

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



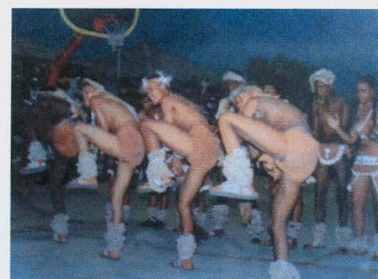
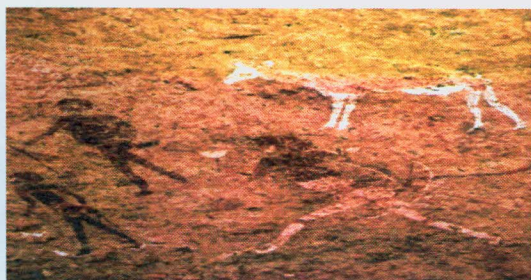
BUDGET MOTIVATION SPEECH 2014/2015

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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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 excess 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.

