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ABOUT NAMIBIA

FULL COUNTRY NAME: REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

AREA: 825 418 SQ KM (318 261 SQ MI)

POPULATION: 1 800 000

CAPITAL CITY: WINDHOEK

PEOPLE: 86% AFRICAN (50% OVAMBO, 9% KAVANGO, 7% HERERO, 7% DAMARA, 5% NAMA, 4% CAPRIVIAN, 3% KHOISAN, 2% BASTER, 0.5% TSWANA), 7% EUROPEAN, 7.4% MIXED

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS, GERMAN, OSHIVAMBO, HERERO, NAMA

RELIGIONS: CHRISTIAN, LUTHERAN, INDIGENOUS BELIEFS

GOVERNMENT: REPUBLIC

PRESIDENT: SAM NUJOMA

NAMIBIA

HIV/AIDS SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia ranks as one of the five most-affected countries in the world, along with Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland. According to the Ministry of Health and Social Services, more than 12 700 new cases of AIDS were reported in 1998, bringing the total number to over 53 000.

- More than 22% of adults, ages 15–49, are HIV-positive
- As of May 1999, 150 000 to 180 000 Namibians were living with HIV
- Sentinel surveillance data among pregnant women show a rising HIV prevalence rate, with three sites reporting 29% or higher

SECURE THE FUTURE PROGRAMS IN NAMIBIA

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FUND

- Catholic AIDS Action/Namibian Catholic Bishop's Conference
- Life Line/ChildLine, Namibia
- Namibian Housing Action Group/Cactus Consortium



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