

**PROPOSAL FOR**

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES, THROUGH  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AT OMWIFI VILLAGE  
IN OUTAPI CONSTITUENCY.**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

Omwifi Village is embarking on a fundraising project with the purpose to construct a Health Care Centre to provide daily primary health care services, which are currently offered to the community on a weekly basis. Namibia, like many countries of the developing world, is faced with the challenge of providing adequate health services to all her people. However, available national resources, especially finance, are insufficient to implement this mammoth task.

## **2.0 Background Information of Omwifi Health Clinic**

Omwifi Health Centre is a mobile primary health care centre situated in Omwifi village, and is a catchment centre providing services to seven (7) surrounding villages. The village is within the Outapi Constituency with an approximate population of over 15,000 of which 70% are women and children. The village can be accessed by gravel road from the C46 Highway to Ruacana town. Outapi Constituency is within Omusati region, which is among the top regions in the country with high HIV/AIDS prevalence rate. The Constituency's Socio-Economic profile indicates that, apart from Covid 19, Malaria and HIV and AIDS are major health problems.

Omwifi Health Centre is a mobile primary health care centre operated once a week in a local church with services brought to the community by the Outapi District State Hospital. Because the health services are only offered once a week, it does not address the needs for health services which are the rights of Omwifi community. In order to access these services, the patients have to travel more than 25 km to access health care services at Outapi District State Hospital. The gravel roads in this area are not well passable thus during the night it is difficult to find transport to access health care for emergencies such as of mother and child health services, as a result many expecting women deliver at home or on the way without being attended by a health personnel.

## **3.0 Problem Statement**

Omwifi community experience humongous lack of a health care facility that affect effective, timely and quality provision of health services which therefore affect the achievement of the dreams of the Namibian Government outlined in Harambee Prosperity Plans and the NDP 5.

## **4.0 Main Objective of the proposal**

The Project Objectives are as follows:

- To construct a health Centre facility for the population of Omwifi village and surrounding communities in Outapi Constituency.
- To reduce the barrier of accessing health services.

- To provide improved health services to Omwifi Community and the surrounding areas.
- To provide voluntary counselling and test services in the community
- To improve the quality of life in Omwifi Community.

**Expected Results:**

- The Health Centre shall be constructed and in operation within the Omwifi Community.
- Barriers to access of health services shall be reduced.
- Improved health services provided to the Community of Omwifi and surrounding areas.
- Voluntary counselling and test services shall be provided in the community.
- Improved quality of life in Omwifi Community and surrounding areas.

**5.0 Strategic Objectives and Outputs of the Proposed Project**

This proposal is therefore seeking support for construction of the health Centre infrastructure at Omwifi village that will facilitate a weekly mobile health Centre into daily provision of primary health care. ***The goal of the project is to improve access to and quality of health services for the rural communities around Omwifi village in Outapi Constituency through provision of a health infrastructure.***

The proposed facilities are outlined below (and the drawings are attached to this proposal as an annexure:

**Table 1. Proposed Health Care Facilities**

No	Description of proposed facility	No of proposed facilities
1	Waiting and reception area	1
2	Consultation room	1
3	Observation room	1
4	Office	1
5	Kitchenette	1
6	Storage	2
7	Rest / Bathrooms	2

**Table 2: Nurses' accommodation**

No	Description of proposed facility	No of proposed facilities
1	Open plan living and kitchen area	1
2	Bedroom	2
3	Bathroom	1

#### **4.0 Sustainability and Efficiency of the Proposed Project**

The project will have an effective strategy to ensure sustainability in terms of maintenance and management of the facilities provided and this will include the following:

##### **4.1 Strengthened the role of health committees**

In line with the Namibian Government health structure, health committee forms a strategic institution in community mobilization for provision of local resources, management of health facilities and facilitating health development planning. The project therefore will be facilitated and managed by these committees and this will ensure community ownership and involvement in the whole project cycle.

##### **4.2 Coordination with the Directorate of Health**

The Directorate of Health, in the line Ministry of Health and Social Services are key directorates at constituency level to ensure quality and effective project implementation. The Directorate will provide technical support in construction work. The Directorate will play a key role in ensuring that the construction work is meeting minimum health facility standards.

##### **4.3 Mobilization of resources with the Outapi District State Hospital**

Omwifi Health Centre shall coordinate with the Outapi District State Hospital in terms of mobilization of resources such as technical and human capacity to enable sufficient support in the operation of the Health Centre. Equally, there shall be smooth coordination in terms of referral cases from the Health Centre.

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