

Strengthening of Institutional and Management Capacity in the Road Sector

Sustainable Transport in Namibia

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Improvement of efficiency and resource use in the (Roads-) Transportation Sector

The focus is on supporting the Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT) and other transport institutions in their efforts to efficiently manage, plan, monitor and regulate the transport sector. Among others GIZ consults the Ministry in the field of transport policy, performance monitoring of the state-owned enterprises and supports the human-capacity and organisational development through trainings and the provision of international consultancies.

As an achievement MWT is the first Namibian ministry to make use of performance agreements for monitoring and steering its affiliated parastatal enterprises. The companies' performance has improved measurably since the introduction of the contract and the monitoring has become an integral part of the management processes within the ministry.

A new White Paper on Transport Policy has been developed, replacing the former one from 1995, a crucial basic framework for the sustainable development of the road transport sector.

Every year more than 600 Namibians lose their lives in road accidents. The poor management of road safety, law enforcement and deficits in the licensing system in Namibia are main reasons that the trend is worsening. In the field of Road Safety, the project supports the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) in the development of a legal framework responding to Namibia's road safety challenges, road safety campaigns and trainings. Furthermore NRSC develops a database for accidents which will be an integral instrument for road safety in Namibia. The traffic units of the police force are an important stakeholder for road safety. Police officers have been trained in traffic law enforcement and road safety issues and a curriculum for Advanced Training is going to be developed.

In a joint project with the City of Windhoek, MWT and GIZ developed a Sustainable Urban Transport Master Plan for the City of Windhoek. It enables decision-makers in the transport sector to develop an affordable, accessible, attractive and efficient public and non-motorised transport system for the next 20 years. The programme is assisting in the implementation of this respective Plan and involved in the ongoing plans of

Context

The road network represents Namibia's economic heart. Crucial to its tourism, mining and transport sector, Namibia's roads were chosen by decision-makers to cater for a huge proportion of Namibia's future economic growth as well as to assure social, political, and cultural access. The intended growth, however, has rendered an extensive reform of the road sector inevitable, an undertaking which was started by the Namibian government in 2000.

Convinced by the benefits for the entire public, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development offers its financial and technical support through the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) to the Namibian government for this ambitious task.

Starting in early 2004, GIZ initiated the project "Strengthening of Institutional and Management Capacity in the Road Transport Sector" in order to assist the relevant Namibian institutions in achieving Namibia's goals spelled out in its Vision 2030 and its current National Development Plan 4. In this context, GIZ helps to train the personnel of relevant government offices and to improve the parastatals' organisational development, assists in the implementation of their performance monitoring, to increase the safety on Namibia's roads and to improve Windhoek's public transport infrastructure.



developing a Sustainable Transport Master Plan for the northern regions of Namibia. Within these activities the project promotes the use of non-motorized transportation (NMT) by supporting the City of Windhoek as well as NGO's in the drafting of NMT-policies and implementation of NMT-concepts.

- More than 25% of enrolled students are women.
- First Namibian Master and First Namibian PhD Programme in Civil Engineering successfully implemented in 2014.

Promotion of Civil Engineering in the Tertiary Sector

Although many obstacles to the reform process have been overcome, Namibia is still facing essential challenges to the final realization of Namibia's long-term objectives. Striving for an empowering and sustainable transport sector which is less dependent on outside experts and know-how, Namibia's government and GIZ identified the lack of adequately trained specialists, especially in the field of civil engineering, to be the major problem. In cooperation with both Namibian universities, the University of Namibia (UNAM) and the Polytechnic of Namibia (PoN), GIZ has sought to improve the teaching and research quality at both institutions in order to improve and increase the qualifications and number of Namibian civil engineers.

In this context, the Namibian institutions have been assisted in their development of Bachelor and Master curricula. Advice on the design and re-structuring of the relevant modules has focused on a student and industry centred approach as students are trained for possible tasks they might encounter in their future job descriptions. GIZ has also assisted both institutions in the accreditation process of their programs. Furthermore the project is supporting the universities in institutional development, Equipment of research facilities as well as academic exchange.

Results Achieved so far

- New Transport Policy 2016 elaborated and about to be approved by the Namibian cabinet.
- Sustainable Urban Transport Master Plan approved by cabinet in 2014, implementation has started; the project received UITP Africa Grow with Public Transport Award for Integrated Mobility in 2013 and receives honourable mention for Sustainable Transport award 2017.
- 24 new public busses were procured jointly by Federal Republic of Germany and City of Windhoek. They are operating on the new bus system.
- Process of Master Plan Development for Northern Regions has been initiated.
- Development of an NMT strategy has been triggered with City of Windhoek and MWT.
- The number of enrolled students in civil engineering increased to more than 500 by now.

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