Heifer International in Namibia

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Background

Namibia

- Population: 2,055,080
- Percent living below poverty line: 45%
- Life expectancy: 43.1 years
- Percent with HIV/AIDS: 21.3%

Heifer International

- Non-profit organization
- Gives animals to rural communities
- Educates about sustainable agriculture
- Requires “passing on the gift”
- Requires $10,000 to launch new project site

Problem

Hunger

- Between dwindling work force due to HIV/AIDS, irresponsible agricultural practices and unfair wages, many people live in severe poverty. This makes acquiring food and expensive HIV treatment near impossible. As a result, Namibia is plagued by hunger.

Solutions and mechanisms

Our solution is to create a more sustainable agricultural economy in the regions below by starting a Heifer project center.

Otjozondjupa

Karas

WPI has a project site in Namibia with potential to collaborate with Heifer

- Connect WPI’s site advisor with Heifer
- Assessment of site a possible IQP

Fundraising

- Raise $10,000
  - Write to businesses and potential donors
  - Sponsor a project site

Assessment

- Check nutrition and set baseline
- Reevaluate nutrition periodically; refer to baseline
- Review Heifer’s HIV/AIDS curriculum
- Check HIV/AIDS prevalence and set baseline
- Reevaluate HIV/AIDS prevalence; refer to baseline
- Report findings

Bibliography