



IOH-Nam

Enhancing the institutionalisation of One Health in Namibia

Context

Many urgent threats to global health – such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and numerous emerging infectious diseases – require closer intersectoral collaboration and the implementation of a One Health approach in order to address them effectively. In Namibia, implementing a One Health approach has led to some initial success in reducing infectious diseases such as dog-mediated human rabies. However, One Health collaboration remains a challenge and should be further institutionalised in the country to tackle pressing issues at the human-animal-environment interface. IOH-Nam therefore builds on the achievements of the previous GHPP project and supports the MAWLR and other ministries in Namibia in further developing their One Health portfolio. It addresses high-priority diseases, such as rabies and tuberculosis, and promotes the country's efforts to combat AMR. The project focuses on three areas: first, improving the outreach of One Health at the policy level; second, supporting the implementation of surveillance and research on zoonotic diseases using a One Health approach; and third, supporting the implementation of the national action plan on AMR. These activities will help Namibia become a visible driver of intersectoral collaboration and ultimately reduce the risk of infectious disease outbreaks in the future.

Objective

Supporting the MAWLR in Namibia in further developing its One Health portfolio and intersectoral cooperation in the country, especially with regard to zoonotic diseases and the fight against AMR.

Key facts

Duration

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

Budget

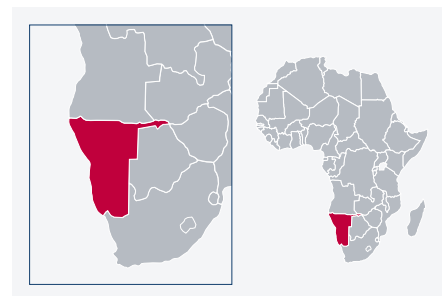
~ EUR 860,000

Partner countries

Namibia

Region

Southern Africa

**Implemented by**

Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI)

Commissioning party

German Federal Ministry of Health (BMG)

Thematic focus

Outbreak management

Surveillance and reporting

Laboratory diagnostics

One Health

Marketing authorisation and safety of medicinal products

Activities



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Building capacities in laboratory diagnosis and disease surveillance; strengthening laboratory capacity for AMR surveillance at CVL and UNAM



RESEARCH AND PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

Strengthening surveillance and research on priority zoonotic diseases through field studies; conducting a pilot study on mechanisms for One Health service delivery to communities in remote areas; conducting a longitudinal field study on AMR in livestock and wildlife



NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Supporting the implementation of the national action plan on AMR in Namibia



POLICY SUPPORT

Developing a One Health research agenda to improve the overall reach of the One Health approach at the policy level

In cooperation with

- Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), Namibia
- Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS), Namibia
- Central Veterinary Laboratory (CVL), Namibia
- University of Namibia (UNAM), Namibia
- School of Veterinary Medicine (SoVM), UNAM, Namibia

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