

Ministry of Land Reform Programme for Communal Land Development

The Programme for Communal Land Development (PCLD) is operating under the Directorate of Land Reform & Resettlement in the Ministry of Land Reform. The MLR receives financial and technical support through the Namibian-German Co-operation and the European Commission to implement its land reform programme focusing on communal areas. KfW concluded a Financing Agreement with GRN in 2006 and established a basket fund "Support to Land Reform and Infrastructure Development in Communal Areas" in support of MLR's endeavours to develop communal areas. By doing so, MLR is addressing some of the core developmental challenges of Namibia – dealing with the colonial legacy of skewed access to land; tenure insecurity in the areas of the poorer populace; developing a basis and an established process for communities to take ownership of their own development; and reducing the lack of, and the lag in the provision of core infrastructure to better manage and utilise land as a productive resource.

The PCLD's objective is to enhance sustainable land management practices, improved productivity and market-orientation through securing land rights, infrastructure investments and (access to) advisory services allow beneficiaries in the communal areas to improve their livelihoods.

PCLD main achievements (December 2015)

- **152,205 communal land rights** have been **mapped and digitized**, presenting 77% of communal land rights nationally that can presently be registered
- **84,182 customary land rights certificates** have been **issued**; presenting 40% of the communal land rights nationally that can presently be registered. **This provides enhanced tenure security to some 450,000 Namibian citizens**
- **Investment planning** for infrastructure measures has been **conducted on 1,375,000 ha**
- **Development of Infrastructure** is ongoing on **260,000 ha** in communal areas. **7,800 members of farming households derive benefit** from an **enhanced production environment**.
- Infrastructure developments amount to 811km of fences, 18 kraals, 29 new boreholes, 64 water point upgrades and 98km of water reticulation. All investments are target local priorities and require land right adjudication
- Infrastructure investments **costs vary between NAD 180/ ha and NAD 500/ 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 496 farmers**, focussing on production, institutional and management components of agricultural commercialisation. 7 mentors have been recruited to deliver advisory services.
- **5 integrated regional land use plans 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 improved** through designated land administration system, clear selection criteria, investment planning methods, and support to land management institutions
- **Service delivery by MLR improved** through improved planning, management, adjudication and monitoring 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 450,000 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

