



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

**BUDGET MOTIVATION STATEMENT**

**Vote 027:**

**2021/2022**



**Presented by:**  
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**21 April 2020**

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee; Honourable Members,**

I have the honour to present our budget vote motivation. Firstly, allow me to express my sincere appreciation to the Minister of Finance, Hon. Ipumbu Shiimi, the Director General of the National Planning Commission, Hon. Obeth Kandjoze and the entire staff of these institutions, for their efforts in making this daunting task possible.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service is mandated to develop and empower the youth, and promote sport in all its facets. The proposed budget allocation for our Ministry in this financial year 2020/21, amounts to **TWO HUNDRED & SEVENTY EIGHT MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$278 750 000).**

This allocation represents **TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 263 321 000)** for the Operational Budget and **FIFTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 15 429 000)** for the Development Budget.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members**

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT**

**National Youth Policy:** The Ministry has reviewed the National Youth Policy II and developed the National Youth Policy III, through wide consultations with all stakeholders in order to ensure full representation of the wishes and expectations of the masses. The policy was approved by cabinet for implementation by all the key O/M/As.

**Namibia Youth Credit Scheme:** The Namibia Youth Credit Scheme has disbursed loans to 206 beneficiaries at an amount of N\$1,287,000.00.

### **121 Rural youth Enterprise:**

The Ministry of Sports, Youth and National Service in collaboration with the Development Bank of Namibia and the University of Namibia Small Business Development Centre (Oshakati Campus) has to date embarked and achieved the following:

- A tripartite agreement signed between the Ministry, UNAM and DBN resulting in the off-take process for the implementation of the 121 Rural Youth Enterprises programme.
- Capacity building of Youth Officers from all the 14 regions in Business Management, as well as an Elementary Mentorship training by UNAM and DBN
- Formulation of business plans by the youth with the assistance of UNAM Small Business Development Center (Oshakati)
- Development of 121 Rural Youth Constituencies Enterprises Operational Guidelines with the assistance of UNAM Small Business Development Center
- DBN business analysts trained by UNAM Small Business Development Center in facilitating Business Management Skills Training

**Youth Self Employment:** During the previous financial year, the ministry established three (3) agricultural projects namely; (Horticulture, Charcoal and Mushroom) as part of the Youth Self-Employment Projects contributing to the socio-economic development, creation of youth employment and poverty alleviation. The total employment created by the three projects is 183.

**Social Youth Empowerment Programs:** The Ministry has so far reached about 700 youth through different youth social empowerment interventions at our Multipurpose Youth Resource Centres and outreach programs.

**National Youth Council:** The Council managed to pursue significant achievements among others to hold all its Constituencies, Regional and its National Assemblies under the challenging times of Covid-19.

The Council is further expected to implement a number of youth employment agricultural projects in all the fourteen regions in order to economically empower the young people and their immediate communities provided availability of water.

## **SPORT DEVELOPMENT**

### **Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee; Honourable Members**

Sports impact on national development and on socio-economic has not yet been comprehended by most. Sport has the power to unit a nation and the power to stimulate the tourism (bringing in teams), cloth manufacturing (production of team wears), construction (provision of facilities), employment (professionalization) and agricultural sectors (production of food). Due to COVID-19 and drought being priorities of government, we found sport to be considered as the least priority of the nation.

The sport capital budget focus on the provision of facilities. To date the government has constructed over eleven (11) stadiums across the country. For this financial year we will be finalizing phase five (5) of the Eenhana Stadium, repair the damages tartan tracked of Independence Stadium and start working on the Nkurenkuru sport stadium. The given amount for capital projects is insufficient as a result the Ministry has been unable to maintain the constructed sport facilities under our care.

The current Sport Act and National Sport Policy is due for review to align to best practices and address challenges encountered during implementation. We are in the process of amending the Sport Act and the Namibia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Act as well as reviewing the 1995 National Sport Policy to be able to embrace new developments within the sport sector. The crafting on the Namibia Sport Development Index will require funding and this is an important activity as the index will assist to measure the contribution of sport on the socio-economic development of the country. In addition, the Ministry will be working towards the professionalization of sport with the anticipation that it will lead to employment and livelihood sustainability as advocated in the NDP5.

A healthy nation is a fit nation. As such the Ministry has started with the project of MASS SPORT PARTICIPATION were each region is expected to host sport activities. Equally, grants for national

sport federations have not been paid for some years, and we need to re-introduce this for the sake of development.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House committee, Hon. Members**

This is quite a busy year for sport. The following are the major international Games that Namibia will be participating in:

- 2020 TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES
- 2020 TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES
- T20 CRICKET WORLD CUP
- AUSC REGION 5 UNDER 20 YOUTH GAMES
- INDOOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP FEBRUARY 2022

From the above, the Ministry will need more funds for both preparation and actual participation.

COVID has made most of 2020 a dormant sport year. However, the International federations has decided that sport activities should resume irrespective of the pandemic. The GOVERNMENT STIMULIS PACKAGE didn't include sports which is a regrettable omission and we are working with the National Taskforce Committee to ensure a safe sport environment.

Lastly, the Ministry urgently need funds to establish the Namibia Anti-Doping Organization. Doping has become an integral part of sport competition and all countries have been instructed to establish their respective NADOs. This is quite a cumbersome task that requires crafting of legislation and creation of new institutions. To establish this institution the Ministry needs more or less **TWENTY TO THIRTY FIVE MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (20-35 million)** in order to be compliant with the World Anti-Doping Agency's mandate.

The above tasked are expected from the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service with sport provision for the FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members,** in summary, the 2021/22 budget allocation for our Ministry will go towards supporting the programmes of the Ministry as follows:

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Youth Directorate is allocated **ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTY NINE NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 159 215 349-00)** to cater for Youth programs and activities. The National Youth Service is allocated **SIXTY THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 63 415 990)** whereas National Youth Council is allocated **EIGHTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 18 113 275)**.

## **SPORTING PROMOTION**

Sport directorate is allocated **FOURTY FOUR MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 44 673 325)** to cater for Sports programs and the Namibia Sports Commission is allocated **NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 9 615 816)**.

## **SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

This program is allocated **SEVENTY FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 74 861 325)** to cater for the support services within the Ministry.

## **DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

The Ministry is allocated **FIFTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$15 429 000)**, towards continuation projects, namely the sewerage treatment plant at Frans Dimbare Rural Youth Development Centre, phase five (5) of the construction of Eenhana Sport Complex, the construction of Opuwo Multi-Purpose Youth Resource Centre and the Construction of Lüderitz Waterfront.

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee; Honourable Members,**

Namibia is undergoing a new dawn that reverberates across all sectors of our society. The Covid-19 pandemic has presented our country with serious challenges which we must overcome.

If we respond decisively and innovatively we could in actual fact advance the sport and youth agenda and use the lessons learnt during this time to implement accessible and sustainable programmes in the future.

It would be amiss if I don't remind this August House that our Ministry is the best vehicle for Nation building and attaining social cohesion and I humbly plead with this August House to consider increasing the ministerial ceiling to enable us to deliver our key strategic objectives

Let me commend my Deputy Minister, Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, the Executive Director and the entire staff members of the Ministry for their hard work, dedication and professionalism displayed during the difficult economic times we had to endure in the 2020/21 financial year.

In conclusion, our Ministry, despite these challenges, remains committed in delivering on its mandate and by doing so, contribute significantly to youth empowerment and towards the promotion of sport. We are reminded of the words of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26<sup>th</sup> US President, who said, **"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing"**

I therefore request the indulgence of the Honourable members to approve the amount of **TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 278 750 000).**

I Thank You.