



Republic of Namibia

Ministry of Urban and Rural Development

Directorate Rural Development Coordination

The Directorate Rural Development Coordination is mandated with the responsibility of coordinating sustainable rural development interventions in order to improve the living standard of the rural communities. Various programmes aimed at poverty alleviation, employment creation and food security for the rural dwellers are implemented through the respective Regional Councils. The programmes are:

Programme	Aim	Viable projects to be supported
1. Food/cash for work programme	To provide short-term employment and contribute towards basic infrastructure development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• feeder roads• water pipeline• construction of teacher's houses and classrooms• earth dams' excavation• construction of community halls and clinics• etc
2. Regional Specific Action Plan for Food Security	To mobilize rural communities to engage in food production activities for improving the households' food production. It focuses on improving the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household garden• Community garden

	quality of the household food consumption through the introduction of diversified crop and livestock production	
3. Micro-Finance: Micro-Finance (Grant) Scheme	To promote rural industrialisation through enterprises development, income generation and job creation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Art and craft • Retailing • Small-scale mining • Tourism • Manufacturing • Hospitality • Others
4. Rural Sanitation	To improve the sanitation services in the country and contribute to improved health and quality of life. Also creating awareness on sanitation and hygiene.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet (flushing) toilets • Dry (pit/VIP) latrines
5. OROI (One Region One Initiative)	To promote local economy and poverty alleviation through value-addition to natural resources and local products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruits and vegetables • Beef and dairy products • Hides and skins • Gemstones and sand/soil • Forest • Cereal and tuber crops • Textiles and fabrics • Animal husbandry (pigs, poultry, goats, rabbits, cattle)
6. Rural Employment Scheme	To create employment for rural communities especially the out of school youth by involving them in socio-economic development activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Grass harvesting. • Tourism • Inland fishing and aquaculture • Leatherwork • Carpentry • Poultry

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Brick making • Firewood/charcoal
7. Support for rural poor farmers	To support the poor rural farmers by providing them with small stocks and feed. The programme also focuses on subsidising farmers on the purchasing of the implements and equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of agricultural inputs • Small stock farming • Others
8. Rural Development Centres	To promote rural industrialisation through research, design and develop affordable appropriate technology to improve the living standard of rural people. Also focuses on skills development, outreach programmes and job creation opportunities for rural communities through Rural Development Centers Besides the production of appropriate technology implements, the existing centres also offer the following services: accommodation, conference facilities, catering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Poultry • Animal health • Early Childhood Development • Value addition • Internships • Others

For more information, kindly contact the Directorate of Rural Development Coordination, your respective Regional Councils or your Constituency offices and Rural Development Centres.

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