incl. € 21,800 in-kind contributions

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Responsible ministry
State Chancellery of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

This project helps to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Mobility for all!

Local situation

The public transport system in Windhoek is largely inefficient. Nonetheless, households on low incomes in Windhoek spend as much as 25 per cent of their disposable monthly income on transport services. There is almost no provision of bicycle lanes for cyclists in Windhoek, which means that the current NMT (non-motorised transport) infrastructure is limited to footpaths. At the same time, Namibia is aspiring to become a logistics hub for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) by 2025 and needs support in implementing the logistics masterplan.

Cooperation arrangements

BMZ has been supporting Namibia in improving service delivery in the area of transport, mobility and logistics since 2004. The project under the German Government and Federal States Programme (German: Bund-Länder-Programm, BLP) supplements the TC project, focusing on NMT and public transport in Windhoek and on connecting the port of Walvis Bay with the hinterland. The Free Hanseatic City of

"Despite all the technologies, humans continue to play a key role in any organisation. That's why we want to benefit from bremenports' experience in the area of training and human capacity development."

Webster Gonzo,
Executive: Human Capital, Transnamib



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Port/rail infrastructure

Bremen, which has been working with Namibia in development cooperation as part of its state partnership for many years, can offer extensive experience in both areas. With its seaport and links to the hinterland, Bremen has similar geographical and regional conditions to Namibia with its capital Windhoek and port area of Walvis Bay. bremenports, the city's port management company, is providing expert support to NamPort (the Namibian Ports Authority) and TransNamib (the national rail services operator) in implementing the logistics masterplan. Furthermore, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen exemplifies the advances Germany has made in expanding non-motorised transport as a major element of sustainable urban transport; it is contributing this experience to the project. The urban tram operator Bremer Straßenbahn AG, the Senator for Climate Protection, Environment, Mobility, Urban Development and Housing and the German Cyclists' Association (ADFC) are key partners in this regard.

What we are doing – and how

Core elements of the project include formats for dialogue and knowledge transfer between actors from Namibia and Germany in the area of logistics/transport at the interface between the port and rail infrastructure, as well as in the area of public transport and NMT. bremenports is providing advisory services and training on health, safety and environmental protection standards for NamPort employees. With a view to improving rail transport, bremenports is also proposing capacity development measures for TransNamib employees and assessing the links between the port of Walvis Bay and the national railway network to the hinterland and the city of Windhoek.

With respect to NMT, in Windhoek the project is initiating an ideas competition to explore new business models involving cargo bikes, as well as awareness-raising activities around possible uses of bicycles and cargo bikes. The aim is to promote the development of NMT with cargo bikes.

Useful links

- More information on the German Government and Federal States Programme:
  https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/91262.html
  https://bund-laender-programm.de/en
- More information on bremenports
  https://www.bremenports.de/en/
- More information on Transnamib
  https://www.transnamib.com.na/
- More information on the Namibian Ports Authority
  https://www.namport.com.na/
- More information on the GIZ project Transport, Mobility and Logistics
  https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/33316.html

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