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LITTLE SPROUTS



INTRODUCTION

Communal facilities like IECD centers are a crucial resource as the support they provide may often take a holistic approach to the well-being and health of young children, covering a variety of wellness pillars, such as nutritional and educational needs, especially during the consequential early stages of childhood development (0-5 years old). In Namibia, many ECD centers are funded and maintained by the community, with limited external support, compromising their capacity to deliver quality IECD programs.

Our proposed intervention is a 12-month program aimed at stimulating early childhood development, enhance self-sufficiency and reduce childhood malnutrition with the introduction of urban gardens into selected, existing ECD centers throughout Namibia.

PROJECT MODEL

LittleSprouts is comprehensive intervention comprising of two complimentary components:

- ✓ The construction of garden facilities within ECD centers for crop production
- ✓ An ECD multi-level learning program which integrates garden learning through farming practices and media learning through our Little Sprouts & Friends episodes.

TARGET IMPACTS

- ✓ Increase self-sufficiency by generating revenue from production & sales of crop yields, then re-investing profits into ECD programs
- ✓ Improve psychomotor, cognitive, & social skills, as well as nutritional and environmental awareness in children aged 0-5
- ✓ Reduce childhood malnutrition and food insecurity with introduction of fresh produce into children's diet

MACRO BACKGROUND



Approximate number of ECD centers across Namibia: 2306



Only about 1 in 5 children 3 years and above attend ECD centers due to inadequate facilities.

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- We are Namibia's first social impact venture builder, founded in 2020.
- Our projects focus on 3 thematic areas: Emerging Technology, Blue & Green economy and Indigenous knowledge.
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