**Crowdfunding Namibia – Setup & Usage Guide**

This guide explains how to install, set up, and use the Crowdfunding Namibia web application on your local computer.

**Requirements**

Before you start, ensure you have:

- [XAMPP](https://www.apachefriends.org/) installed (includes Apache & MySQL)

- A web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, etc.)

- The project folder (PHP, HTML, CSS, JS files)

- The SQL database file (e.g., `crowdfunding.sql`)

**Setup Instructions**

1. Install & Start XAMPP

1. Open XAMPP Control Panel.

2. Click Start on both:

- Apache (runs PHP)

-MySQL (runs database)

**2. Place the Project in the Correct Folder**

1. Locate your XAMPP htdocs folder:

- Usually: `C:\xampp\htdocs\`

2. Copy your project folder (e.g., `crowdfunding\_namibia`) into this `htdocs` directory.

**3. Import the Database**

1. Open your browser and go to: <http://localhost/phpmyadmin/>

Databases → Create a new database:

- Name it exactly as used in your project’s PHP config file (e.g., `crowdfunding`).

3. Select the new database.

4. Click Import→ Choose the provided `.sql` file (e.g., `crowdfunding.sql`) → Click Go.

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4. Configure Database Connection (If Needed)

1. Open the project folder in a text editor (e.g., Sublime Text).

2. Locate your database connection file (e.g., `config.php` or `db\_connect.php`).

3. Ensure the credentials match your setup:

```php

$servername = "localhost";

$username = "root";

$password = "";

$dbname = "crowdfunding";