# NAMIBIA

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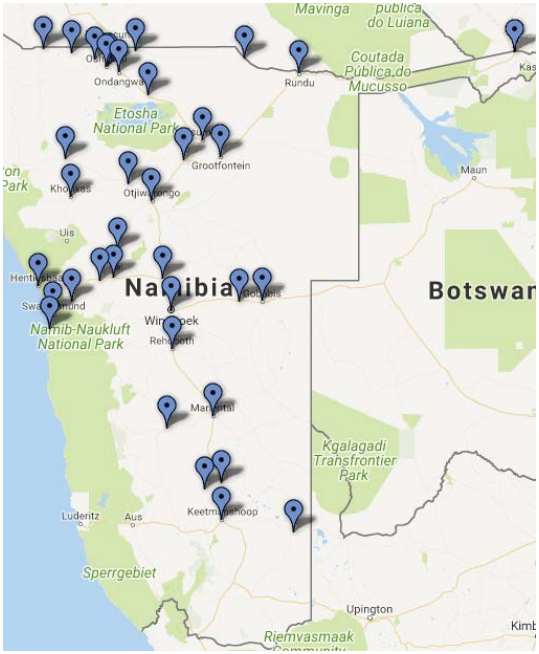
Established in 2012, the Namibia office works across all three GL programmes and liaises with the Namibia NGO Forum on Alliance work. Although the office scaled back to a project site in 2016 due to shrinking funds, the office made great strides in increasing ownership and promoting the sustainability of the COE and Entrepreneurship programmes within the councils and their communities. In 2016 the Namibia office:

- Coordinated a consultative meeting collaboratively with the Association of Local Authorities in Namibia (ALAN), AMICAALL and 27 of the 36 the Centres of Excellence (COE) councils to update the COE gender action plans to the 2030 SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.
- Provided additional mentorship to 48 of the 156 survivors of gender violence trained in entrepreneurship.



Sarry Xoagus-Eises receiving an award from GL CEO Colleen Lowe Morna

- The Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW) continued to promote gender mainstreaming and responsive budgeting through its coordinating clusters and structures providing synergy to the local government work.
- The office provided technical support and advisory services to key partners on gender mainstreaming, responsive budgeting, gender and the media.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Score Card, and the Gender Empowerment Index shows that as a result of this work:

- Councils contributed R 7.7 million to work on gender mainstreaming in 2016.
- Women constitute 43% of COE employees and 55% of committee chairs.
- 97% reported less experience of GBV.
- The average monthly income for the GBV survivors increased by R506, from R611 in 2015 to R1 919 in 2016.
- 95% of the women reported experiencing less of much less violence in 2016, from 81% post training.
- Women's agency improved by four percentage points from 69% in 2015 to 73% after mentorship in 2016.