



**MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**VOTE 06 POLICE**

**2013/2014 MOTIVATION OF VOTE 06**

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**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members,**

I stand here today to present Vote 06 of the Department of Police of the Ministry of Safety and Security.

Before I proceed further, allow me to thank the Honourable Minister of Finance, Comrade Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila and her entire team for a well crafted budget that among others addresses, infrastructural development, job creation as well as economic growth of our country. That is an achievement on her part which deserves applause from all of us in this August House.

Vote 06 takes root from Article 118 as per the second amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, which calls for the establishment of the Namibian Police Force, with its prescribed powers by the Police Act of 1990, (Act 19 of 1990) as amended. The powers and functions of the Force are the preservation of internal security of Namibia, maintenance of law and order, investigation of any offence or alleged offence, prevention of crime and protection of life and property. It is satisfying that Namibia has just celebrated her twenty three years of independence last month. Thus, thanks to the men and women in uniform for having maintained law and order all those years. Peace and stability we enjoyed since the attainment of our Nationhood on March 21, 1990 is really an indicative that the Namibian Police Force has grown into a Force to reckon with.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members,**



In order to effectively execute its mandate, as enshrined in Article 118 of the Namibian Constitution, the Namibian Police Force has identified five (5) broad budget programmes according to which it plans to attain its stated objectives. These programmes have been developed along the country's long and medium term development goals; namely Vision 2030 and NDP 4, with a view to ensuring an environment conducive for economic development, internal security and peaceful coexistence for our people.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members,**

Allow me now to spell out in detail the composition of the five programmes which I have referred to as being the core activities during the 2013/2014 financial year.

### **1. Combating of crime Programme**

The main purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce the level of crime in the country in order to provide for a safe and conducive environment for economic development, attract investors and guarantee law and order for all people in the country. Furthermore, under this activity, the Force will be able to engage a number of other stakeholders in the fight against crime that will include government institutions, non-governmental organisations, civil society and regional and international organisations. On the same score, the activity will facilitate the participation and cooperation on international, regional and bilateral Police exercises as entered into by the Force with International Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO). It will be still under this program that intelligence on criminal activities are collected,

detected and investigations of crime are carried out and at the same time ensuring that accused persons and witnesses are brought to courts.

In a nutshell, Combating of Crime Program forms the main part of the activities of the Department of Police.

**An amount of two billion, five hundred and ninety two million, and one hundred and seventy six thousand is required for this programme (2 592 176 000). In addition, an amount of four hundred and sixty million and one hundred and one thousand Namibia Dollars is set aside for the Development Capitals (460 101 000). An annexure in this regard is attached.**

## **2. VIPs Protection Programme**

The central purpose of this program is to render protection to national and visiting foreign Very Important Persons (VIPs) and at the same time provides security at their residences and offices. The programme will also cater for foreign mission and national visits by our national leaders in the country and abroad.

**An amount of three hundred and twenty one million, six hundred and sixty five thousand is required for this programme (321 665 000).**

## **3. Training and Development Programme**

This program is aimed at improving Police service delivery by providing quality education, professional training and career development through basic training, advanced, specialised training and staff development. It is always incumbent upon any institution that has a desire to stay upfront in service delivery to engage continuously in the academic progression of its staff compliment. Under this programme the Force intends to train six hundred detectives in both basic and advance courses during 2013/2014 and



2015/2016 financial years. The intervention will provide for 50% in every financial years and will translates into 1243 trained detectives after the consecutive financial years.

**An amount of ninety one million, three hundred and seven is required to achieve the objectives of the programme (91 307 000).**

#### **4. Forensic Services Programme**

This program centres on providing services to multi- disciplinary scientific entities that may require scientific solutions to crime related problems at hand. It covers a range of genetics complex, scientific skills like human, documents examination, analytical chemistry, explosives analysis, blood analysis etc. The National Forensic Science Institute is the custodian of the aforesaid activities and its service is essential in crime analyses, hence it needs adequate resources in order to provide answers among other complex murder and rape cases.

**An amount of twenty million, two hundred and two thousand has been allocated to this programme during this financial year (20 202 000).**

#### **5. Supervision and Support Services Programme**

It is under this program where the social factors that contribute to members' condition of service, social welfare, public relations, policy formulation, financial obligations, logistical and infrastructural management are catered for. It is under this programme, salaries and other allowances for the members are taken care of.

**An amount of two hundred and two million and seventy three thousand is required to meet the set objectives of this programme.(202 073 000)**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,**

**Honourable Members,**

Permit me now to give a brief account of crime prevalence in the country. Though we have been privileged to enjoy peace and stability and rule of law, there are worrisome trends posed by incidences of murder, theft, robbery, domestic violence, drug trafficking, rape, fraud, cyber crime just to mention a few. The commission of such crimes do not only bring fear amidst our law abiding citizens but also create an unfavourable situation for investors who may perceive our environment not to be conducive for the investment of their money.

Therefore, the solution lies with all of us. My humble appeal goes to church leaders, traditional authorities, school principals as well as to you Honourable Members of this August House, to assist law enforcers in curbing the occurrence and commissioning of crimes in our society. Your daily engagement with congregation of your respective denominations, villagers, students and electorates should always serve as avenues for creating awareness for the rule of law and good behaviours amongst your subjects.

My call should not be construed to be a failure on the part of the Police to arrest the situation, but rather as shared responsibilities among the general public of our country towards the maintenance of law and order and combating of evil deeds in our society. My concern is mainly on the domestic violence which is carried out within the confines of our houses, because it is only possible for the Police to intervene if members of the public relay the information to them that in a given house/or school there exist a problem of domestic violence. Therefore, the onus is upon all of us to bring to an end the scourge of senseless killings of mothers, daughters, children and sisters by some men who turned themselves into killing machines.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;**



**Honourable Members,**

Namibia continues to maintain excellent cooperation with all its neighbouring countries. It goes without saying that without the ongoing mutual assistance, understanding and cooperation, it would be very difficult if not impossible to fight crime, especially cross border and transnational organized crime. The country maintains Joint Permanent Commissions on Defence and Security with Angola, Botswana, South-Africa and Zambia. All security related threats are openly discussed and joint programmes of actions are designed during these meetings at Ministerial level.

This cooperation with the neighbouring states is further consolidated through Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organs on Security and Defence; hence, Namibia remains a member of SADC Standby Force Brigade.

In support of the International Community's efforts in maintaining peace, stability, and economic development around the globe, Namibia as a signatory to the United Nations Charter has participated in a number of Peace/Keeping Support Operations, under the auspices of the United Nations and/or African Union, by sending individual Police officers for deployments, since the year 2000.

Currently, the Namibian Police Force has eleven officers serving in places such as; South Sudan, Liberia, Italy and at United Nations, New York.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members,**

Although, the Namibian Police Force has succeeded to curb some incidences of crime in the country it did so with inadequate resources allocated to it

through the national budget. Every financial year the full amount of money requested by the Police was never considered, thus made the planned Police operations unattainable.

The last financial year saw the Police diverting money from capital projects to cover 8% salary increments, in essence, the Police are underfunded. I sincerely wish to urge the Finance Ministry to reconsider prioritizing the Department of Police in budgetary allocation in future.

If one looks at the accommodation of most of Police officers country-wide it is deplorable to say the least. We have officers squatting in shacks together with people whom they might have arrested/apprehended at a given time for committing various crimes; as a result their (officers) lives are at risk. I am sure some of you, Honourable Members pondered as to **Why**, I have to bring this issue before this House, and the point of the matter is that, salaries of Police officers are low. Thus, leave them with no any alternative but to squat wherever they find a cheaper place to rent/occupy.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members**

I sincerely thank both the Office of the Right Honourable Prime of the Republic of Namibia and the Ministry of Finance for sanctioning the implementation of salary adjustments for the lower ranks of the Namibian Police Force members during this financial year. The move will greatly assist lower categories to cushion the effects of inflation and high costs of living. In addition, the implementation of the salary adjustments will also serve as a



way to minimize staff turnover that the Namibian Police Force has been experiencing over the years.

Therefore, the Namibian Police Force deserves our collective national support. The unequivocal demonstration of such support by this August House will undoubtedly motivate the entire nation to rally behind the police, which is a prerequisite in our national endeavours to reduce the rising level of crime, allay the fear of crime and maintain peace and stability.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members,**

The Namibian Police Force has budgeted to recruit at least one thousand (1000) new intakes every year, whilst taking into consideration the balanced restructuring of the Force in the context of gender and regional representation. However, due to budgetary constraint this financial year the recruitment has been halted.

The allocation of sufficient financial and human resources to the Police will therefore, guarantee the sustainability of the pillars of our cherished democracy that we are all obliged to jealously guard, defend and protect. This on the other hand, will enhance the competitiveness of our country in areas of economic development within the context of SADC, African Continent and Globally.

The total allocation of this Vote is **three billion, two hundred and twenty seven million, four hundred and twenty three thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$3 227 423.000).**

**SUMMARY**

In summary, I am submitting to the August House, to approve the budget allocation for Vote 06 for the following programmes and amounts:

<b>Programmes for Vote 06</b>	<b>Amount per Programme</b>
Combating of Crime	2 132 075 000
VIP's Protection	321 665 000
Training and Development	91 307 000
Forensic Science Services	20 202 000
Supervision and Support Services	202 073 000
Development Capital	460 101 000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3 227 423 000</b>

I now humbly submit this to you, Honourable Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Whole House Committee and to all Honourable Members for your kind consideration and final approval.

**I THANK YOU!**



## PROGRESS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS DURING 2012/2013 FINANCIAL YEAR: NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE

REGION	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT	PROGRESS (%)
CAPRIVI	Kongola Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells and accommodation	70%
	Katima Mulilo Police station	Upgrading of roof phase 2	100%
	Special Branch facilities	Upgrading of offices and house	95%
	Kautonyana Base	Construction of 4 x classes with ablution facility	100%
	Kasika Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Ngoma Border Post	Construction of prefab of accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Schuckmannburgh	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
ERONGO	Swakopmund Police Station	Renovate of barracks	100%
		Upgrading of offices and cells blocks	50%
	Walvis Bay Police Station	Renovation of barracks	80%
	Drug Law Enforcement offices	Upgrading of offices	100%
	Karibib Police	Renovation of 2 x houses	95%
HARDAP	Schlip Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells & Accommodation	100%
	Kalkrand Police Station	Construction of 1 x 20 men single quarters	100%
	Derm Police Station	Upgrading of Police Station	100%
	Derm Police Station	Upgrading of Cells blocks and Barracks	95%
	Aranos Police Station	Construction of 1 x 15 members barracks	100%
	Aranos Police Station	Renovation of 1 x house	80%
	Mariental Police Station	Construction of 1 x 13 members barracks	100%
	Deputy Regional Commander	Renovation of Deputy Regional Commander house	80%
KARAS	Regional Commander house	Renovation of the Regional Commander house	100%

	Karasburg Police Station	Construction of cell block and fuel tank installation	100%
	Aroab Police Station	Installation of Fuel Tanks	40%
	Köes Police Station	Installation of Fuel Tanks	40%
KAVANGO	Divundu Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells and accommodation	75%
	Divundu Check Point	Construction 2 x 16 members barracks	95%
	Katwitwi Border Post	Prefab accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	95%
	Rundu Police Station	Upgrading of Police Station	95%
	Kahenge Police Station	Installation of Fuel Tanks	75%
KHOMAS	Kapps Farm Road Traffic Check Points	Construction of Road Block	100%
	VIPPD Bravo Base(prefabs)	4 x 20 members barracks (2 prefab and 2 conventional)	95%
	Renovation of Houses	Renovation of 20 x houses at Okuryangava and Khomasdal	50%
	Special Reserve Force Base Brakwater (prefabs)	Construction of 1 x 20 members prefabs accommodation	65%
	Namibian Police Garage	Upgrading of the garage	80%
	Israel Patrick Iyambo Police College	Renovation of accommodation block A	100%
	Prefabs Accommodation for SFF installation Sub-division	Construction of prefabs 30 x members barracks	100%
	Helicopter Hangar, Windhoek	Construction of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hangar	100%
	Acquisition of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Helicopter	Acquisition of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Helicopter	100%
KUNENE	Kamanjab Police Station	Construction of Cells blocks	85%
		Installation of Fuel Tanks	95%
	Werda Police Station	Installation of Fuel Tanks	95%
	Opuwo Police Station	Construction of 2 x 20 members barracks	80%
		Constructions of Dog Kennels	100%
		Upgrading of Regional Commander house	100%
	Khorixas Police Station	Upgrading of Police Station	60%
	Epupa Falls Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Onungurura Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%



	Otjimuhaka Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Ehomba Police Station	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
OHANGWENA	Oshikango Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells & Accommodation	100%
	Onamunama Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	100%
	Omundaungilo Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	90%
	Ongenga Police Station	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	100%
OMAHEKE	Gobabis Police Station	Construction of 1 x 20 members barracks	85%
		Upgrading of Cell block	60%
	Trans-kalahari Police Station	Construction of 1 x 20 members barracks	70%
	Eiseb Blok Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cell block and Accommodation	45%
	Leonardvilley Police Station	Installation of Fuel Tanks	40%
	Pius Joseph Kaundu Training Centre	Construction of Computer Lab, Construction of staff members barracks (block A and B) and paving of parade ground	100%
OMUSATI	Ogongo Police Station	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	100%
	Okapalelona Border Post	Construction Police Station and Accommodation	100%
	Oshifo Police Station	Construction of Police Station and Cell Block	50%
	Onandjamba Police Station	Construction of Police Station and Cell Block	75%
	Onaanda Police Station	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Uutsathima Police Station	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	65%
	Tsandi Police Station	Construction of prefab accommodation	65%

OSHANA	Oshakati Police Station	Upgrading of Cell blocks	60%
	Ongwediva Police Station	Upgrading of offices and Pol 7	45%
	Ruben Danger Ashipala Training Centre	Renovation kitchen and Canteen	100%
	Ondangwa Police Station	Upgrading of Police Station	45%
	Oshakati Hangar	Upgrading of Hangar	45%
OSHIKOTO	Oshivelo Police Station	Upgrading of Cell Block	75%
		Construction of barracks	100%
		Renovation of station Commander house	100%
		Construction of 2 x houses	65%
	Tsumeb	Renovation of RCIC house	100%
OTJOZONDJUPA	Otjituuo Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells & Accommodation	85%
	Coblenz Police Station	Construction of Police Station	100%
		Construction of Cell Block, Barracks and 2 houses	55%
	Okamatapati Police Station	Construction of Police Station, Cells Block and 1 x 15 members barracks	100%
	Okakarara Police Station	Construction of 1 x barracks and unit commander house	75%
		Upgrading of Police Station	95%
	Ndove Border Post	Construction of prefab of charge office, accommodation, kitchen and ablution facility	95%
	Otjiwarongo Police Station	Convert Mortuary to CID offices	100%
	Grootfontein	Convert Old Hospital to Barracks phase 2	75%
	Kalkfeld Police Station	Upgrading of Cell Blocks	45%