

IPPR Annual Report – 2024

1 January – 31 December 2024

Highlights:

- During 2024, the IPPR produced 31 publications (**Section A**), 66 fact check items (**Section A**), and held 30 activities/events (**Section B**).
- The IPPR received funds from several new partners – the Oak Foundation (N\$474 360), the Energy Transition Fund (N\$525 000), the International Fact-Checking Network (N\$244 550) and 10 Billion Strong (N\$43 000). In addition, the German Embassy’s human rights fund supported work on gender equality, climate change, and civic space. During the year the IPPR’s application for EU funding for a three-year programme focussing on the green transition was successful. The IPPR is part of a consortium consisting of DW Akademie, Namibia Media Trust, and the Legal Assistance Centre. The programme starts in March 2025. While these developments were positive, US Embassy funding for the IPPR’s anti-corruption work is expected to come to an end in early 2025 with little prospect for renewal (for a full breakdown of funding received in 2024 – see **Section C**).
- The IPPR continued to receive funding contributions towards 3 positions from the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) - Executive Director (Graham Hopwood), Accountant/Administrator (Johanna Wolf), and Office Manager (Ndeshi Fikameni/Tia-Zia Garoes). Ndeshi left at the end of August after eight years with the IPPR and was replaced as Office Manager by Tia-Zia from September. During 2024 the IPPR utilised 14 research associates on a range of projects.
- The IPPR’s researchers were heavily quoted throughout 2024 as media analysts and commentators, particularly in the latter part of the year when national elections took place (see **Section D**). The IPPR was cited in 242 media reports (a 26 percent increase on 2023 and an average of nearly 5 reports per week). The IPPR featured in several prominent international media outlets including the Guardian (UK), Reuters news agency, Voice of America, and Al Jazeera online.
- Also in 2024, the IPPR restructured its research programmes – introducing a new theme: Energy and Climate Change. This means the IPPR now has three focus areas:
 - Democracy and Governance programme
 - Public Policy Analysis programme
 - Energy and Climate Change programme
- IPPR researchers gave presentations, speeches and addresses at a number of important gatherings including an international workshop on asset recovery in Brazil (Frederico Links), the Oil and Gas conference in Windhoek (Graham Hopwood), and the Data for Governance conference in Cape Town (Rosevitha Ndumbu). In addition,

early in 2024, Graham Hopwood was asked by the Office of the First Lady to facilitate a discussion at State House on health and inequality.

- During 2024, the IPPR launched two human rights impacts reports on the Fishrot corruption scandal. As part of this work over 100 fishermen who lost their jobs as a result of the corruption have been interviewed. This greatly aided the IPPR's advocacy work calling for redress from the Icelandic company at the heart of the scandal. This work is being carried out in partnership with Transparency International-Iceland and the UK-based International Lawyers Project.
- Despite financial constraints, the IPPR was active outside of Windhoek – in particular through organising regional anti-corruption conferences in Luderitz and Rundu. Several activities also took place in Swakopmund and Walvis Bay.
- IPPR successfully partnered with 10 Billion Strong and the US Embassy to create a renewable energy fellowship for 35 young Namibians. As well as facilitating training, a briefing paper and a fact sheet were published by the IPPR as part of the project.
- In June, Minister of Finance Nangolo Mbumba launched the latest Open Budget Survey (OBS) findings for Namibia. As a result of the IPPR's work on the OBS and the Institute's collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Namibia's public participation score was significantly higher in this round of the survey.
- In July, the IPPR in conjunction with CIVIC +264 held a civil society consultative meeting with Minister Mbumba and National Planning Commission Director-General Obeth Kandjoze to discuss priorities for the national budget. An HSF-funded IPPR briefing paper on this issue was published ahead of the mid-year budget in October.
- Some 132 people attended the HSF-funded annual State of the Economy presentation held at the Hilton Hotel on 29 August. In addition, according to The Namibian's analytics over 40 000 people watched online on the newspaper's social media platforms. The presentation was in part based on the regular Quarterly Economic Review (QER) publication which this year examined public enterprise reform, budget spending in election years, tourism, and the government's economic performance since 2020.
- The regular Procurement Tracker publication maintained its focus on improving the quality and availability of data relating to public procurement. The last edition of the year examined the controversial ballot paper tender. Incoming head of the Central Procurement Board of Namibia Idi Itope publicly acknowledged the important work undertaken by Procurement Tracker when he assumed his duties in June.
- The launch of the new HSF-funded publication, Green Hydrogen Monitor, was attended by a range of GH stakeholders, including Green Hydrogen Commissioner James Mnyupe who welcomed the new publication and spoke at length at the event. In September, the IPPR presented to senior German government officials dealing with green hydrogen at a round-table meeting with civil society. Also, in that week of

the Green Hydrogen Summit, the IPPR was part of a civil society delegation that met with EU Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson to discuss green hydrogen and critical raw materials.

- In anticipation of the Access to Information Act being implemented, a series of three booklets on how citizens can utilise the law were published with the support of the Canadian High Commission.
- The IPPR continued to be an active member of the Vienna-based UNCAC (Civil Society) Coalition which is working for full implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption.
- The IPPR continued to be a member of the Data for Governance Alliance - a project to promote data-based advocacy and engagement between African civil society organisations and the African Union.
- The IPPR continued to serve as a member of the Cluster 3 group for the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan which is coordinated by the Anti-Corruption Commission.
- IPPR Executive Director Graham Hopwood continued to serve as the Chairperson of CIVIC +264 in 2024.
- The IPPR donated 1 000 copies of the Guide to the Namibian Economy to the Ministry of Education for use in libraries throughout the country on 22 April 2024.

A. IPPR publications 2024

31 publications

12 December: Gender & The Law – (8-page summary)
11 December: Gender & The Law – (research report)
09 December: 9 Actions To Strengthen Integrity (media release)
24 November: Parties & Promises (newspaper insert)
12 November: Right Now, I Cannot Survive (human rights impact report)
29 October: The Ballot Paper Printing Tender (procurement tracker)
25 October: Civil Society Perspectives On The Budget (briefing paper)
07 October: Quarterly Economic Review Q3 2024 - (bulletin)
04 October: Green Hydrogen Monitor Edition 2 (magazine)
30 September: Renewables Policy & Practice In Namibia (briefing paper)
30 September: Employment Prospects In Renewables (fact sheet)
30 August: State Of the Economy 2024 (presentation)
25 July: Transparency Compliance Check (procurement tracker)
24 July: Quarterly Economic Review Q2 2024 - (bulletin)
26 June: Cybersecurity - Problematic Influences – (briefing paper)
20 June: Green Hydrogen Monitor Edition 1 (magazine)
07 June: Open Budget Survey (survey report)

29 May: Data Deficits (procurement tracker)
 13 May: Quarterly Economic Review Q1 2024 - (bulletin)
 24 March: Guide to Access to Information Law #3
 24 March: Guide to Access to Information Law #2
 24 March: Guide to Access to Information Law #1
 24 March: Human Rights in Namibia (report to UN Human Rights Committee)
 18 March: National Budget 2024/25 Review (briefing paper)
 10 March: Call for Fishrot Redress (media release)
 06 March: We Are The Ones That Suffered The Most (human rights impact report)
 04 March: No Privacy, Guaranteed (briefing paper)
 28 February: Civil Society Budget Priorities (media release)
 13 February: Quarterly Economic Review Q4 2023 - (bulletin)
 06 February: Message of Condolence – President Hage Geingob

During 2024, the IPPR published 66 items on its Namibia Fact Check website. These were made up of: 24 fact checks; 30 news items; 10 resource items; and 2 videos

B. IPPR Activities & Events in 2024

DATE	EVENT	DONOR
22 February	Launch of the ATI for CSOs booklets and animations	Canadian High Comm
7 March	Launch: Human Rights Impacts of Fishrot Corruption Scandal - Walvis Bay	British High Comm
3 April	Extractive Industry Transparency Webinar	EU
22 April	Handover ceremony to Ministry of Education - Guide to the Namibian Economy	B2 Gold
7 May	Anti-corruption Regional Conference - Luderitz	US Embassy
7 June	Namibia Open Budget Survey Results Launch	International Budget Partnership
17 June	Namibian Youth Climate Justice Focus Group	Ten Billion Strong
29 May	Procurement Tracker - Data deficit undermines governance and oversight	HSF
20 June	Green Hydrogen Monitor 1	HSF
26 June	Expert Panel on Civil Society Sustainability	German

		Embassy
26 June	Problematic Influences	CIPESA
3 July	Citizens Perceptions on Corruption	US Embassy
16 July	Human Rights in Namibia: Raising awareness, keeping Commitments Project Launch	German Embassy
15 July	Mid-Term Budget Review Consultation	With CIVIC +264
23 July	Gender Equality Workshop by Dianne Hubbard	German Embassy
25 July	Procurement Tracker - Transparency and Compliance Check	HSF
8-9 August	Fact Checking Election Campaigns for Journalists	Africa Check
29 August	State of the Namibian Economy Presentation - Robin Sherbourne	HSF
29 August	Public Affairs, Civil Liberties and Civil Society Workshop - Swakopmund	German Embassy
26 September	Election Fact-Checking Coalition Launch Workshop	Africa Check
4 October	Green Hydrogen Monitor 2	HSF
15-16 October	Fact Checking Training on Elections 2024	Africa Check
22 October	Rundu Climate Change Workshop	German Embassy
29 October	Procurement Tracker - The Ballot Paper Printing Tender	HSF
31 October	The Digital Divide as a Driver of Inequality	HSF
12 November	2nd Fishrot Human Rights Impact Assessment Report	Oak Foundation
14 November	Fact Checking Elections for Media and CSO's - Swakopmund	Africa Check
3 December	Rundu Anti-Corruption Conference	US Embassy

5 December	Launch: Gender & Law report	German Embassy
11 December	Civil Society Sustainability report consultation	German Embassy

C. Funding Received in 2024

Date	Donor/Project	Amount N\$
23.01.24	Oak Foundation/Fishrot research	474 360
15.02.24	Africa Check/Namibia Fact Check (NFC)	9 490
28.02.24	British High Commission/Fishrot research	57 888
26.04.24	Germany Embassy/Human Rights project	220 000
31.05.24	Canadian High Commission/Access to Information	67 776
25.06.24	International Budget Partnership/Open Budget Survey	53 445
25.06.24	EU/New Voices, New Narratives	128 324
27.06.24	German Embassy/Human Rights	210 000
29.06.24	10 Billion Strong/Renewable Energy fellowship programme	43 000
02.08.24	International Fact Checking Network/NFC	224 550
06.09.24	German Embassy/Human Rights	300 000
17.10.24	Energy Transition Fund/Civil Society Mapping	525 000
18.10.24	Africa Check/NFC	138 474
26.11.24	German Embassy/Human Rights	470 000
28.11.24	Canadian High Commission/Elections project	266 273
13.12.24	EU/New Voices, New Narratives	136 670
19.12.24	Africa Check/NFC	82 640
19.12.24	World Economic Forum/Executive Opinion Survey	21 641
Total:		3 429 531

*Total HSF funding received in 2024 = N\$586 408 (projects) + N\$760 200 (staff) = 1 346 608

Total funding received in 2024 = N\$4 776 139

The total funding received in 2024 of N\$4 776 139 is a 15 percent reduction on the N\$5 599 597 received in 2023.

D. Media Monitoring

There were 242 media reports, interviews, and citations featuring the IPPR in 2024. This compares with 190 reports in 2023 – an increase of 26 percent. The rise was in part due to the media using the IPPR as a major source of analysis and commentary for the elections.

Media	No. of articles/reports
Print/online:	
The Namibian	37
Namibian Sun	19
New Era	19
Allgemeine Zeitung	17
Windhoek Observer	17
The Villager	6
The Brief	6
The Guardian (UK)	2
Daily Maverick (SA)	2
Al Jazeera Online	2
Reuters	2
Helmidlin (Iceland)	1
Mail & Guardian (SA)	1
Others	13
Sub-total	144
Television:	
NBC TV	23
One Africa	5
RUV (Iceland)	1
NTV	1
Newzroom Afrika	1
Voice of America	1
Sub-total	40
Radio:	
Future Media News	21
Kosmos FM	16
NBC Radio	8
Eagle FM	7
Desert FM	4
Channel 7	2
Sub-total	58
TOTAL	242

E. Social media

9 243 people liked or followed the IPPR Namibia Facebook page at the end of 2024 (compared with 8 663 at the end of 2023) - an increase of 7% over the calendar year.

18 478 people followed the IPPR Namibia Twitter (X) account at the end of 2024 (compared with 18 300 at the end of 2023) - an increase of 1% over the calendar year.

3 062 people liked or followed the Namibia Fact Check Facebook page at the end of 2024 (compared with 2 933 at the end of 2023) - an increase of 4% over the calendar year.

2 857 people followed the Namibia Fact Check Twitter (X) account at the end of 2024 (compared with 2 773 at the end of 2023) - an increase of 3% over the calendar year

As of the end of 2024, the IPPR Instagram page had 1 077 followers (up from 1 003 at the end of 2023 - a 7% increase)

The IPPR's LinkedIn page is being redeveloped.

F. Website statistics

ippr.org.na

Total page views between 1 January and 31 December 2024: 54 266 (compared to 56 696 views in 2023)

13 756 users during the same period (compared to 12 899 users in 2023)

19 299 sessions during the same period (compared to 18 055 sessions in 2023).

Device breakdown: Desktop (71%), Mobile (27%), Tablet (0%), Unknown (2%)

Top countries visiting the IPPR website (January 1 - December 31 2023):

	Users
1. Namibia	10 458
2. US	1 727
3. South Africa	1 056
5. UK	944
6. Germany	511
6. Hong Kong	499
7. China	278
8. France	275
9. Netherlands	258
10. India	174

Most viewed publications on the IPPR website (January 1 - December 31 2024):

	Page views
1. Human Rights Impacts of Fishrot (1 st report)	971
2. Role and Responsibilities of the Ombudsman (blog)	797
3. Green Hydrogen Monitor 1	525
4. Sim Card Registration (blog)	434
5. Unfolding ID crisis (blog)	426
6. Annual Reports & Financials	396

7. Why Does 2/3s Matter? (blog)	326
8. Green Hydrogen Monitor 2	292
9. Struggling to Consult (blog)	282
10. Ballots for Jobs (blog)	254
11. Human Rights Impacts of Fishrot (2 nd report)	250
12. Namibian 4IR Faces Fundamental Issues (blog)	248
13. Agriculture – An Overview	244
14. Unpacking the Cybercrime Bill	240
15. Time To Reward the Vaccinated (blog)	239
16. Depleting Natural Capital	234
17. GBV in Namibia	225
18. Data Protection in the Age of Surveillance Pt. 1 (blog)	202
19. Data Protection in the Age of Surveillance Pt. 2 (blog)	197
20. Procurement Tracker (CPBN)	194

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Total page views between 1 January and 31 December 2024: 57 853 (compared to 58 000 views in 2023)

There were 23 757 users during the same period.

Most viewed items on the Namibia Fact Check = website (January 1 - December 31 2024):

1. No evidence that PW Botha uttered viral statement	4732
2. Here are the manifestos	1436
3. White Namibians do not own 70% percent of the land	1214
4. Robbery using baby as a lure is not happening	1069
5. Important dates in electoral calendar	1042
6. No polls suggest Swapo will lose election	1003
7. KFC – no lucky draw	828
8. No global mega promotion	783
9. Why you should read party manifestos	782

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 January 23 2025