

KEETMANSHOOP-ONDANGWA- KANGASALA- LEMPÄÄLÄ

“Partnership for Local Democracy, Development & Social Innovation (PLDDSI)”

Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities
North-South Programme



MOTIVATION FOR THE NORTH

The Nordic partners motivation is:

- to learn of doing more international cooperation,
- knowing about the foreign local government systems and
- to contribute to developing the tolerance for cross-cultural interaction in the local government and in their communities in general.
- Promote interaction, eg. Business contacts
- The educational departments will be integrated in the Nordic-Namibian interaction.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE ACTIVITIES TO BE PLANNED

Based on the preliminary dialogue between the partners, it is already defined that the main fields of development challenges in Ondangwa and Keetmanshoop will be;

- solid waste management, sewerage and water systems,
- local economic development,
- exchange of experience on promoting of local democracy, specifically through understanding and developing councillor-staff relations and roles

TECHNICAL SECTOR

- Water leakage
 - oUsage of MRLGH equipment shall be discussed with Mr. Shikongo
 - oStaff shall be trained for using the existing equipment
 - oWays of analysing the other reasons for leakage shall be discussed
- oGeneral education and skills development for technical staff
- Waste management; solid and water;
 - oEnvironmental and hygienic impacts assessments shall be made
 - oSolid waste management policy in general exists nationally but operational implementation shall be planned
 - oA plan for developing and managing the dumping site shall be prepared
- Storm water drainage
 - oFinancing the investment should be planned
 - oTechnical planning of the storm water drainage shall be supported

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

oLocal economic development as a part of the local strategic plan shall be revised and updated

oImplementation plan shall be prepared

o Promote cooperation and institutionalised organisation of the business community through the Chamber = Strengthening the chamber

oBridging the potential business linkages included

•Develop "start up business" support

oActors shall be brought in implementation partnership

oInternational benchmarking of start up business support systems shall be adapted in the Namibian context

oEntrepreneurial education as a part of school syllabus

CAPACITY BUILDING ON FINANCIAL PLANNING

o Existing on the job training for financial staff and councillors on financial planning and financial management shall be discussed firstly with MRLGH and secondly with other actors

o Various models of planning for community hall in Ondangwa shall be discussed, including private-public partnerships

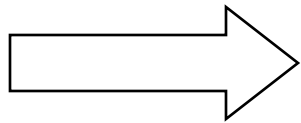
o The hall should be a place for "Tuhungileni" – forums for coming together and sharing wisdom and knowledge as a part of the community's democracy and interaction

o The North-South programme may not build the hall but support for planning could be facilitated

o Internet connectivity will be analysed and planned

DEMOCRACY

- ◆ We must work out a strategy to promote gender equality
 - More women in leadership positions within local Councils and staff members
- ◆ Communication, participatory democracy
 - We implement communication system between the various local stakeholders
 - Eg. How the annual budget will be communicated and planned together with local community & actors
 - The roles between councillors and staff members
- ◆ Good governance
 - Promote ethics through transparency which will be achieved through effective communication



◆ A SMALL WORKSHOP
ON BRAIN STORMING THE METHODS

OTHER POTENTIAL FEATURES OF THE PARTNERSHIP

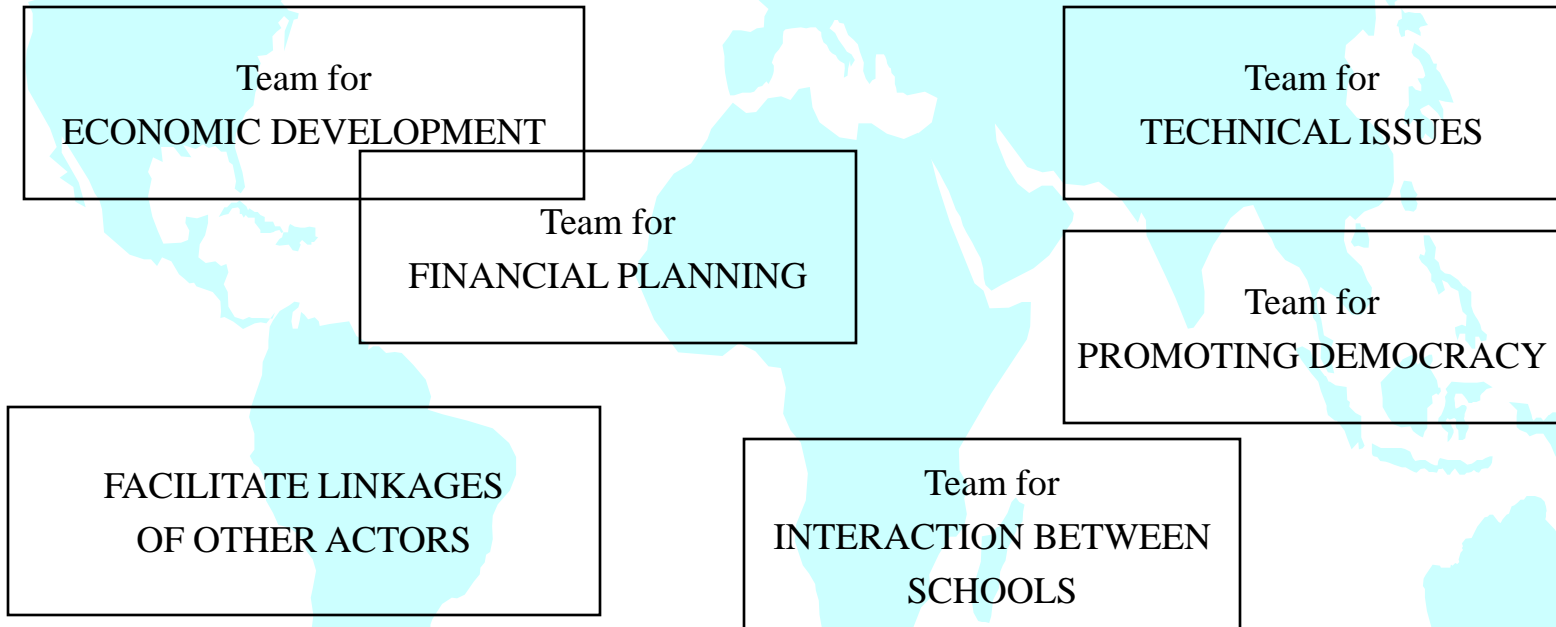
Interaction between educational institutions/ schools

- Electronic communication between schools and students
- Cross cultural issues etc in syllabus
- Exchange of teachers (and students)

Partnership between congregations

Links to be facilitated but parishes work independently

THE PROJECT WILL BE ORGANISED AS TEAM WORK (Not only traditional twinning format)



- 1. ONE PAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS SHALL BE PRODUCED AND THEM COMPILED INTO A DRAFT PLAN**
- 2. BASED ON THIS THE PHASING AND SCHEDULING SHALL BE DRAFTED**

