



Namibia



Introduction to NAMIBIA

THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, a young nation that has only been a self-ruling country since 1988, was once governed by South Africa, preceded by Germany. Most inhabitants of this coastal nation in southwest Africa live off subsistence farming, but mining – especially diamonds – is also central to the country's economy.

The NAMIBIAN people

Total population:	2,108,665
Children under 15:	756,963
Average Life Expectancy:	51.24 years
Per capita annual income:	\$6,400
% children in primary school:	86.52%
Average years of education:	11 years
Literacy rate:	85%
Internet users:	113,500
Cell phones in use:	1.052 million
Major/official language(s):	English, Afrikaans, German, tribal

Risk issues impacting children:

- HIV/AIDS orphans many children.
- The poorest parts of the country are most vulnerable to malaria and chronic drought.
- Physical and sexual violence against women and children is a serious concern.

More about NAMIBIA

Capital city:	Windhoek
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	824,292
General terrain:	Mostly high plateau, desert along coast and in the east
Major industries/jobs:	Meat and fish processing, mining, dairy products
National motto:	"Unity, Liberty, Justice"
Major airport(s):	Chief Hosea Kutako International Eros Airport

Reaching NAMIBIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 80-90%
- Indigenous - 10-20%

Christian groups:

- Protestant - 51.8%
- Roman Catholic - 19.9%
- Independent - 14.5%
- Other - 9.5%
- Anglican - 4.2%

Unreached People Groups:	2 (0.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.052
Average annual baptisms:	42,784
Foreign missionaries:	1,300
Per million:	643.67
National Christian workers/pastors:	1,600
Per million:	792.21
Number of churches/congregations:	2,385

Children's ministry in NAMIBIA

Overview: • There is a growing group of church leaders with a vision for children.

- Children in Namibia are often treated with less respect than adults. They are expected to be "seen and not heard," and leaders assume they cannot understand what is being taught. The young church is still learning how to relate Christianity to children.
- Churches tend to have Sunday schools, but they are often as a means to keep children occupied, not for discipleship. They also often lack the resources and training needed to hold successful outreaches.
- The nation is in need of more committed children's workers with a definite vision to reach children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
2,385 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
756,963 children for Christ