

CIVIL SOCIETY INFORMATION CENTRE NAMIBIA



CIVIC +264

Information-Sharing and Networking

WHO WE ARE

Our founding document, the Constitution of the Civil Society Information Centre, which established CIVIC +264 as a **voluntary association**, was signed in 2019.

The organisation is governed by a **Board of Directors** and managed by a **Coordinator**, Mrs Melanie Markus, with the support of a **Communications Officer**, Bradley Tjongarero.

Board of Directors:

Chairperson: Graham Hopwood (IPPR – **Institute for Public Policy Research**),

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A NEED AROSE

The five founding organisations (NID, LAC, IPPR, NMT & CATS - Citizens for an Accountable and Transparent Society) of CIVIC +264 agreed that such an **information service would advance the effectiveness of civil society in Namibia.**

Thus CIVIC +264 was established in 2019 with the **aim to facilitate the circulation of information in the civil society community** and an **initial database of civil society organisations was compiled**, which is continuously updated and extended.

CIVIC +264 as well as its website were launched on 10 November 2020.

OBJECTIVES

CIVIC +264 was established as an information sharing service for Namibian civil society.

- To act as a conduit for information relevant to civil society in Namibia.
- to develop and maintain a database of active Namibian civil society organisations.
- to monitor and share developments in civil society, government and the donor community which are relevant to civil society in Namibia.
- to facilitate networking opportunities amongst civil society and between civil society and other relevant stakeholders.
- to connect civil society organisations with government bodies and donors in connection with specific issues, in light of the areas of interest of various civil society organisations; and
- to create and maintain a website and a presence on appropriate social media platforms with the aim of enhancing communication to and between civil society organisations.

VIDEO: Launch of CIVIC +264



PICTURES: Some of our Activities

Over the last 2 years CIVIC +264 has held 13 information-sharing and networking sessions in total in the following regions: Omaheke, Otjozondjupa, Erongo, Hardap, Oshikoto, Oshana, Kunene, //Kharas and Khomas with the financial support of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF).



DEFINITION OF CSOs

There are many overlapping terms that people use to describe **civil society organisations (CSOs)**. Note that none of these are legal terms in Namibia, and none of them have precise definitions.

- **CSOs** are non-profit groups formed voluntarily by citizens to advance shared goals or interests.
- **Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)** are non-profit groups that function independently of government.
- CSOs are generally **non-profit organisations (NPOs)**.
- **Community-based organisations (CBOs)** are typically civil society organisations that work in a single local community.
- **Faith-based organisations (FBOs)** are CBOs that are affiliated with a religious group or inspired by religious or spiritual beliefs.
- An **umbrella body** is just one of many terms for groups that bring together CSOs (and sometimes other stakeholders as well).



Eligibility criteria for self-listing on the CIVIC +264 website

- Active civil society organisations (CSOs).
- Online presence (web/social media/search engines) showing activity.



1. Home of the Arts (HOTA)

📍 Rundu, Kavango East

Not-for-profit organization. Established in December 2017. Located in the town of Rundu. HOTA exists to promote and strengthen the development of various forms of arts targeting mostly the youth through a “Learn | Create | Market” philosophy.

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BACKGROUND
Regain Trust with funding from the European Union (EU) and contributions from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have been implementing a 3-year project titled "Amplified: Enhancing the participation of CSOs in the Life Skills, Education sector". The project commenced on 1 November 2020 and is due to conclude on 31 October 2022. Amplified's overall objective (OO) is to increase the holistic coverage of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) amongst adolescents, youth, parents/guardians, community leaders, men, and community members through the strengthening of Civil Society Organizations.

The organization agreed to achieve this through a holistic CSE approach defined as an approach that recognizes the role different actors play in addressing the Sexual and Reproductive and Health Rights (SRHR) needs of adolescents and youth. This approach realizes that adolescents and youth don't exist in isolation or in a vacuum and that their beliefs, attitudes, knowledge and behaviours related to SRHR is directly and indirectly influenced by different actors in their ecological system. The project engaged nationally and across four target Regions (Karas, Erongo, Kunene and Oshana) to fulfil four key strategic objectives (SO) which include:

- CSOs' capacity strengthened to monitor, support, and enhance the capacity of schools to effectively implement CSE.
- Increased presence of youth led CSE activities with a focus on addressing harmful gender norms and GBV as key determinants of SRHR outcomes.
- Improved enabling environment through the involvement and active participation of parents/guardians, community leaders, men and community members on CSE and their role in addressing SRHR challenges including GBV amongst adolescents and youth led by CSOs.
- Enhanced access to psychosocial support services and referrals for adolescents and youth.

SCOPE OF WORK
We therefore seek the services of a suitably qualified consultant to conduct an end of project evaluation of the project from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2022. The project evaluation will assess the following areas:

- Project's design and scope
- Implementation status, progress, and extent to which expected outcomes have been achieved.
- Costs, analysis, and document key lessons learned, challenges experienced and highlight best practices during the implementation period.
- Assess coordination, partnership arrangements, institutional strengthening, beneficiary participation, replication, and sustainability of the programme.

The evaluation will include a review of the project design, assumptions made at the beginning of the project's

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JP Kamukoko Human Rights Foundation Award – 2008, 2018, 2014, 2016 and 2019 and Social ResponsAbility Award – 2013

31 May 2022

PRESS RELEASE

The statement by President Hage Geingob in The Namibian of 29 May 2022 warning locals not to interfere in the **green hydrogen project being developed in Tsau/Khaeb National Park** is deeply concerning to the Legal Assistance Centre. As a democracy, we should pride ourselves on upholding the rule of law and protecting the rights of our citizens to the fullest. This statement regrettably suggests that the President is willing to disregard those values in order to push through a controversial project that will have a massive impact on the citizens of this country.

The President's warning sends a chilling and worrying message to those who may have concerns about the environmental impact of the project, or who feel that their voices are not being heard. It suggests that the go engaging with citizens.

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