**NAMIBIA**



**BASIC COUNTRY DATA**

Total Population: 2,293,289

Population 0-14 years: 36%

Rural population: 62%

Population living under USD 1.25 a day: no data

Population living under the national poverty line: no data

Income status: Upper middle income economy

Ranking:Medium human development (ranking 120)

Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 258

Life expectancy at birth (years): 62

Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 43

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

VL is unknown in Namibia. The first case of CL was described in 1970. Since then, sporadic cases have been reported (34 between 1970 and 1989) from a wide area [1]. The ecology is partly similar to *L. aethiopica,* but the causative agent is different. It was similar, but not identical, to *L. tropica*. Its designation is still under discussion [2].

**PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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| ***Leishmania* species** | **Clinical form** | **Vector species** | **Reservoirs** |
| *L. tropica* | CL | *P. rossi, P. grovei* | *Procavia capensis* |

**MAPS AND TRENDS, CONTROL, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, ACCESS TO CARE, ACCESS TO DRUGS**

No information available.

No antimonials are registered.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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