

**VOTE 27:  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH, NATIONAL SERVICE, SPORT AND  
CULTURE**



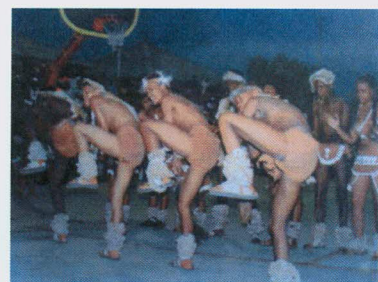
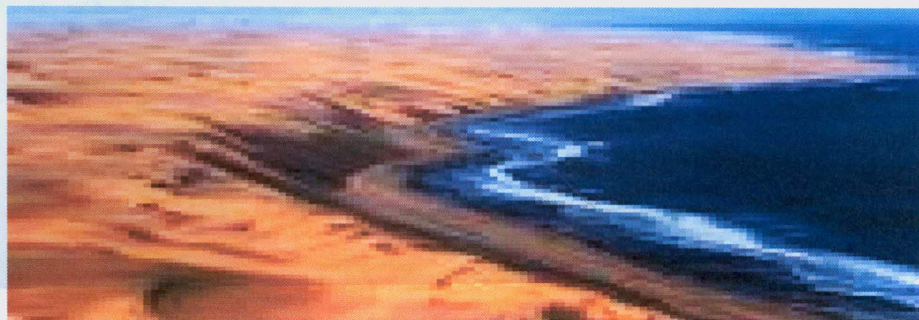
**BUDGET MOTIVATION SPEECH 2014/2015**

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***Vision:***

***To build a Namibian identity through a creative, proud and active people***



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

**Honourable Members,**

It is my distinct honour to present to this August House, the budget request for Vote 27: Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture for the Financial Year 2014/2015.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

From the onset allow me to join others in congratulating Honourable Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Minister of Finance, the Director General of the National Planning Commission and the staff of these institutions, for having managed to allocate resources to my Ministry.

The mandate of my Ministry is to develop and empower the youth and promote sport, culture and arts.

The proposed budget request for my Ministry this financial year 2014/2015, amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$709 245 000.00).**

This amount represents:

**SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 628 845 000.00)** for the Operational Budget; and

**EIGHTY MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 80 400 000.00)** for the Development Budget.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

The Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture wholeheartedly agree with the statement by the Minister of Finance that none of us should sleep peacefully until every Namibian is able to say “I can see a better future. I can find a job. I can learn a skill. Hard work will enable me and my family to have food and shelter. If I do my best at school and university, it will provide me with a better future and new opportunities.” The Minister of Finance placed greater emphasis on job creation, poverty reduction and improved income equality, and our Ministry agrees that all these can be achieved through sustainable economic growth- ‘Doing More with Less’.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

My Ministry has finalised its five (5) year Strategic Plan for the years 2013 to 2017. This plan is used as a guidance to ensure that the Ministry achieve its set objective and deliverables namely: *To empower the youth, Promote a Sporting Lifestyle; and Promote Arts and Heritage*

My Ministry is proud to announce that as part of the strategic initiatives, a contract has been awarded in February 2014 for a Virtual Private Network (VPN) linking all Regional Offices to the Head Office and allowing greater access of data and services to our customers and general public.

Furthermore, my Ministry is in the process of constructing a state of the art Youth, Arts, Culture and Sport Village which include the Head Quarters of the Ministry, at Plot 9109, Katutura Youth Complex which will commence during the 2014/2015 financial Year. These buildings will be environmentally friendly/going green meaning solar geysers and solar panels will be installed to partly generate electricity requirements for the building. The feasibility studies and documentation has been successfully completed in 2013. Phase 1 will consists of the boundary wall, re-routing of services and a guard house.

Honourable Members, Youth constitute a big part of the Namibian population, they are today's leaders, and thus it is critical to empower them. My Ministry is continuously investing in youth skills development for the betterment of their future.

My Ministry managed to train over eight hundred (**800**) youth in Office administration, plumbing and pipefitting, metal fabrication, joinery and carpentry, brick making, tailoring and dressmaking, agriculture and crop production, handcraft and jewellery making during the 2013/14 financial year at basic and levels 1 and 2, through skills training institutions at Kai//kanaxab in Hardap Region, Berg Aukas and Rietfontein in Otjozondjupa Region. Honourable Members, three hundred and fifty (**350**) trainees at Berg Aukas Rural Youth Development Centre; One hundred and twenty (**120**) trainees at Kai//Ganaxab Youth Skills Training Centre and thirty six (**36**) trainees at Okahao Youth Skills

Training Centre graduated in 2013, while a similar number have been enrolled to start the current academic year 2014. My Ministry is in the process of getting accreditation from the Namibia Qualification Authority (NQA) for all courses offered at our Youth Skills Training centres.

In addition Eighteen (18) students graduated from three (3) different Polytechnics in Zimbabwe with National Certificates in various Trades including Electrical Power Engineering, Diesel Plant Fitting, Motor Vehicle Mechanics and Electrical Engineering.

Twenty six (26) students successfully completed N6 Certificate from Tshwane South College in South Africa in electrical engineering and instrumentation. My Ministry facilitated the recruitment of Sixty (60) Children of the Liberation Struggle and other Vulnerable Youth at the Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) at its centres in Tsumeb, Arandis and Keetmanshoop for vocational skills training for the academic year 2014.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

The Namibia Youth Credit Scheme (NYCS) aims at creating an environment under which the youth entrepreneurs can be empowered with skills and financial resources to contribute to the country's socio-economic development. Furthermore nine hundred and seventy seven (977) unemployed youth received training on how to "*start and improve*

*your business*” and are due to receive their first loans from the Namibian Youth Credit Scheme during the 2014/2015 financial year.

Honourable Members, my Ministry offered psycho-social support to seventy seven (77) young offenders in conflict with the law in Oshana, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Omusati and Khomas regions respectively. Thereafter they were referred back to Court for assessment and possible release.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

A strong national identity can be forged through outstanding achievements in the sports arena. Celebrations of success help bring the people together, and create stronger bonds. Namibian athletes continued with their excellent showing at international sporting events. The likes of Johannes Nambala, Johanna Benson and others again managed to bring home six (6) medals during the International Paralympics Championship in Lyon, France during July 2013. Currently we have five (5) Athletes and one (1) coach in Jamaica undergoing extensive training and conditioning in preparation for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The boxing code continued to be the best performing sporting code in Namibia as Namibia consolidates its standing in Africa by having five (5) continental championships.

Monetary contributions were made to two (2) athletes; one pursuing tennis in the United States of America and the other netball in the United Kingdom respectively. In football, the Brave Warriors managed to hold the African Champion, the Super Eagles of Nigeria to a stalemate at the Independence Stadium in Namibia.

Through Cabinet, Namibia has been granted the right to hosts the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Women Championship during 8 - 22 October 2014. Preparations to ensure that the minimum criteria are met by the hosting stadiums are in full swing. Other related activities such as smaller renovations at the stadium, setting up the various centres, and preparations for opening and closing ceremonies are underway. Also, to ensure that the Women National Football Team is competitive, preparations have already started and various games have been held. The Namibian Homeless Soccer team participated in the World Cup and performed well. Namibia has been identified to host the 2016 Edition of this competition because of the previous achievements of our team.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

My Ministry will embark upon the upgrading of the Oshakati Independence Stadium with an artificial turf during the 2014/2015 financial year. Furthermore progress has been made in training of human resources in sport, in areas such as; administrators, coaches, referees, and medics.

The Namibian Sport Commission (NSC) will be hosting a National Sports Conference on the 23<sup>rd</sup> until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. I cannot over-emphasise the contribution that sports plays in addressing social-economic challenges in the country and hosting this important conference will enable us to assess the state of sport in Namibia over the past twenty-three (23) years.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

Preserving and promoting arts and heritage goes a long way in creating a sense of pride amongst the people. Namibia is home to vibrant cities where people are excited about the future, while remaining deeply connected to their rich cultural roots. Namibia boasts a stable, democratic government and infrastructure that allows guests to move safely and confidently in this beautiful land of the brave.

In order to boost cultural tourism the Namibia Sand Sea was declared a World Heritage Site on 21 June 2013. Namibia also hosted the annual board meeting of the African World Heritage Fund in December 2013, which was established in 2006 to promote the inscription and management of world heritage sites in Africa and to which Namibia is a member. The Omugulugwombashe National Heritage Site was upgraded and inaugurated on 26 August 2013.

My Ministry to date repatriated 55 human remains, 14 from Freiburg University in Freiburg and 41 from the Charité University in Berlin. As the search for and the process of research into provenance of anatomical collections in German institutions is ongoing, we look forward, with anticipation, for the repatriation of more human remains from the Federal Republic of Germany to Namibia in the future; a process that is necessary to bring some measure of closure to the repulsive events of our early recorded history of resistance.



*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

To celebrate and educate our people on our cultural diversity a comprehensive exhibition on the BaTswana people of Namibia was opened in the Owela Museum in Windhoek. The Independence Memorial Museum was completed and is envisaged to be inaugurated during March 2014. These museum exhibitions celebrate and promote public awareness of Namibia's diverse cultures and long history of resistance of colonial rule.

With the view to promote Namibia as a preferred tourist destination, my ministry continued to aggressively look for international partnerships. A bilateral agreement with the Portuguese government was concluded in May 2013 to facilitate the on-going investigation into the world-renowned Oranjemund Shipwreck, the oldest shipwreck yet discovered from the early expansion of global maritime trade.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

Namibia is truly unique country where the influences of its various cultures are celebrated. What has emerged is a true sense of unity in diversity – the coming together of at least eleven (11) Namibian major ethnic groups, each celebrating their past while working together towards the future. At national events this can be notice in dress, language, art, music, and food. However in order to foster a greater National Identity my Ministry established a National Performing Troupe. The idea behind this is to establish a

performing troupe which transcends the ethnic groupings that has become prevalent in our cultures and will be well versed in all Namibian traditional dance forms and will be used as the representing body in terms of national and international platforms. This is to replace the existing tribal fragmented dance forms with a common cultural identity.

Through the National Arts Council of Namibia, financial assistance reached various artists, art institutions through grants aimed at artistic pursuits. Fifty six (56) scholarships were granted for tertiary education in arts related fields. Over two hundred (200) Namibian visual and performing artists were supported to participate abroad in festivals and exhibitions.

The College of the Arts staged its Annual Dance Show, Ballet Bonanza, Music Academy, Baroque Festival, Concerto Festival, Student Arts Exhibition, COTA Fashion show and hosted various workshops countrywide through its National Extension Programme.

Arts in schools has been neglected for many years and this has disadvantaged creative youth who could make a living out of arts in various careers, such as architecture, graphic, fashion, landscape as well as interior design, to name a few. My Ministry has completed phase 1 of the identification of schools that qualify for assistance through a nation-wide survey of which an overwhelming response of over three hundred (300) schools country wide was received

and the qualifying schools stand to gain from material support during the 2014/2015 financial year.

My Ministry also embarked on a scheme to empower the local artists by purchasing art work from them to be displayed in government premises, known as 'Art Inside'.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

My Ministry managed to successfully complete the following Capital Projects during 2013/2014 financial year:

- **Construction of Omuthiya MultiPurpose Culture Centre:** phase 2 which consist of an Administration block and conference hall was completed in June 2013.
- **Construction of Kai//Ganaxab Youth Skills Training Centre:** phase 1 which consists of 4 Hostel blocks and a kitchen were completed by the end of February 2014.
- **Construction of Henties Bay Training Centre:** was completed in 2013/2014 financial year under National Youth Service (NYS)
- **Construction of Nahas Angula Further Training College at Rietfontein** was completed and will be handed over by the Chinese Government to the Namibia Government in 2014.

- **Renovation, Alterations and Additions to National Youth Service Head Office** was completed at the end of February 2014.
- **Eenhana Sport Complex Pavilion** was completed in August 2013.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of my Ministry, the Acting Permanent Secretary, the Management and the entire staff members for their valuable contributions made to this budget motivation speech.

**In Conclusion, Honourable Members,** my Ministry is contributing significantly to the building of a strong Namibian nation and identity through Sports, Arts and Culture, and also through a higher level of youth engagement and therefore an amount of **SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$709 245 000.00)** is sought for the 2014/2015 Financial Year in order to fulfil our mandate.

**I Thank You,**

