

CHAPTER 8

Network

Namibia Women's Network (NWN)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Region and Scope of Service

Khomas (Windhoek)
National coverage through member organisations (see overleaf)

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Affiliations

- Multimedia Campaign on Violence Against Women & Children

MAIN SERVICES

Advocacy
Legal education & training
Project management & co-ordination
Employment creation
Referral
Research

NOTES/ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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OVERVIEW OF MAIN SERVICES

The NWN was founded with the sole objective of promoting legal education and supporting the law reform process. This objective has since shifted to advancing the development of rural women, which includes creating employment for them through income-generating projects set up by the member organisations. The NWN therefore runs several new programmes within the framework of its original Legal Education Project (LEP). Domestic violence and all forms of abuse against women and children are viewed as major obstacles to economic development and constitute the main focus of the LEP. The Legal Education Department of the Legal Assistance Centre was instrumental in motivating the NWN's formation through its workshops with member organisations, and continues to provide this training service to the NWN members as the need arises, e.g. when new laws affecting women are passed.

The LEP co-ordinates the activities of the NWN member organisations and other agencies in providing information and education on women's constitutional rights and the legislation affecting them. The LEP tries to be proactive in the law reform process by challenging draft legislation and its implementation, the main objective being to bridge the gap between constitutional law and practice. To this end the LEP gathers information, compiles reports, formulates recommendations and rewrites the relevant legislation in layperson's language for dissemination to its members and the public.

The LEP identifies annual themes and raises awareness on the related issues through workshop programmes, public meetings, radio talk shows, visiting schools and facilitating activities for school children (such as art competitions, drama and writing exercises). The member organisations all participate in advocacy and lobbying activities around women's rights, such as protests and campaigns.




As part of its capacity-building programme the NWN offers project management and financial services for its affiliated groups, to help them implement their own projects, which may be income-generating projects. Training is provided in office administration and bookkeeping, social skills and communication, life skills and other areas as required.

The NWN intends to develop counselling training courses to enable members of the affiliated organisations to deal with enquiries on domestic violence, rape, other forms of abuse and other relevant issues, (Continued overleaf)




\$ COSTS FOR SERVICES

All services are free of charge.




Anbasen Group

 Otjozondjupa (Omatjene)
Serves the Omatjene farm community
 Ms D Uiras
 067-304407

Arandis Quality Clothing

 Erongo (Arandis)
Serves the Arandis community
 Ms Rachel Sawas
 064-501501




Hai//om Women's League

 Kunene (Outjo)
Serves Outjo community
 Ms Alexia So /oabes
 067-313445




Khaibasen Group

 Hardap (Stampriet)
Serves Stampriet community
 Ms E Haosemas
Ms Lollie v.d. Westhuizen
 063-177400




Okahandja Drop-in Centre

 Otjozondjupa (Okahandja)
Serves the Okahandja community
 Ms Vleermuys
 062-502106

Omega Women's Group




 Hardap (/Haruchab)
Serves the /Haruchab community
 Ms Mina Nowases
 063-260152


Try Again Women Against Violence

 Otjozondjupa (Otjiwarongo)
Serves the Otjiwarongo community
 Ms R Okamaru
 067-303386

Tsara xa Aibes Group









 Hardap (Mariental)
Serves Mariental community
 Office hours: 063-242084
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 Otjikoto (Tsumeb)
Serves Tsumeb community
 Ms Letta Kambale
 067-220796

 Otjikoto (Oshivello)
Serves Oshivello community
 Ms Amanda Karises
 081 260 9662

Women's Action for Development (WAD)

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-  **Affiliations**
 - Multimedia Campaign on Violence Against Women & Children

MAIN SERVICES

Training and motivation
Advice
Advocacy and lobbying

NOTES/ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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OVERVIEW OF MAIN SERVICES

Woman's Action for Development (WAD) is a self help organisation which aims at up lifting the socio-economic and socio-political situation of primarily Namibian rural women. The organisation was established in 1994 and is active in six regions of the country, mainly Omusati, Kunene, Erongo, Otjozondjupa, Omaheke and Hardap, with the intention of eventually expanding to all thirteen regions in the country-the availability of funds permit them.

WAD works through decision-makers, traditional authorities, churches, schools, education and health authorities etc, to reach community members.

WAD is one of the few woman's movements in Africa that actively empowers its members in the field of political empowerment. It has actively assisted its members to establish (Woman's Voice) bodies in the regions.




ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Address social problems within communities
- Lobby relevant authorities for changing our laws
- Train women to stand as candidates in elections
- And also motivate them to vote for themselves
- Income-generating projects, saving clubs
- Computer training courses
- Training in HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and rape




COSTS FOR SERVICES

Please phone to find out about costs involved.




Otjozondjupa- **Okakarara**

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Omaheke- **Otjinene**

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-  Fax: 062-567577



Hardap- **Rehoboth**

-  P.O.Box 3027
-  Tel: 062-524329/276186
-  Fax: 062-524329




Hardap- **Gibeon**

-  P.O. Box 39
-  Tel: 063-251192




Hardap- **Kalkrand**

-  P.O.Box 80
-  Tel: 063-264060



Omusati- **Mahanene**

-  P.O.Box 144
-  Tel: 065-250340
-  Fax: 065-250056




Erongo- **Karibib**

-  P.O. Box 117
-  Tel: 064-550436
-  Fax: 064-550436

Erongo- **Spitzkoppe**

-  P.O.Box 357
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Kunene- **Khorixas**

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