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National Youth Development Fund

1. What is a National Youth Development fund?

National Youth Development Fund is a development fund established to provide financial and technical support to youth through loans with interest between 2%-4%. The fund is aimed at fostering youth-owned businesses, startups, cooperatives, and innovative projects, especially in various sectors of the economy with priorities in Agriculture & Agro-processing, Green & Eco-friendly Projects, as well as Manufacturing & Value Addition.

2. Main Objectives:

- Promote youth entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Reduce youth unemployment by creating sustainable economic opportunities.
- Support youth in starting, growing, or scaling their businesses.
- Enable access to affordable financing and business support services.
- Encourage youth involvement in priority sectors (e.g., agriculture, green economy, manufacturing).
- Promote inclusive growth, especially for marginalized groups (young women, rural youth, youth with disabilities).

3. Who Can Apply?

Namibian youth aged 18 - 35 years with a formally registered business or cooperative and individuals in the agriculture sector. Ventures of priority includes agro-processing, climate resilient projects (e.g fodder production), diversified agri-enterprises (e.g poultry, charcoal, fruit tree production), horticulture , building green tech, manufacturing, or innovating in creative spaces.

4. What is the fund offering?

Start-up initiatives:

N\$60,000 – N\$200,000

Entrepreneurial/project initiatives:

> N\$200,000 – N\$1,000,000

Entrepreneurial/project initiatives:

> N\$1,000,000

Interest Rate:

2% – 4% (sector-specific)

Repayment Period:

Up to 5 years

Grace Period:

Up to 12 months



5. Priority Sectors

Agriculture & Agro-processing

- Empowering food security and rural development

Green & Eco-friendly Projects

- Recycling, Clean energy solutions , Sustainable innovation, Biomass, Natural resources value addition, etc

Manufacturing & Value Addition

- Building local capacity and reducing import dependency

Other Funded Sectors

- Creative industries (fashion,entertainment, film, crafts)
- ICT & Tech innovation
- Sustainable tourism & hospitality
- Service industries (logistics, mechanics, etc.)
- Retail
- Beauty and hair salons





General Projects

Projects that fall outside the fund's priority or specialized sectors but are still eligible for funding due to their viability, innovation, and potential to create youth employment or socio-economic value

6. How It Will Work

- Call for applications (open or rolling)
- Submission of business proposals
- Evaluation and vetting
- Disbursement of funds
- Ongoing support and monitoring

7. Basic Requirements

- Namibian ID (certified copy)
- Business or Cooperative Registration Certificate (certified copy)
- Business Plan & Financial Projections
- Proof of Business Address (where applicable)
- Bank Account Confirmation Letter

8. Your application will be assessed based on:

- Viability & sustainability of the Project/business
- Youth empowerment potential
- Job creation capacity
- Innovation and local relevance
- Environmental and social impact

9. Where can one apply?

Application forms and project submission can be submitted at your nearest Regional Governor's office, DBN, EIF and Agribank offices, based on the institution you are applying.

10. Enquiries:

Ministry of Finance

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11. Implementing Agencies

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Region: Omaheke

Otjeroku Branch

Tel: +264 67 304 495/6/7

Region: Otjozondjupa, Erongo

Grootfontein Branch

Tel: +264 67 240 040/50

Region: Otjozondjupa, Oshikoto & Kunene

Southern Branch

Tel: +264 63 242 818

Region: //Kharas, Hardap

Zambezi Branch

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Region: Zambezi

Kavango Branch

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Northern Branch

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Region: Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena, Oshikoto

Development Bank of Namibia Contact Details

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Online Applications

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12. Monitoring & Evaluation

The National Youth Development Fund Performance and Impact will be tracked through an integrated monitoring system to be hosted at the Ministry of Finance.