



WWF NAMIBIA STRATEGY 2026

OUTCOME 3



Increasing resilience to Shock and Systemic Change

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Namibia is exposed to systemic change such as climate change, population increase, settlement expansion, and episodic shocks – droughts, pandemics, flooding, and market collapse. These elements can lead to creeping poverty, underdevelopment, discontentment, and short-term economic and livelihood destruction, resulting in devastating environmental effects.

Throughout Namibia, under-serviced linear settlements along riverbeds and roads have a high environmental footprint and are not conducive to local entrepreneurship as the economies of scale for business development are lacking, creating a poverty trap for local people and will forever require costly government support.

Water and rainfall are critical to Namibia, and vulnerability assessments have indicated that this already arid land may be pushed to further extremes. Understanding the impact of climate change on communities and landscapes and planning for changes before they occur is critical to building resilience.

Ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA), building connectivity and rehabilitating habitat is a major contribution to resilience building. WWF factors in these drivers as we work with our partners to build adaptive capacity to fully integrate vibrant rural towns and villages into secure conservation landscapes and increase the resilience of people and ecosystems to withstand shocks and systemic change.

WHAT WE DO?

-  WWF promotes the implementation of innovative renewable energy systems and low carbon development initiatives in protected areas and conservancies, helping to reduce pressure on nature while promoting positive change for marginalized groups.
-  As part of WWF's Climate Crowd project, we are working with communities and local NGOs to collect and analyze data on climate impacts to communities, share this data with communities and work with them to develop solutions that focus on increasing water security, climate-smart agriculture, alternative resilient livelihoods, protecting and restoring forests, and education that help people and nature adapt to a changing climate.
-  We support National Determined Commitments to develop and implement an inclusive and effective climate change governance.
-  We identify and pilot specific interventions that reduce settlement sprawl in areas identified through the Zambezi Wildlife Corridor Strategy, and ecosystem restoration in the Zambezi region.
-  We continue to identify and support ecosystem services that provide critical resilience capacity, such as regenerative agriculture and sustainable fishing.
-  WWF is developing a strategy and follow up funding to support the establishment of semi-urban hubs that can provide for access to education, health service delivery and improve economies of scale for economic development.

WHO WE WORK WITH



Communities



Private Sector



Public Sector

