

SADC Regional Workshop on the Use of Administrative Data Sources for Migration Statistics

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Outline



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1. Organisational structure

National Strategy for the Development of Statistics:

- Namibia Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2023/4-2026/7

Organizational structure and relevant human resources responsible for the production of migration statistics:

NSA – 3

MLIREC – 0 (no unit
responsible)

MHAISS –
Port of entry: 30
Regional level: 6
National level: 1

2. Institutional arrangements and data sharing

Institutional arrangements:

- MoU between NSA and MLIREC: The MoU stipulates the establishment of High-Level Steering Committee and a TWG to oversee the cooperation of data sharing.

Legal provisions for access to migration data records from Labour and Immigration departments:

- No legal provision in the current Law (Immigration Control Act 7 of 1993)
 - Immigration Act: To regulate and control the entry of persons into, and their residence in, Namibia; to provide for the removal from Namibia of certain immigrants;

Operational administrative data sharing procedures within the NSS:

- None (no law or MOU on migration data exchange) that exists currently.

Are there any constraints?:

- Yes, the lack of legal provision or agreements on access to administrative migration data records from MoL & Immigration department

Data collection tools

- **Namibia Integrated Employment Information System:** [NIEIS.jpg](#)
- **Electronic Border Management Control System (EBMS):**
 - **Up to 2024:** [Arrival Departure Form \(1\).pdf](#)
 - **New form (2025):** [FB_IMG_1742202750832.jpg](#)
- **2023 Census:** [2023 Namibia Census Migration Questions.docx](#)

3. Migration statistics produced and disseminated

Overview of migration statistics currently produced and disseminated

- Statistics from Censuses & surveys produce...
 - Internal migration:
 - Internal migrants: characteristics i.e., age, sex, education, employment etc. and reason for migrating,
 - International migrants, limited to in-migrants: non-citizens by characteristics e.g., age, sex, education, employment etc. and reason for migrating. **No data on emigrants**
 - Limitations:
 - Statistics not timely data (e.g., available after 5 years)
 - Mostly on internal migration patterns and demographics and limited on international migration

How are administrative records (microdata) captured and stored (digital/manual)

- MLIREC - **Namibia Integrated Employment Information System (NIEIS)**: Data of jobseekers and vacancies, captured and stored digitally
- MHAISS- Immigration dept - **Electronic Border Management Control System (EBMS)**: Arrival and Departure data, captured and stored digitally (both Digital (EBMS) and manual (arrival and departure form)
- MHAISS- Immigration dept- **Alliance Control system** for Work visa, employment permits, permanent residence permit, student permit,
- MHAISS- Admin & refugee management dept: **System for asylum seekers and refugees**
- MHAISS- citizenship

Challenges in producing migration data flows

- Data not available (accessible) to NSO to produce migration data flows.
- Absence of a dedicated Migration unit in key Institutions.
- No diaspora data

4. Technical assistance and capacity building needs

Technical assistance or training obtained in the past 5 years on migration statistics and administrative data systems-

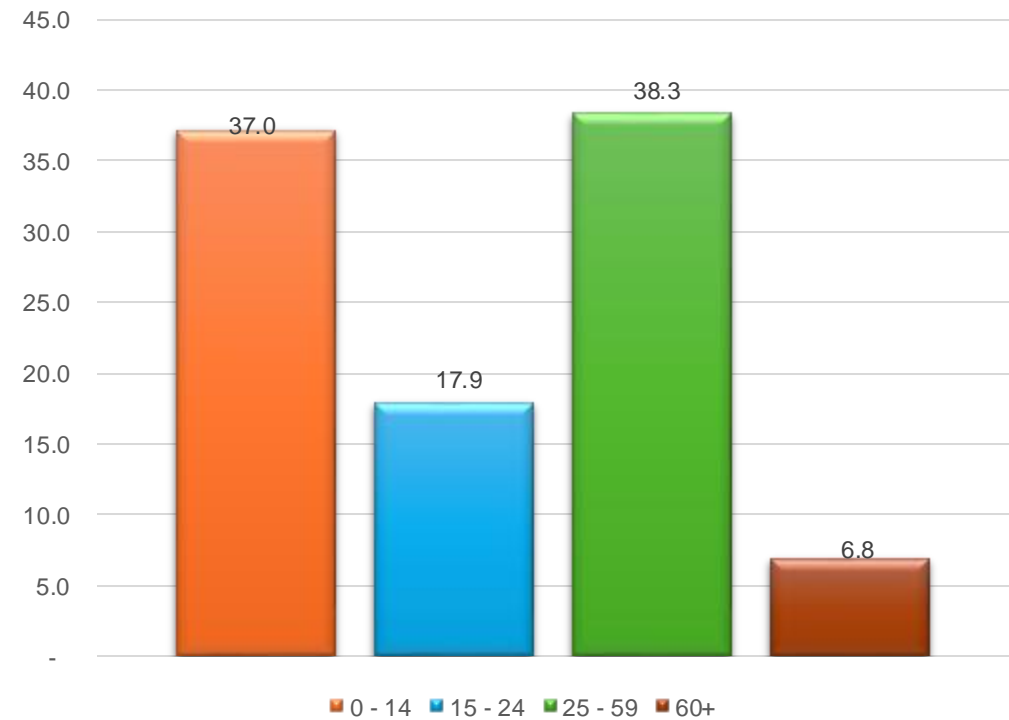
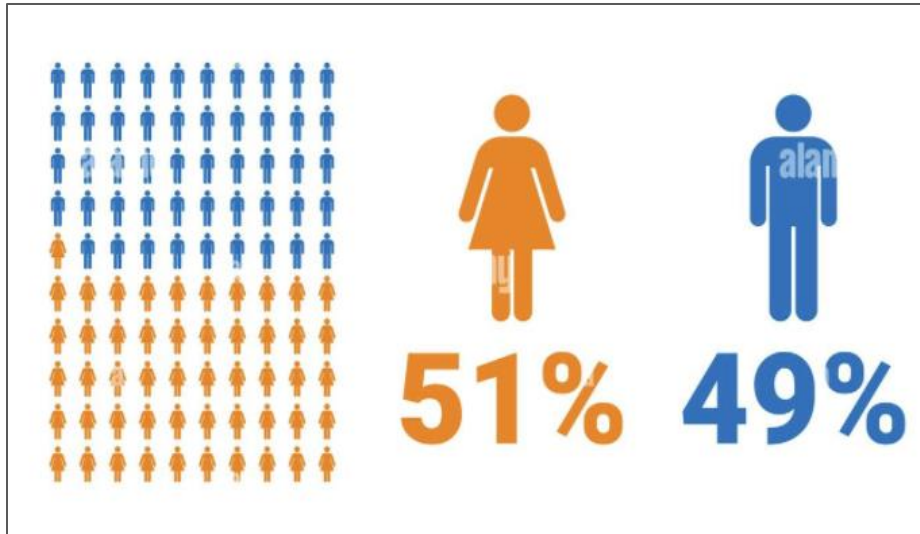
- Technical and financial support on developing migration policy and implementation plan
- National Labour Migration Policy launched June 2020
- Namibia Diaspora Policy (Under formulation (first draft in place))

Capacity building needs and technical assistance required to set up administrative data systems for migration statistics-

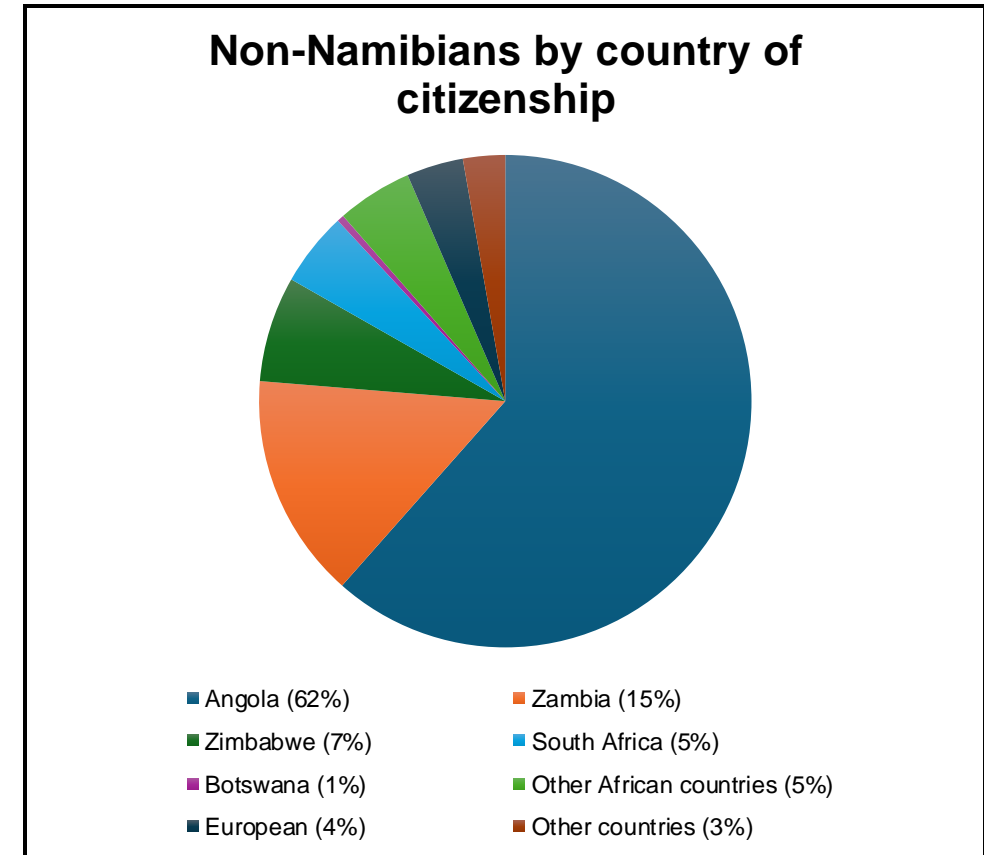
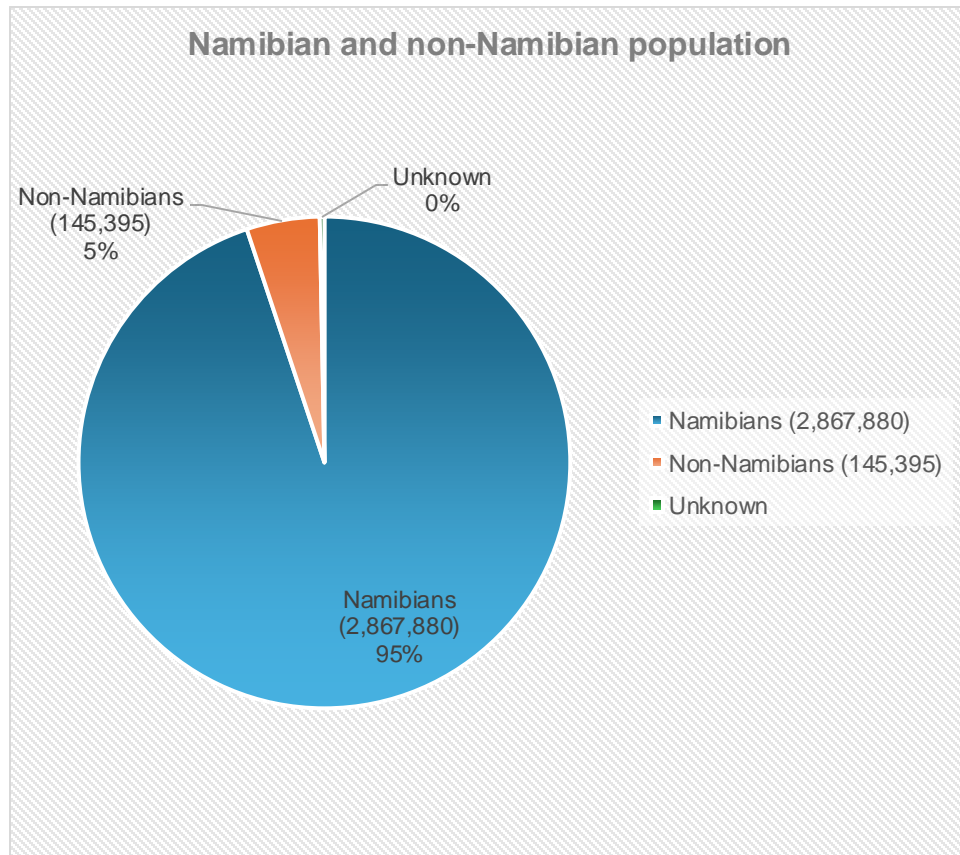
- Assess/map available data systems (MLIREC and Immigration) to establish type of information collected and ensure standards and production of relevant/required statistics
- Strengthen and harmonisation of migration data systems (MLIREC and Immigration)
- Capacity building on best practices and estimation methods of international Migration in Africa
- Produce migration statistics from available systems
- Conduct border traveler sample survey
- Development of institutional data protection policies to enhance stakeholder collaboration on data sharing

2023 Census statistics

- Population = 3,022,401



2023 Census statistics





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you!*

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