



**Figure 1.1 : Namibia; Rivers, Roads, Regions and Towns**

Namibia's total surface area of 825 000km<sup>2</sup> is divided up into 13 regions. With a population density of only two people per square kilometre, it is the most sparsely populated country in sub-Saharan Africa. It is also the most arid. The river systems shown in Figure 1.1 belie the fact that there are no perennial rivers within Namibia's interior. With a population of approximately 200 000, the capital, Windhoek, is by far the largest settlement, although towns in the Oshana and Oshikoto Regions are growing rapidly. The country is served by a paved road network of nearly 6 000km, the highest per capita in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), but there are many small villages which are not connected to the road network at all.

Data Sources : Office of the Surveyor General; Department of Transport; Windhoek Consulting Engineers.