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



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.



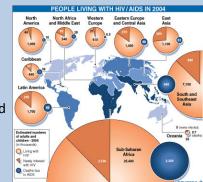
HIV/AIDS

As Heifer International is teaching about sustainable environment, they will also teach the people about HIV/AIDS

•Sub-Saharan Africa is where HIV/AIDS is most prevalent

No Medication

- •Many can't afford the high cost of HIV treatment.
- Major Vitamin A deficiency in the area and being malnourished decreases effectiveness up to 90%.



Solutions and mechanisms

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

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Poverty









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