

National Youth Development Fund



01. 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.

02. 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).

03. Who Can Apply?

Namibians aged 18 - 45 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.

The Fund age category has been expanded and is now open to Namibian youth between the ages of 18 and 45, recognising that the entrepreneurial journey often begins in early adulthood and continues into mid-career phases. This revised age category provides a broader window for empowerment and inclusion.

04. What is the fund offering?

Start-up initiatives: N\$60,000 – N\$200,000

Entrepreneurial/project initiatives: > N\$200,000 – N\$1,000,000

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Interest Rate: 2% – 4% (sector-specific)

Repayment Period: Up to 5 years

Grace Period: Up to 12 months

Collateral: Collateral free



05. 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

06. How It Will Work

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

07. 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





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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

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Where can one apply?

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

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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



13. Tolerance for Abuse or Misuse

The NYDF is a ring-fenced, transparent, and accountable mechanism for genuine youth economic empowerment. Abuse, misuse, corruption, or sabotage of this Fund will not be tolerated. Any such actions are considered a betrayal of the Namibian people, the Presidency, and the national development agenda.

All applicants, beneficiaries, and implementing partners are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and national pride in managing and utilising these resources.

14. Official Launch of the NYDF

The National Youth Development Fund (NYDF) was officially launched by the Right Honourable Dr. Tjitunda Elijah Ngurare, on 29 September 2025, in Gobabis, in the Omaheke Region.

This historic launch marks the beginning of a transformative era for youth-driven enterprise and innovation in Namibia, ensuring that young people across all 14 regions are equipped to become builders of businesses, creators of jobs, and drivers of innovation