

# Status Update of Digital Migration in Namibia

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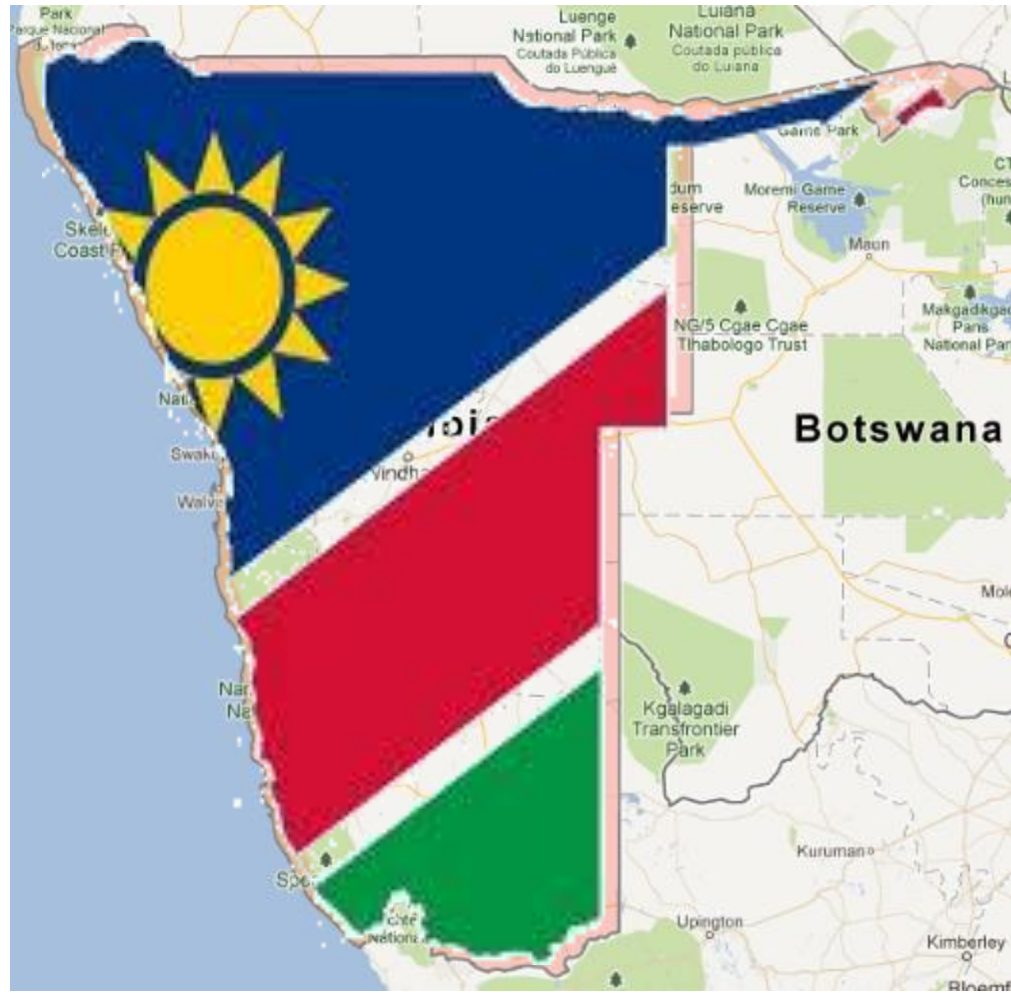


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# About Namibia

- **Population;** 2,2million, 1,26million - 16years & older
- **Households:** ±500,000
- **HHs with a TV set:** ± 260,000
- **Surface area:** 824 268km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population Density:** 2.7
- **TV Channels:** NBC, One Africa, TBN, GOTV, DSTV on satellite.
- **National TV Coverage:** 66%
- **Number of TV TX sites:** 58

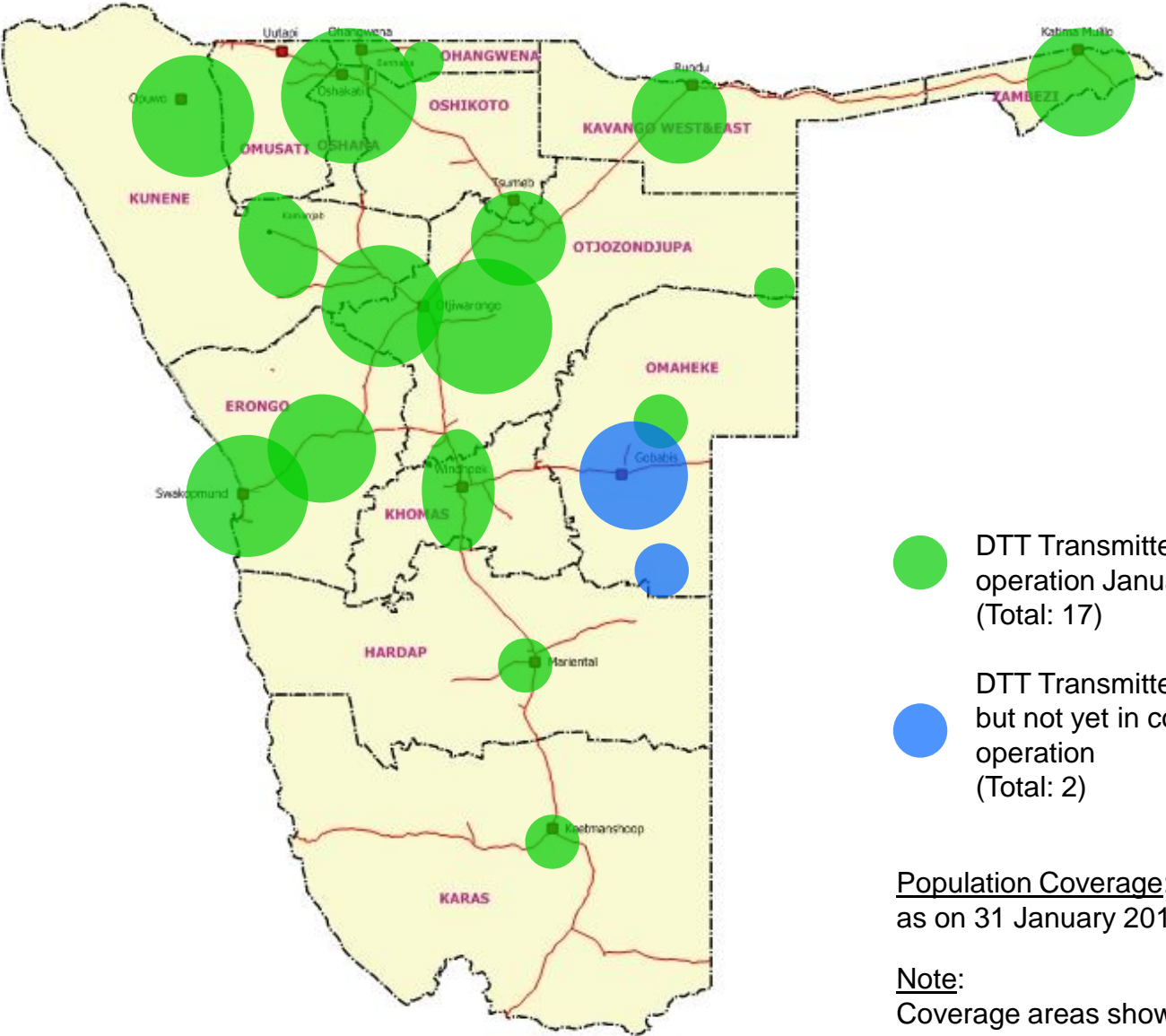


# Current Status

- Digital Terrestrial Television launched in October 2013. **Analogue TV switched off in Windhoek 31Jan15.**
- Decoders are now available for sale to the public at selected retail outlets.
- 16 sites on air = 67% population coverage
- Channels on air = **nbc1** , **nbc2** , **nbc3**  
One Africa TV, TBN, EDUTV, THISTV
- Call centre established – (061) 23 66 24
- Consumer campaign continuously being implemented.



# DTT Coverage: January 2015



# The Decoder

- Price
  - Retail price N\$ 199
  - N\$ 99.50 for pensioners, war veterans and disabled persons
- Distribution of decoders opened up to any company that wants to distribute in Namibia.
- Requirements to buy a decoder:
  - Current TV licence (2014/2015)
  - ID document
  - Proof of special status to qualify for half-price



# The nbc Decoder Specification

## The NBC Decoder contains the following;

MPEG-4	Video decoding
SD and HD	Both standard and high definition
DVB-T2 and DVB-T	As per SADC decision
Conditional Access	Novel SuperTV
DVB SSU for OTA	Over the air download capability
EPG	Electronic programme guide for now and next and next 7 days.
RCA video and audio output + HDMI	Allows for analogue and digital video and audio out.
HbbTV	Middleware to enable interactive services.
HE-AAC, MPEG-1 LII & E-AC 3	Audio for both HD and SD.
USB Port	To enable content viewing through STB on TV via USB port, pause and rewind feature.



# Common Viewer Queries

- No reception due to lack of suitable antenna
- Did not know that an antenna is required
- Unable to tune TV set to decoder (step-by-step instructions have been written to address this problem – being distributed via call-centre and media)
- Confusing NBCdigital with GOTV.





# Advertising linked to Namibian current affairs.

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# nbc DIGITAL TV

## DIGITAL DECODERS INSIDE

Call Centre

(061) 23 66 24



# nbc DIGITAL TV

Analogue



**FUZZY:** Signal changes in strength, causing ghosting, snow, blurred images.

Digital



**SHARP:** Signal consistent. Crisper images, clearer sound, no ghosting.

Call Centre

(061) 23 66 24



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# Next Steps

- Switch off analogue TV in coastal area and North by March/April 2015.
- Do a hard switchover at small sites close to the border before June 2015.
- Launch interactive services.
- Launch a DTH service to complement the gap in DTT coverage.





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