

# REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**BUDGET STATEMENT  
VOTE 01: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR  
BY HON. CHRISTINE //HOEBES, MINISTER IN  
THE PRESIDENCY**

**19 APRIL 2021**

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Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members;

I rise to motivate and seek your support for the allocation of a total budget of N\$609 152 000-00 (Six Hundred and Nine Million, One Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand Namibian Dollars) in respect of Vote 01: Office of the President, for the 2021/2022 Financial Year.

The allocation consists of an Operational Budget of N\$554 286 000-00 (Five Hundred and Fifty Four Million, Two Hundred and Eighty Six Thousand Namibian Dollars) and a Development Budget of N\$54 866 000-00 (Fifty Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars). These figures represent an increase of N\$118 623 000-00 (One Hundred and Eighteen Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Three Namibian Dollars) compared to the N\$490 529 000-00 (Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Twenty Nine Thousand Namibian Dollars) allocation of 2020/2021 Financial Year.

The adverse economic impact experienced by our economy in recent years, was further compounded by the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic which not only threatened the lives of our people, but also a hurdle in our way to economic recovery. Government is employing programmes geared at combating the COVID-19 pandemic, economic recovery, service delivery and nation building.

On 18 March 2021, His Excellency President Hage G. Geingob launched the Second Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPPII), a deliberate, targeted plan aimed at accelerating the implementation of programmes in defined priority areas. As part of economic recovery initiatives under the HPPII, the Namibia Investment Promotion and Developed Board (NIPDB) was created, resorting directly under the Office of the President. The implementation of HPPII in general and the NIPDB in particular needs dedicated financial resources to ensure that the impact of economic headwinds are mitigated effectively.

This allocation will also enable Namibia to capitalise on the opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area to which Namibia is a signatory and has commenced on 1 January 2020.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members;

I am presenting this budget well aware of the need for us to prioritise our spending, do more with less and improve on service delivery to ensure that we get through this pandemic and other social and economic challenges on a positive trajectory.

Below is the breakdown of the allocations for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Financial Years:

### **VOTE 1: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Budget Estimates for 2020/2021 Financial Year was N\$490 529 000-00 which was allocated as follows:

#### **1. Office Of the President operations**

- 1.1. Operational budget was - N\$244 699 000-00
- 1.2. Development (There was no budget allocated towards this) - N\$0-00

#### **2. Namibia Central Intelligence Service (NCIS)**

- 2.1. Operational budget was N\$199 930 000-00
- 2.2. Development was N\$ 45 900 000-00

The execution rate for the 2020/2021 is recorded to be 99% 444 100 000 (Four Hundred and Forty Four Million One Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars) on Operational budget and 100% N\$45,900 000 (Forty Five Million Nine Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars) on Development budget.

The major cost drivers in the 2020/2021 were as follows:

1. Transfers of Commercial Councillors and Trade Attache's
2. Utilities (Water, Electricity, etc)
3. Maintenance
4. Covid -19 related goods and services
5. Transfers to Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board.

In terms of the new budget allocation for 2021/2022, the Office Of the President is allocated an amount of N\$609 152 000-00 (Six Hundred and Nine Million One Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand Namibian Dollars) which is an increase of N\$118 623 000-00 (One Hundred and Eighteen Million Six Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand Namibian Dollars) which represent 19% from the previous budget allocation of N\$490 529 000-00 for the last financial year 2020/2021.

The allocated budget of N\$609 152 000-00 for Financial year 2021/2022 breakdown is as follows:

(1) Operational	-	N\$554 286 000-00
(2) Development	-	<u>N\$ 54 866 000-00</u>
<b>Totalling</b>	-	<b><u>N\$609 152 000-00</u></b>

This budget is allocated to the five main divisions of the Office, namely:

**(a) Main Division 01 - Office of the President**

**Objective:**

To uphold and protect and defend the Constitution as Supreme Law of Namibia as well as to discharge the executive functions of Government, subject to the overriding terms of the Constitution and the Laws of Namibia, which President is constitutionally obligated to protect.

1. Operational	-	N\$84 143 000-00
2. Development-	<u>N\$</u>	<u>0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$84 143 000-00</u></b>

## **(b) Main Division 02 - Administration**

### **Objectives:**

- To support the Executive Branch of Government to act in national interest and uphold the President; and
- To ensure that the NCIS detects and identifies threat or potential threat to the security of Namibia and thereby contributing to the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the country.
- To provide advisory and administrative services and carry out executive assignments

The breakdown of the administration budget is as follows:

### **(a) Office Administration**

Operational	-	N\$57 412 000-00
Development-	<u>N\$</u>	<u>0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$57 412 000-00</u></b>

### **(b) NCIS**

Operational	-	N\$262 461 000-00
Development-	<u>N\$</u>	<u>54 866 000-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$317 327 000-00</u></b>

## **(c) Main Division 03 - Former Presidents' Office**

### **Objective:**

To ensure that the Offices of the Former Presidents are properly maintained and efficient and effective services are provided to such Offices.

Operational	-	N\$ 14 783 000-00
Development-	<u>N\$</u>	<u>0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$ 14 783 000-00</u></b>

**(d) Main Division 04 - Vice President's Office**

**Objective:**

To support the Executive Branch of Government to act in national interest and uphold the dignity of the Office of the President

Operational	-	N\$ 10 034 000-00
Development	-	<u>N\$ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$ 10 034 000-00</u></b>

**(e) Main Division 05 – Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board**

**Objective:**

The objective of this program is to increase the volume, value and range of Namibian goods and services that are exported as well as securing external markets and preferential market access conditions for local products in regional and global markets. To achieve an increase in number, value and nature of domestic and foreign direct investment in Namibia and to achieve, among others, enabling environment for investment, which involves having in place an appropriate legal and regulatory framework to boost entrepreneurship among the local population.

Operational	-	N\$ 125 453 000-00
Development	-	<u>N\$ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$ 125 453 000-00</u></b>

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members;

I call upon this august House to support the 2021/2022 budget allocation for Vote 01: Office of the President.

I thank you.