Vacancy: Advisor – M&E Specialist/ SDGs Data Analyst

Location: Windhoek, Namibia
Position Type: Fixed-Term Contract
Duration of Contract: 15.02.2026 - 30.09.2027

Application Deadline: 9 January 2026

Background

GIZ – Solutions that work

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH provides sustainable development solutions that improve people's lives worldwide. On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ supports partner countries in political, economic, ecological, and social development.

The **Sustainable Development Goals Initiative III (SDGI III)** is a joint technical cooperation programme between the German and Namibian Governments. The project supports Namibia in integrating Agenda 2030 priorities into the National Development Plan (NDP) cycle and strengthening institutional capacity for effective SDG implementation.

SDGI III focuses on three core areas:

1. Strengthening institutional capacities for coherent and impact-oriented implementation
2. Leveraging innovative public and private financing for development
3. Improving data availability for planning, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of SDGs incorporated into **NDP 6**

Role Purpose

The **Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist / SDGs Data Analyst** is responsible for providing **strategic, methodological, and technical leadership** for **Output 3** of the SDGI III Project. The role ensures the **availability, quality, accessibility, and effective use of validated SDG data** to inform planning, implementation, policy steering, and reporting at national, continental, and global levels.

The position works in close collaboration with the **Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA)** and supports Namibia's reporting obligations for **NDP 6, AU Agenda 2063, and Agenda 2030**, with a strong emphasis on the **"Leave No One Behind (LNOB)"** principle.

Key Responsibilities

SDG Data Systems and Standards

- Advise the NSA on its coordinating and steering role within the **National Statistics System (NSS)**.

- Facilitate implementation of SDG-related statistical standards, including the **LNOB Standard** and other national and international frameworks.

- Support data producers to comply with NSS standards for SDG and national reporting.

Data Analysis and Innovation

- Analyse existing statistical and administrative data within the NSS and identify strategies to close data gaps.

- Identify and assess innovative and cost-effective data production methods (e.g. proxy indicators, remote sensing, earth observation, big data, mobile data).

- Support integration of administrative and citizen-generated data into national reporting frameworks.

Data Use and Digital Platforms

- Coordinate and strengthen activities related to the **NamX data exchange platform**.

- Revitalise and oversee the **SDG Indicator Framework and SDG Portal**, including coordination with data producers on data uploads and validation.

- Strengthen the use of quality-assured data for evidence-based decision-making and policy steering.

Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening

- Design and facilitate capacity-building initiatives with the NSA and other NSS stakeholders.

- Support training, workshops, forums, and technical meetings related to SDG data, quality assurance, and reporting.

- Guide the development of frameworks for **Voluntary Local Reporting (VLR)** and stakeholder consultations.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management

- Contribute to SDGI III planning, monitoring, and reporting processes, particularly for Output 3.

- Support the production of annual SDG Progress Reports and updates to the SDG Portal.

- Ensure documentation of project results, indicators, and lessons learnt in GIZ systems.

- Promote knowledge management, communication, and visibility of project achievements.

Stakeholder Engagement and Representation

- Represent the NSA and SDGI III in meetings, workshops, and technical forums.

- Foster collaboration between government institutions, civil society, development partners, and other stakeholders.

- Support public awareness and communication activities related to SDG data and reporting.

Required Qualifications, Competencies and Experience

Formal Education

- **University Honours Degree** in Statistics, Data Science, or another relevant social science discipline.

- Strong **mathematical and statistical proficiency**, including advanced understanding of statistical concepts and methods.

- Proficiency in statistical software (e.g. **R, SAS, SPSS**) and/or programming languages (e.g. **Python, R**).

Professional Experience

- **Minimum of six (6) years' professional experience** in:

    o   National Statistics Systems

    o   Data analysis, analytics, and data mining

    o   Monitoring and Evaluation of public development programmes or projects

- Sound knowledge of the **Sustainable Development Goals**.

- Experience working with international development organisations will be an advantage.

Additional Skills and Competencies

- Strong self-organisation skills and ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

- Excellent analytical, coordination, and problem-solving skills.

- Good working knowledge of ICT and computer applications.

- Strong communication and stakeholder engagement skills.

- Fluency in **English** (written and verbal); local languages are an added advantage.

- Professionalism, reliability, intercultural sensitivity, and ability to handle sensitive information.

- Willingness to upskill as required by the role.

Application and Submission Guidelines

Interested candidates should apply via:
https://jobportunities.net/jobs_search.aspx

Closing date for applications: 09 January 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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