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Introduction

Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) is a non-governmental organization headquartered in Windhoek, Namibia. Founded in 2022 and formally registered in 2023 as UPLIFTED EMPOWERED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NAMIBIA, RJN is dedicated to promoting and protecting the reproductive rights and health of all individuals in Namibia.

We uphold core values of equity, empowerment, respect, collaboration, and integrity in all our activities. RJN's key programs and services include reproductive health education, healthcare services, advocacy and policy work, support services, and research and data collection. Through community workshops, partnerships with local health facilities, campaigns for policy change, and confidential support services, RJN strives to make a tangible impact on reproductive health and rights in Namibia.

Our Story So Far

OUR MISSION

Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) is dedicated to promoting and protecting the reproductive rights and health of all individuals in Namibia. We strive to create a society where everyone has access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, education, and support, free from discrimination and coercion.

Values:

- Equity: Promoting equal access to reproductive health services for all individuals.
- Empowerment: Educating and empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their reproductive health.
- Respect: Upholding the dignity and rights of every individual in all our activities.
- Collaboration: Working together with communities, partners, and stakeholders to achieve our mission.
- Integrity: Operating with transparency, accountability, and honesty.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to achieve reproductive justice for all, where every person can make informed choices about their reproductive health, have access to quality healthcare, and live in a society that respects and upholds their reproductive rights.

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Our Goals

Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) is committed to advancing the reproductive health and rights of individuals across Namibia. Our goals are designed to address critical areas of need and to ensure that our mission is realized through strategic actions and measurable outcomes.

1

Increase Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Services

We aim to expand access to a full range of reproductive health services, including contraception, safe abortion care, maternal health services, and STI prevention and treatment. By partnering with local health facilities and organizations, we seek to ensure that these services are available and accessible to everyone, regardless of their location or socio-economic status.

2

Enhance Reproductive Health Education

We are dedicated to providing accurate and comprehensive reproductive health education to individuals and communities. Through workshops, educational materials, and digital campaigns, we strive to empower people with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and rights.

3

Advocate for Policy Change

RJN is committed to advocating for laws and policies that protect and promote reproductive rights. We engage with policymakers, stakeholders, and the broader community to influence positive changes in legislation and public policy, ensuring that reproductive health and rights are prioritized at all levels of government.

Our Strategy

Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) excels in a strategic, research-driven approach to social justice, grounding advocacy in solid evidence to bolster policy impact. With a focus on community engagement, RJN facilitates dialogues and training that empower locals to drive change. Their comprehensive strategy integrates research, advocacy, media outreach, and partnerships to tackle issues from multiple angles, enhancing the chances for systemic change. By acknowledging the interconnection of issues like gender-based violence, period poverty, and access to safe abortion, RJN effectively addresses the root causes of various injustices.

Looking forward, RJN is set to transition into a more structured and impactful organization. Our vision extends through 2029, with immediate focus areas including the formalization of administrative structures and programmatic themes from 2024 to 2025. Key initiatives such as lobbying for office space and improving security measures will support the establishment of a Reproductive Justice Center, aimed at providing a centralized hub for advocacy and service delivery. The subsequent years will focus on expanding RJN's reach nationally and internationally, enhancing our influence and capacity to support SRHR. This strategic evolution will be supported by strengthened financial management systems, comprehensive HR procedures, and a concerted effort to secure core funding, ensuring RJN's growth is both sustainable and aligned with our mission to advocate for and uphold reproductive justice in Namibia and beyond.

Our Projects

PROJECTS	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Community Outreach	RJN has actively engaged communities through our outreach programs, where we have distributed essential supplies and conducted educational sessions. This initiative aims to improve sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) awareness and access to necessary health products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase awareness and provide essential SRHR resources.• Distributed over 10,000 condoms, 5,000 units of lubricant, and significant quantities of clothes to underprivileged communities.• Conducted 50 SRHR educational talks.• Enhanced community understanding of SRHR, increased safe sex practices.•
Mobilization Efforts	Our dedicated team of mobilizers has been pivotal in gathering data for our projects and disseminating crucial SRHR information across multiple regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collection• Data and information dissemination• Contribution to research and development
GBV Project – Securing Sanctuary	This project focuses on advocating for the reopening of state-owned GBV shelters, providing immediate and long-term support to affected individuals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocated for policy change and provide support to GBV survivors.• Engaged with policymakers, conducted community workshops, and provided direct support to GBV survivors.• Raised public awareness and contributed to a national dialogue on GBV, with ongoing discussions about policy reforms.•

Our Projects

PROJECTS

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OUTCOME

Cross-Border Abortion Facilitation

RJN has facilitated safe abortion services across borders, providing a critical service to women in restrictive environments.

- Provided safe and accessible abortion services to women in need.
- Facilitated safe abortion for 87 women, partnering with healthcare providers in Zambia to ensure professional and compassionate care.
- Safeguarded the health and rights of women, with all procedures conducted safely and no reported complications.

Period Poverty Initiative

One of our main focuses is to ensure young girls and women have access to pads and other menstrual products

- Combat period poverty and improve menstrual health education.
- Distributed 1000 menstrual pads and provided educational sessions on menstrual health to over 100 individuals.
- Improved access to menstrual products and increased knowledge about menstrual health, contributing to better health outcomes and reduced stigma around menstruation.

Community Engagements



Financial Overview

30%

Used on overheads

60%

Used on project implementation

100%

Level of effort from all staff

10%

Contingency

In conclusion, Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) has navigated the complexities of financial management with a keen focus on sustainability and strategic resource allocation. Despite the challenges posed by fluctuating funding levels, the organization has successfully managed its finances to support its mission of advancing reproductive justice. The continued commitment of the Director and the strategic use of external funds reflect RJN's dedication to its goals. As RJN moves forward, it remains committed to enhancing its financial strategies to ensure the effective delivery of services and the expansion of its impact within the community. This financial resilience is crucial as RJN continues to advocate for and support reproductive rights in Namibia.

Social Media Presence

Overview

Reproductive Justice Namibia (RJN) engages with the community through social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Our primary objective is to provide informative content that educates and informs our audience about reproductive health, gender-based violence (GBV), and LGBTQ+ rights.

Content Strategy

- Informative Posts: Regular posts offering valuable information on reproductive health, GBV, and LGBTQ+ rights.
- Educational Graphics: Infographics and visual aids that simplify and clearly present important information.
- Expert Insights: Posts featuring quotes, insights, and advice from experts in reproductive justice and human rights.
- Awareness Days: Posts aligned with national and international awareness days to highlight key issues and advocate for change.

Challenges and Improvements

- Challenges: Maintaining a consistent posting schedule and creating high-quality content with limited digital resources.
- Improvements: Implementing a content calendar, increasing collaborations with local experts for guest posts, and utilizing social media analytics to optimize posting times and content types.

Future Plans

- Content Expansion: Introduce new formats such as short educational videos and interactive Q&A sessions.
- Engagement Initiatives: Plan to host live sessions with experts to discuss pressing issues and answer follower questions in real-time.
- Growth Strategies: Enhance visual content, leverage partnerships with local influencers, and invest in targeted ads to expand our reach.



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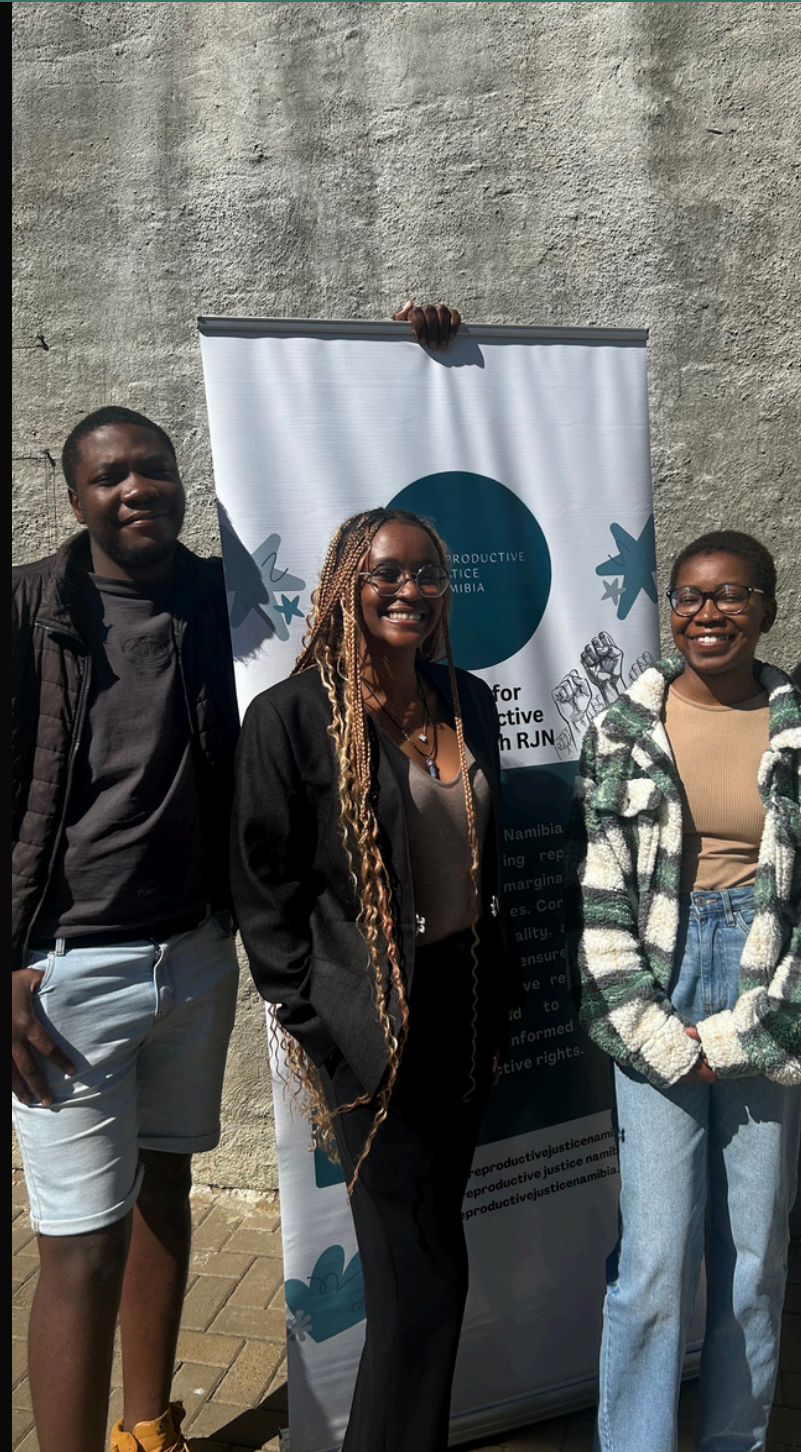
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