



Figure 2.7 : Rainfall Data Collection in Namibia

Although rainfall data are officially collected at more than 400 rain gauge stations, the Namibia Meteorological Services readily acknowledge that there is a serious data processing backlog for many of these stations, especially those which have automatic recorders. Figure 2.7 shows the positions of all open and closed stations with more than ten years of record. Regions with poor rain gauge coverage are the Kunene, Ohangwena, Oshana, Omusati, Oshikoto, Okavango and Caprivi Regions. More than half of these regions have none or only one rain gauge currently operating per 10 000km². Throughout Namibia, the number of rain gauges in operation has been reduced in recent years and is a serious cause for concern.

Data Sources : Namibia Meteorological Services; Hydrology Division, DWA.