

# BEST URBAN PRACTICE



## LAND DELIVERY AND HOUSING FOR THE POOR IN EENHANA-NAMIBIA

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# 1. Introduction: The Urban Challenge

- Eenhana is the Regional Capital of Oshana and was proclaimed as a Town on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1999.
- The Town has a population of about 10120 people
- Housing occupancy ratio in Eenhana is 4.4 people per household
- At the time the Township only consisted of two (2) extensions with 627 plots including streets and open spaces.
- 203 residential erven out of the 627 erven were serviced by private property developers as early as the year 2000.
- Due to the influx of people in town in search of a better life, the town experienced a lot of shacks and informal settlements.
- About 2700 shacks had mushroomed in town.
- Shacks and makeshift houses mushroomed and so is illegal land occupation

## 2. Interventions

- In 2014, Council embarked on a Mass Planning exercise to make 9100 serviced plots available by 2020.
- About 3031 (11 Extensions) plots were allocated to Private Developers through a PPP initiative in order to service and build Low-Medium income houses
- Council has serviced 3469 (15 Extensions) plots to provide housing for the “ultra low” income earners in town.
- Council has established a new settlement of Ekolola to accommodate more settlers. The area is provided with water, lighting and sanitation services.
- More houses are being delivered through our PPP initiative.

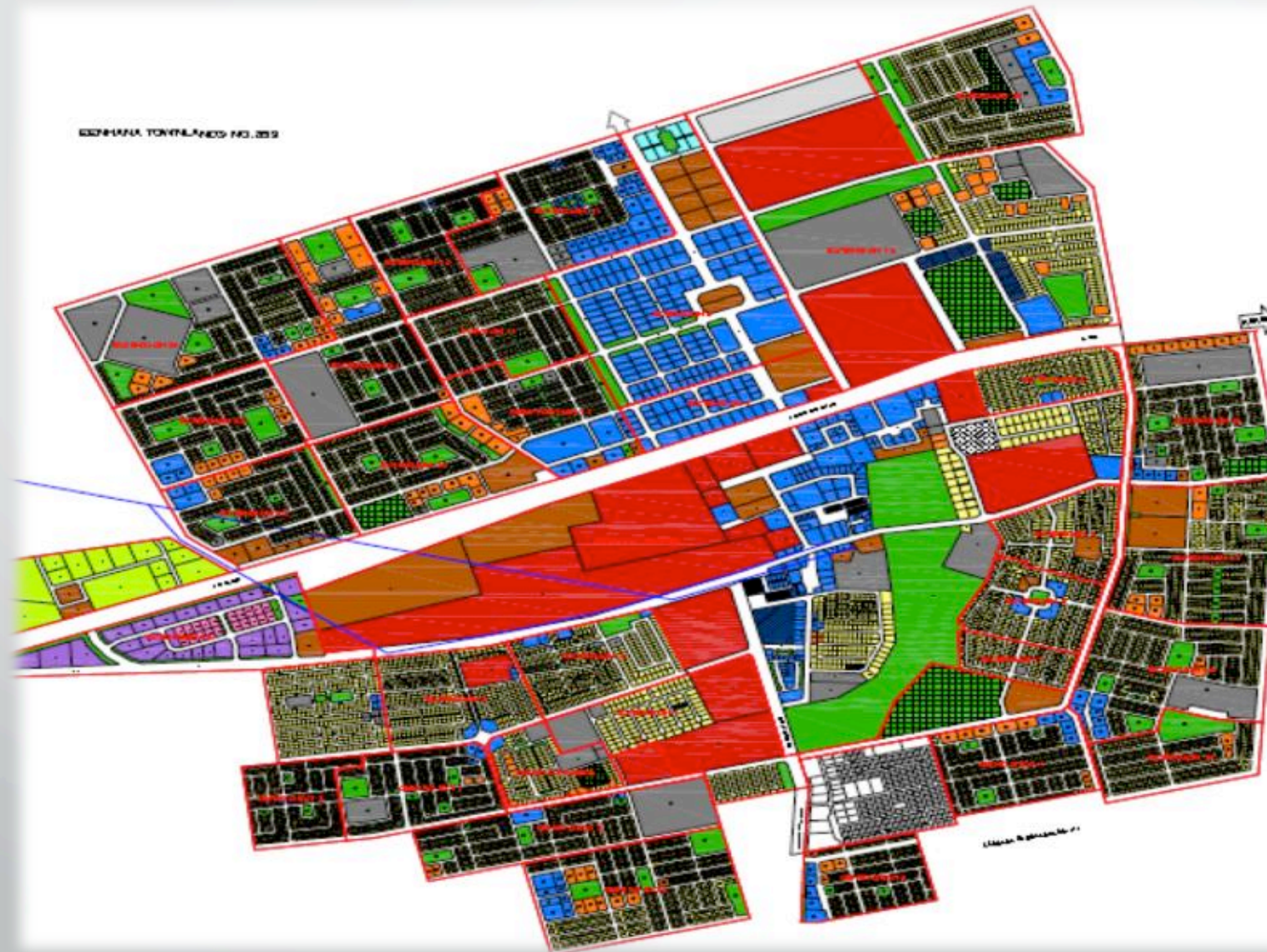
### 3. What Worked Well?

- Mass Planning has reaped tangible results to Council, making more land available for development.
- Public Private Partnership initiative has resulted in accelerated land and housing delivery.
- Through those initiatives, we have managed to peacefully and permanently resolved a land crisis in town.
- Land delivery and housing is speeding up, making more land and houses available for the poor.
- Illegal Land occupation is stopping.

## 4. Learning Points

- Land and housing delivery for the poor can be accelerated through partnerships and collaborations with other stakeholders.
- Political buy-in, Leadership, advocacy and lobbying is of utmost importance in development.
- Strategic planning is key to address urban challenges.
- Stakeholder engagement is necessary at all stages of development.

# Eenhana Town Layout



# Housing Development in Pictures





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THANK YOU!!

ANY QUESTIONS