

Appendix B (i)

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Questionnaire for the Country Case Study on Primary Education

Please fill in the questionnaire, in duplicate, and send the completed questionnaires before the end of June 1995 to:

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Most of the questions below require figures or percentages. In each case, please give the source of the data you used in the space marked (Source: _____) under each question. If the figures you give are not for 1994, please state the date for which the figures are.

1. NAME OF COUNTRY _____

2. POPULATION INDICATORS

2.1 What was the size of the population in 1994?

Male _____

Female _____

Total _____

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.2 What was the average population growth rate in the following periods?

1971-1980 _____ per cent

1981-1990 _____ per cent

1991-1994 _____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.3 What was the average population density in 1994?

_____ people per square kilometre

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.4 What was the percentage of population in rural and urban areas in 1994?

Rural _____ per cent

Urban _____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.5 What was the percentage of population in nomadic groups of the total population in 1994?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.6 What are the major names of nomadic groups?

2.7 What was the percentage of labour force out of the total population in 1994?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.8 What percentage of the total labour force, in the overall economy, was employed in the each of the following sectors in 1994?

The primary sector _____ per cent
(Agriculture, hunting, forestry,
fishing, mining, and quarrying)

The secondary sector _____ per cent
(Manufacturing)

The tertiary sector _____ per cent
(Service industry)

The in-formal sector _____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

2.9 What is the percentage of the population under 15 year-old out of the total population in 1994?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

3. ECONOMIC STATUS

3.1 What was the GNP per capita for your country in 1994?

_____ in Local Currency

_____ in US \$

_____ in US \$ adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity Index

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

3.2 What was the average economic growth rate in the following periods?

1971-1980 _____ per cent

1981-1990 _____ per cent

1991-1994 _____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

4. LITERACY AND EDUCATION

4.1 What were the average literacy rates for 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1994?

	1960	1970	1980	1994
Males	%	%	%	%
Females	%	%	%	%
Overall	%	%	%	%

(Please indicate the latest year when the census was taken and the method and language used to determine levels of literacy)

Last census year: 19_____

Method and language used to determine literacy:

4.2 What was the average number of years of schooling for the total labour force in 1994?

Males _____

Females _____

Total _____

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 How many languages are spoken in your country?

_____ languages

5.2 What is/are the official language(s)?

5.3 What is/are the language(s) of instruction?

5.4 How many other languages are taught in primary school?

_____ languages

Compulsory

Optional

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

6.1 In which year did your country attain independence?

19 _____

6.2 What was the enrolment in primary school in independence year?

_____ pupils.

6.3 How many primary schools or schools with primary grades were there in your country in independence year?

_____ schools

7. ACCESS AND COVERAGE

7.1 What was the number of children who were supposed to be in primary school in 1994?

_____ children

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

7.2 What was the enrolment in primary school in 1994?

_____ pupils

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

7.3 How many primary schools were there in your country in 1994 at the beginning of the school year?

_____ schools

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

7.4 What was the enrolment in the following years?

1961 _____

1970 _____

1971 _____

1980 _____

1981 _____

1990 _____

1991 _____

1994 _____

- 7.5 Has the number of grades in primary school changed in the period between 1961 to 1994? If so, please indicate the change and when it occurred.

- 7.6 What percentage of the relevant age group was enrolled in primary school in 1994?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

- 7.7 What is the legal age of entry to primary schools?

_____ years old

- 7.8 What is the actual average age of entry to primary schools?

_____ years old

- 7.9 What is the official length of primary schooling in 1994?

_____ years

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

(Please attach an age distribution table for all the grades and a graph indicating the age distribution for Grade 6. See attached table and graph from Namibia)

8. INTERNAL EFFICIENCY

- 8.1 What was the completion rate at primary school in 1994?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

- 8.2 What was the average percentage transition rate from primary to secondary school during 1990-1994?

_____ per cent

8.3 What was the repetition rate in each grade of primary school in 1994?

	Males	Females	Overall
Grade 1	%	%	%
Grade 2	%	%	%
Grade 3	%	%	%
Grade 4	%	%	%
Grade 5	%	%	%
Grade 6	%	%	%
Grade 7	%	%	%

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

8.4 What was the average number of years taken by a pupil to reach Grade 6 in 1994?

_____ years

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

8.5 What was the drop-out rate in each grade of primary school in the school year 1994?

	Males	Females	Overall
Grade 1	%	%	%
Grade 2	%	%	%
Grade 3	%	%	%
Grade 4	%	%	%
Grade 5	%	%	%
Grade 6	%	%	%
Grade 7	%	%	%

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

9. FINANCING OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

9.1 What per cent of the total government budget is allocated to education in each of the following years?

1985 _____ per cent

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1987 _____ per cent

1988 _____ per cent

1989 _____ per cent

1990 _____ per cent

1991 _____ per cent

1992 _____ per cent

1993 _____ per cent

1994 _____ per cent

Average _____ per cent

9.2 What per cent of the education budget is allocated to each of the following level of education in 1994?

Primary education _____ per cent

Secondary education _____ per cent

Teacher education _____ per cent

University education _____ per cent

Vocational/technical/adult education _____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

9.3 What per cent of the primary education budget goes to teachers salaries?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

- 9.4 What per cent of the primary education budget goes to other inputs (including text books, teaching/learning materials and equipment)?

_____ per cent

(Source: _____ Year of data _____)

10. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

At which levels are the following decisions made in your country? (Where there are multiple answers, please put two ticks for the stronger option)

	Levels			
	Ministry	Region	District	School
Remuneration of teachers				
Teacher remuneration and conditions of service				
Training of teachers (pre-service and in service)				
Discipline of Teachers				
Discipline of Students				
Curriculum implementation				
Curriculum enrichment (extra curriculum and co-curricular activities)				
Maintenance of school buildings				
Provision of teaching/learning materials and equipment				
Establishing links with the local community				

11. CURRICULUM

- 11.1 Please give a short description (one of two paragraphs) of how curriculum is developed in your country.

11.2 Who writes the books for the primary schools?

11.3 Is evaluation of the books carried out before they are approved for use in school?

Yes _____ No _____

11.4 Please describe the evaluation mechanism for book approval.

12. TEACHERS

12.1 Please state the criteria, in order of importance, generally used for the promotion of teachers.

12.2 Is there a mechanism of support for the professional development of teachers?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered “Yes”, please describe it.

12.3 Is the in-service training of teachers compulsory?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe how it works.

12.4 How is supervision and inspection carried out?

12.5 What are problems that affect the supervision and inspection of primary schools and pupils in your country?

[illegible]

13. ISSUES OF QUALITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN YOUR COUNTRY

13.1 What are the major issues that your country has had to face in building up the education systems from Independence until now?

13.2 Please indicate below, the five major issues/challenges that your country needs to address between 1994 and the year 2000, in order to provide quality education at the primary school level.

- i) _____

- ii) _____

- iii) _____

- iv) _____

- v) _____

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please include the following additional information.

(a) A photo copy of your country's official goals on primary education including goals on reading.

(b) A short summary (maximum 4 pages/1200 words) of results of empirical research conducted in primary schools in your country on reading and factors affecting reading achievement. Please give bibliographical references.

Thank you for your co-operation.