

New Voices, New Narratives in Public Policy Discourse

Call for Proposal

Grant for implementing “Policy Sprints” in Namibia

for Civil Society Organisations

We are looking for partnerships to craft new ideas, find constructive solutions, and listen to diverse voices on relevant public policy issues in Namibia. Our initiative promotes a holistic approach to advocacy that is **research- and evidence-based, constructive, cross-sectoral** and based on continuous **dialogue with affected communities**.

This is a unique opportunity for civil society organizations (CSOs) to participate in **collaborative policy initiatives** aimed at shaping better policy frameworks through the involvement of affected communities. We want to work with civil society organisations to implement *Policy Sprints* - integrated policy initiatives that combine community-level dialogue and innovative campaigns to advocate for policies that address critical issues in Namibian society. If you partner with us on a *Policy Sprint* we will jointly organise community dialogues and trainings with affected communities across Namibia, support you in using this input for innovative campaigns and engage in dialogue with policy makers.

Our aim is to allow community voices to inform better public policy, to provide reliable data and diverse perspectives, and work towards constructive solutions.

This initiative helps you to create the platform to present your arguments and your stories to policymakers, the media, and the public to start a national debate on the following issues.

Human Rights and Social Justice | Youth and Youth Participation
Gender Equality and Gender Based Violence (GBV)
Environmental Justice | Access to Information

Key Components of “Policy Sprints”

Community Engagement with affected communities and stakeholders through dialogue sessions.

Research and Citizen Participation to gather reliable data and information from the grassroots level.

Policy Proposal Development by formulating evidence-based policy proposals addressing the identified issues.

National Campaign to advocate for the adoption of the proposed policies.

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Under the EU-funded programme “**New Voices, New Narratives in Public Policy Discourse**”, the partners Namibia Media Trust (NMT), Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) and DW Akademie support you in the following ways:

Financial Support: Selected CSOs will receive financial support of up to N\$200,000.00 to conduct comprehensive *Policy Sprints* in the period between March 2024 and April 2025.

Mentoring & Technical Support: The program supports your effort through advocacy and campaigning consultancy, technical assistance and media production skills, as well as dialogue and moderation expertise.

Community Dialogues: We will organise 2-3 community dialogues in the regions of Namibia (1-2 days each), where we would like you to join in a collaborative effort to engage communities on the issues you choose for your *Policy Sprint*. These events will be organised and financed by the programme partners. We appreciate if you could share your thoughts about what these events could entail and what is needed to make them successful (i.e. equipment, catering, venue, material, etc.). [Let us know in your proposal!](#)

Application Process

CSOs (or a consortium of CSOs) interested in running a *Policy Sprint* are invited to submit a proposal outlining their approach to one or more of the thematic focus areas. Applications should include:

- 1. Project Overview:** Clearly outline the proposed policy initiative, including the chosen thematic focus area and the affected communities. We encourage applicants to use any form of visualisation they deem appropriate. ([max. 5 pages](#))
- 2. Methodology:** Describe your approach regarding the community engagement, research, and policy proposal development. You can also let us know the areas in which you would like us to assist you. ([max 3 pages](#))
- 3. Timeline:** Present a realistic timeline for the implementation of the *Policy Sprint* between March 2024 and April 2025.
- 4. Budget:** Provide a budget calculation outlining how the financial support will be utilized.

Templates for the project overview, methodology, budget calculation and timeline can be downloaded [under this LINK](#).

Applications must be submitted by **March 31st 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered.

For inquiries and the submission of applications, please contact:
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Thank you!

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Selection Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives of the project partners NMT, IPPR and DW Akademie. The following criteria will be taken into account:

- > **Quality** of the proposal, outlining the specific issue, as well as the availability of data and sources.
- > **Expertise** of the applicant for proposed project, outlining the aim, design and methodology of pilot campaign or reporting project.
- > **Diversity** and relevance of involved partners and resources (if applicable).
- > **Media strategy, partnerships, and audience participation** approach.
- > Implementation **time-frame** feasibility.
- > **Innovative** approach.
- > Incorporation of **relevant Namibian policy discourse**.
- > Marginalized groups **representation** and regional diversity of proposition.

Expected expenditure must be duly justified by the proposed activities and expected impact. The Evaluation Committee may suggest changes to the proposed budget within the limits of the grant amount.

Terms of Financial Support

- > Funds will be remitted to the recipient in instalments during the implementation period. Payments to the recipient are entirely linked to the achievement of contractual agreed milestones (e.g. research, publications, events, etc.) and the submission of monthly expenditure reports including supporting documents.
- > An advance payment will be made upon signature of the Agreement.
- > The final payment shall be subject to the recipient's provision of the final expenditure and narrative report including supporting documents proving the achievement of the agreed milestones.
- > The Recipient shall confirm the receipt of each payment by e-mail providing the respective bank statement and/or credit advice.

DW Akademie will be the contracting party and will support grant recipients in all steps related to the management of their financial support.

All grant applicants must follow a zero fraud and corruption policy.