



Integrated Urban Development in Lüderitz and Aus (ILA)

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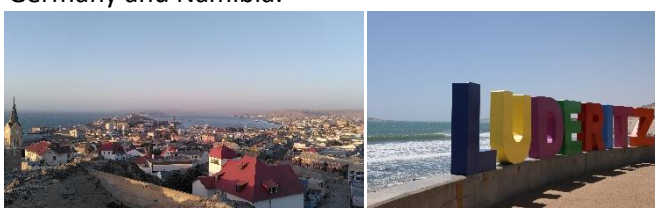
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Background

Lüderitz, a town with about 16,000 inhabitants in the ||Kharas region of southern Namibia, is attracting significant investments and is therefore facing an economic, social, and urban transformation. While this offers significant opportunities for the city and its residents, it also poses major challenges for the town council in Lüderitz, as well as the nearby settlement of Aus.

The anticipated influx of new residents is expected to intensify pressure on local services such as education, infrastructure, and the availability of land and affordable housing. To address this, local governments are working towards integrated and sustainable solutions to manage urban and demographic change. The aim is for the local population to benefit from the rapid economic development, while also promoting social equality and reducing potential tensions between the local residents, and newcomers seeking employment.

The goal is to leverage these opportunities for long-term improvements in living conditions, while protecting nature and environment. The cooperation contributes to a partnership of equals between Germany and Namibia.



Photos: Snapshots of the town of Lüderitz in ||Kharas region, Namibia

Objective

In cooperation with the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (MURD), the GIZ-ILA project supports the local governments of Lüderitz and Aus in shaping the urban transformation process in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

Approach and Expected Results

The project focuses on three interrelated components:

1. Urban Management Capacities

The GIZ strengthens the organisational and technical capacities of the administrative bodies in Lüderitz and Aus, supporting them in effectively managing the urban transformation process and making well-informed decisions. Digitalisation plays a key role in this effort. Currently, the administration of Lüderitz and Aus are overstretched. The sustainable transformation focuses on improving the information base for decision-making, administrative efficiency, expertise in managing large planning processes, and ensuring the ability to coordinate investments in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. Key activities under this component include:

- **Organisational analysis** of the local authority administration, including individual capacity building measures, and
- **Analysis of administrative processes** to identify for instance digitalisation opportunities for efficiency and informed decision-making.

2. Integrated Spatial Planning

Within the second component, the project/GIZ supports an integrated and participatory spatial planning approach.



Photo: Informal settlement site in Lüderitz

'We want to be a role model - a case study for urban planners.' In other words: 'We want to do it right and in a way that benefits the people.'

*Phillipus Balhao, Mayor of Lüderitz
(Akzente Magazine, 2023)*

Key activities include:

- Supporting **evidence-based and integrated** planning through relevant studies, scenario development, and elaboration of guiding urban visions
- Providing **specialist expertise and innovative planning tools** to complement local expertise for integrated urban development
- Assisting in **elaborating official plans**, including an urban structure plan and town planning scheme
- Promoting **public participation** and engagement of civil society and key stakeholders in the planning processes.

3. Just Transition

In support of a just transition within the urban transformation process, local governments focus on activities that ensure the inclusion of disadvantaged groups, particularly women and youth. The measures to be developed aim to improve urban safety and enhance access to information on economic opportunities and skills development, among others. Key outcomes under this component include:

- Improved **participation and community engagement**
- Improved **urban safety and gender equality**, with a focus on public spaces and mobility
- Improved access to **knowledge, education, skills, and opportunities** for marginalised groups, and
- Evidence-based **reception policy and strategy** for unplanned migration.

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