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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

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CANDIDACY AGE

| Lower House | 21 |
| Upper House | 21 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

PARTY

| Without Parental Consent | Male | 21 |
| With Parental Consent    | Female | 21 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

From 7-13 years old, the state must prove criminal capacity. A child below 7 cannot be held legally responsible for their actions.

Source: UNICEF (2013)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

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SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.49
121 out of 170 countries.

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

Year: 2013

LITERACY RATES

89.91% Male (15-24) % 93.34% Female (15-24) %

Source: UNESCO

Year: 2015

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

51.31% Both sexes %

Source: UNESCO

Year: 2007

TOBACCO USE

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

Prevalence of HIV

2.7% Male (15-24) %

4.8% Female (15-24) %

Source: World Bank

Year: 2013

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

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Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

49 Male - (15-24) 49 Female - (15-24) 49 total labour force

Source: Transparency International

Year: 2014

PRESS FREEDOM

12.5 Male (13-15) % 22 Female (13-15) %

Source: Reporters Without Borders

Year: 2013

COVERED IN THIS FACTSHEET

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Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Namibian

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UNDP

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Commonwealth Youth Programme

WHO

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The Directorate of Youth within the Ministry of Youth, National Services, Sport & Culture has responsibility for youth affairs. It aims to:

- empower, encourage, and support the full effective and constructive participation of youth in the process of national decision making in accordance with the United Nations World Program of Action for Youth from the year 2000 and beyond.

It delivers programmes on health, employment, training and development, volunteering, rural development, gender, participation and environmental education.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The National Youth Council of Namibia (NYCN) is an umbrella organisation with affiliated youth NGOs. It seeks to “address the challenges, opportunities and obstacles facing young people in Namibia.” One of its key functions is to “foster and advise the Ministry responsible for youth affairs on youth matters.” The National Youth Council Act 3 of 2009 provides the legal basis for the NYCN and the establishment of 13 regional youth forums. The NYCN is a member of The Commonwealth Youth Council.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

According to the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2013-2016, the total estimated budget for youth affairs within the Ministry of Youth, National Services, Sport & Culture for 2013-2014 was NAD 440 million (USD 39.8 million). According to the World Bank, Namibia spent 22.40% of its government expenditure on education provision in 2008, and 8.37% of its GDP in 2010.

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