

Programme for Communal Land Development – Management Brief (April 2018)

PCLD main achievements

- **178,799 communal land rights** have been **mapped and digitized**, presenting 91% of 196,000 communal land rights nationally that can presently be registered
- **120,692 communal land rights** have been **registered**; presenting 77% of the communal land rights currently digitized. **This provides enhanced tenure security to over 500,000 Namibian citizens** in communal areas
- **408 leaseholds** and **81 customary land rights** have been registered in gazetted areas for agricultural production
- **Investment planning** for infrastructure measures has been **conducted on more than 3,975 million ha**
- **Development of Infrastructure** is on track in **270,500 ha** in communal areas. **7,800 members of farming households derive benefit** from an **enhanced production environment**
- Infrastructure developments amount to 904km of fences, 21 kraals, 35 new boreholes, 70 water point upgrades and 98km of water reticulation. All investments target local priorities and require land right adjudication
- Infrastructure investments **costs vary between NAD 150/ ha and NAD 520/ ha** in the sites developed to date, compared to the purchase price exceeding NAD 1.800/ ha bought under redistributive land reform
- **Advisory services are extended to 5,891 farmers**, focussing on production, institutional and management components of agricultural commercialisation. Support has been given to the 11 provisionally registered cooperatives and the capacity of the mentors in this regard is being expanded
- **5 integrated regional land use plans (IRLUPS) are completed**, enhancing spatial planning and inter-institutional coordination
- **Support to 5 regional MLR office construction/ rehabilitation** is at various stages of tender/ construction.
- **Land governance is improved** through a designated land administration system, gazetted land and beneficiary selection criteria, investment planning methods, and support to land management institutions
- **Service delivery by MLR improved** through improved planning, management, tender adjudication and program monitoring and evaluation systems

PCLD facts

- **Objective:** Improve livelihoods of communal farmers through enhanced sustainable land management practices, improved productivity and market-orientation through securing land rights, infrastructure investments and access to advisory services.
- **PCLD finances:** Approximately NAD 500 Million, with EU and German contributions of approximately 42% each, and a 16% contribution by GRN.
- **Result area finances** (approximate, in NAD Million): Tenure security 65; Land use planning 55; Infrastructure Measures 175; Advisory Services 40; MLR capacity and office construction 125
- **Number of beneficiaries:** exceeds 500,000 Namibians
- **Geographic scope:** Land tenure at national level, land use and investment planning as well as infrastructure measures target regions of Omusati, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Kavango West, Kavango East, Zambezi, Otjozondjupa, and Omaheke. Submission by MLR to extend PCLD nationally has been made to the NPC.
- **Temporal scope:** 2014 to 2019

Important qualitative components of the PCLD

- An enhanced **Namibian Communal Land Administration System (NCLAS-II)** system is deployed nationally, which includes leasehold & appeals management modules, promoting effective and efficient land management
- An **exploration into the economic potential of communal land** comprises of various studies and engagements with financial institutions and other key sectors
- **Land governance and transparency** in land delivery are enhanced by:
 - **gazetting the selection criteria** for both land allocation in designated areas, as well as for beneficiaries of infrastructure under the PCLD
 - Developing and adopting a designated **investment planning methodology** for the PCLD
 - Preparing a designated **co-financing mechanism** for beneficiaries under the program
 - Improving **lease conditions** and instituting **lease compliance** monitoring
 - An **advancement of group rights** is led by the PCLD to **secure diminishing commonage** in most marginal areas
- Capacity development for **maintenance of infrastructure** has been designed and is delivered in local vernaculars
- **In addition to technical agricultural trainings, Advisory Services is executing a comprehensive intervention strategy** on cooperative support which will result in the availability of bankable business plans for each cooperative



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