

# Clinic on the Move:

## Expanding Access to Primary Health Care in Namibia

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**W**ith its large landmass, difficult terrain, and sparse population, accessing basic health care services is a challenge for many Namibians. PharmAccess Foundation Namibia is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the strengthening of the Namibian health system particularly in rural and remote areas.

In 2010, it launched the Mister Sister Mobile Health Service, and began providing primary health care services to rural employees and their families. Mister Sister is a unique public-private partnership (PPP), which leverages both governmental and private sector resources to cover the cost of service delivery.

In Namibia, this model has played a vital role in upgrading health infrastructure and the quality of services delivered to rural populations. Support by the Namibian government has allowed the service to remain flexible and responsive to patient needs and while maximizing value for money in the form of quality health care services. Further, this PPP arrangement has opened broader conversation about how to create and maintain locally based sustainable health systems.

Outcomes of this innovative PPP include improved efficiency of health provision in underserved areas, increased sustainability through stable revenue streams, and increased equity in the provision of quality health care.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enE6En-cYbU>

