

National Federation of People with Disabilities in Namibia-NFPDN

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NFPDN is an umbrella organisation of organisations of people with disabilities in Namibia. It was established in 1991.



NFPDN Background

- The National Federation of People with Disabilities in Namibia (NFPDN) was constituted as an umbrella organization in response to the needs for a collective voice and action to counter the pressing gross social marginalization of people with disabilities in Namibia.
- We are governed by the board from different OPDs. We also having regional representatives almost all 14 regions.

Our Vision and Mission

Our Vision

- To achieve equal opportunities and rights for all people with disabilities in Namibia.

Mission

To promote social justice, the economic well-being and sustainable development of people with disabilities in Namibia.

Objectives

- to establish a collective voice, action in lobbying and advocating for the realisation of a society for all;
- to mobilise people with disabilities into a movement capable of delivering an people with disabilities effective centred economic and social change;
- to develop people with disabilities capacities to enable them to become competent

Affiliate Members

The following are the official affiliate organizations of NFPDN:

- 1. Namibian Organization of Youth with Disabilities (NOYD)
- 2. National Federation of the Visually Impaired (NFVI)
- 3. Namibia National Association of the Blind (NNAD)
- 4. Namibian Association of Differently Abled Women (NADAWO)
- 5. Autism Association of Namibia
- 6. Namibia Association of People with Physical Disabilities (NAPPD)
- 7. Namibian Albinism Association (NAA)
- 8. Namibian Association of Children with Disabilities (NACD)
- 9. Namibia Association of Wheelchair Users (NAWCU)
- 10. Namibia Mental Health Association (NAMHA)
- 11. Epilepsy Namibia

Activities

- Our Key Area is Lobbying our rights.
- We train on disability related issues
- Researching
- Coordinating
- Capacity Building
- Disaggregated Data Collection

Support of Members

- Capacity Building through trainings
- Sharing of Information
- Coordination

Challenges

- Limited Capacities/ Knowledge
- Lack of guiding policies
- Financial Limitation/Capacity
- Ignorance from Government and Society

Expectation of proposed Network

- To be free reliant (not depending only to a certain group and individuals .
- Consistent
- Governing and unifying tool of CSOs for common goals.
- To promote accountability among CSOs.

Finally

- Its not about how we started matters, but how we will behave and end will define Namibian Civil Society future therefore lets create free ignored CSOs environment.
- The meaningful of CSOs in Namibia, it beings with us.

Thank you!!!