

# Role of geospatial Information in Good Land Policy and Governance

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## **Good Governance**

- Democracy
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Equity and racial balance
- Participation
- Consensus building



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#### Harambee Prosperity Plan

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE	ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT	SOCIAL PROGRESSION	INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION	
Accountability	Macro-Economic Stability	Hunger Poverty	Energy Infrastructure	Respected and trusted International Community member	
& Transparency	Economic Transformation	esidential Land Delivery, Housing & Sanitation	Water Infrastructure		
Improve Performance	outh Enterprise Development	Infant & Maternal Mortality	Transport Infrastructure	International Support for Economic Independence.	
& Service Delivery	Economic Competitiveness	Vocational Education Training	ICT Infrastructure		
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ONE NAMIBIA, ONE NATION PEACE, RECONCILIATION, SECURITY & STABILITY





### **Spatially Enabled Governance**

- Infrastructure providing place or where or location to all human activities, government actions, decisions & policies (Williamson, 2007)
- Promotes
  - Improved decision making
  - Whole of government outcomes
  - Effective & more transparent coordination- voters able to use spatial info to evaluate choices made by elected officials
  - Creation of sustainable economic wealth
  - Maintenance of environmental sustainability
  - Effectiveness in meeting performance targets



### Spatial Information in support of Government Objectives and Outcomes

- While IT bridges distance gap, SDI defines locations and environmental characteristics
- SEG links people, things, phenomena to government's policy responses
- Good Governance achievement of most appropriate developmental policy objectives sustainably
- Geospatial Information provides evidence to support rationale allocation of resources, impact assessment and equitable distribution of amenities and infrastructure.



#### **NAMIBIAN EXAMPLE 1: "WHERE"** exactly is the concentration of households affected by drought in Namibia?



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 A dot represents a homestead in rural areas and dwelling structure in urban.



NAMIBIAN EXAMPLE 2: WHERE exactly is the next clinic needed?





#### **Example 3:** THE POWER OF KNOWING THE "WHERE"... Case study of Windhoek Aquifer



The position of the aquifer is based on an image from an article titled "Management of City aquifers from anthropogenic activities, soil dynamics and challenges for the future: An example of the Windhoek aquifer, Namibia B.S. Mapani, A.F. Kamona (br h.U: and U. Schreiber (Geological

### NAMIBIAN EXAMPLE 4: THE POWER OF KNOWING THE "WHERE"...

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Flooding in Eastern Kavango in 2012, the dots represent homesteads

#### NAMIBIAN EXAMPLE 5: WHERE is Bush Encroachment most severe?

### high risk

### low risk

Same approach can be used for monitoring important agricultural and other natural resources Risks that bush encroachment reduces livestock production in 2015



# Implementation Challenges-Digital data

- Safeguarding, trust and confidence of online transactions
- confidentiality and security of data
- Currency of data, frequency of update, online vs batch processing
- Tota maintenance vs public good concept
- Data integrity credibility of database, quality, relevance and completeness.
- Digital data no scale





## Conclusion

"A map in the hands of pilot is a testimony of a man's faith in other men.....

A map says to you I am the earth in the palm of your hand. Without me you are alone and lost." – Beryl Markham



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## Conclusion...

 Geospatial Information provides intelligence on where we have been, where we are, and where we are likely to be. It is the barometer for measuring Good land governance anchored on sustainable development, Without it we are alone and lost.



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