

Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia — Community-Led Savings and In-Situ Upgrading

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Since the early 1990s, Namibia's shack-dweller savings groups have secured land tenure for 3,200 households and self-built 1,350 homes at about a third of conventional cost. Namibia now targets nationwide informal-settlement upgrading by 2027, though land remains scarce.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia \(SDFN\) & Namibia Housing Action Group \(NHAG\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[World Habitat](#) — [SDFN award profile](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[The Namibian](#) — [Shack dwellers support Namibia's 2027 upgrading plan](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

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