

## Namibian Entrepreneurs Can Win Up To USD 20,000 And More With UPG Biashara

Namibia has an advantage in #UPGBiashara. Namibia is a priority country for the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant. https://upglive.org/upgbiashara.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, January 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- UPG Biashara is an initiative that supports entrepreneurs in their journey to turn ideas into businesses. The unique ecosystem is built with a view that entrepreneurs make the world a better place and so they deserve support that maximises their chances of success. And this support is provided for free to 500 motivated entrepreneurs who earn their place by demonstrating their ideas and their passion. Namibia is on a shortlist of priority countries thanks to the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant and this



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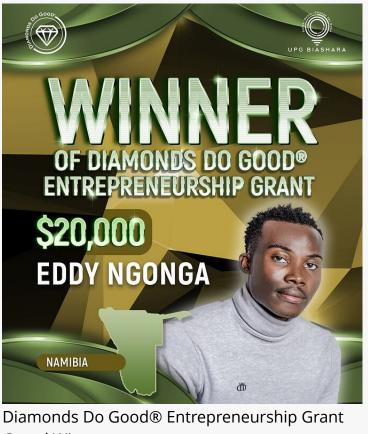
provides advantages at several stages, from the application to the selection and to the grants. The Application Deadline is 19 January 2024 and interested individuals can apply and learn more here: <u>https://upglive.org/upgbiashara</u>.

"Nambian entrepreneur won the Grand Grant of USD 20,000 last year and we are happy to extend our welcome to Namibia as a priority country for the third time in a row" said Yemi Babington-Ashaye. President, United People Global. The Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant is dedicated to assisting small and medium-sized entrepreneurs, promoting inclusivity and inspiration. Over the past two years, deserving UPG Biashara Entrepreneurs have received grants of up to USD 20,000.

As a priority country, Namibian entrepreneurs will enjoy priority in the selection into the Class of

2024 of UPG Biashara. Once accepted, they will obtain significant support in their entrepreneurship journey, learning both hard and soft skills. The Class of 2023 of UPG Biashara Entrepreneurs benefitted from: 52 classes, 78 hours of class time, 36 instructors, 397 LIVE pitches and CASH grants! All free. They will also expand their network and connect with like-minded entrepreneurs from over 50 countries, across all world regions. In addition, Namibian entrepreneurs also enjoy priority status with the Diamonds do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant.

UPG Biashara is defined by two distinct journeys: the Learning Journey and the Action Journey. Grants are provided during the Action Journey and are possible through several grants, especially the Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant which is a unique USD 130,000 partnership with Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup>.



Grand Winner

The Diamonds do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant is an accelerator of the impact that entrepreneurs can have in communities, with a special focus on small and medium size

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entrepreneurs. The Diamonds do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant is as inclusive as it is inspiring. Most grantees will win a minimum of USD 5,000 to be invested directly into their businesses. Some entrepreneurs will win higher amounts up to the maximum of USD 20,000.

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In 2023 there were 20 finalists from 7 countries and a total of 10 UPG Biashara Entrepreneurs

won cash grants through the Diamonds do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant. The winners came through several competitive rounds, including a series of "Shark Tank" style pitches.

UPG Biashara Entrepreneur from Namibia, Eddy Ngonga, recipient of the Grand Grant of USD 20,000, is the owner of Betterpack Manufacturing, a company specializing in high-quality, ecofriendly plastic pavers and tiles. Their target customers include small businesses, homeowners, and contractors in the local area. They aim to refine their product and marketing strategies by gathering feedback from initial customers and ensuring customer satisfaction. Betterpack Manufacturing focuses on meeting the needs of local construction projects and aims to expand their customer base within neighbouring regions and eventually nationwide.

As a priority country in 2024, Namibian entrepreneurs will enjoy a distinct advantage in being selected for UPG Biashara and stand a chance to become finalists and winners of the Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant.

Note to Editors Learn more about UPG Biashara and apply: <u>https://upglive.org/UPGBiashara</u> Social Media Hashtags: #UPGBiashara, #DiamondsDoGoodGrant More about United People Global <u>https://unitedpeople.global/about-us</u> Join UPG's Media Community: <u>https://unitedpeople.global/nominations/journalists-nomination</u> Follow UPG on most social media: @unitedpeopleglobal or on Twitter: @unitedpeople36

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