

Transport4People: Sustainable Transport

For the Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana and Oshikoto Regions of Namibia

The Transport4People project developed a Transport Master Plan to create well working transport services in four of Namibia's northern regions. The master plan will help regional and local authorities to create an affordable, accessible, efficient, equitable and safe transport system with the support of the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development.

Who?

The Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT) and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (MURD) with the assistance of the German Government through its implementing agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH are guiding the master planning process.

The project seeks to benefit all people who use the transport system, particularly those who cannot afford a car.

What?

The project asked for comments from the public and technical experts and thus identified many areas for improvement, including rural public transport, access to jobs, schools, and markets, non-motorised transport, road safety, and integrating land use and transport planning.

Building on these challenges and opportunities, the Sustainable Transport Master Plan was developed, which will set the stage for changes in the transport system by

- explaining the government's and other stakeholders' goals and guiding principles;
- identifying gaps in infrastructure, accessibility and transport services;

- assessing and prioritizing transport investments and amendments to existing policies and strategies;
- developing funding strategies; and
- providing the basis for an implementation and monitoring system.

When?

The development of the master plan was kicked off in October 2014. The final master plan is due to be completed in early 2017. Implementation will start after Cabinet approvals, which are expected in late 2017.

Why?

In the long run, implementing the master plan will give all residents in urban and rural areas better access to jobs and markets and will reduce the amount of time and money they spend travelling. As the regions grow, the whole society will benefit from a more sustainable transport system, one characterised by reduced travel times and lower transport costs for passengers and freight, savings in energy consumption, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

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