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Budget Speech 2014 By

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Hon: Speaker, Hon: Member of this August house good after to you all. I am happy to see you all setting in this Chamber anger to listern to my budget contribution 2014.

Hon: Speaker, Sir allow me Hon: Speaker to thank you personally very much for giving me an opportunity to contribute to National Budget as presented by Hon: Saara Kuugongelwa- Amadhila, Minister of Finance.

Hon: Speaker, This year's budget is not different from the last 23 years budgets, written in perfect English language, read by Western Educated Techno crate good for the have's and nothing for the have not's. On page 3 of the Hon: Minister budget speech she said and I repeat what she said in February 2013 I asked this August House for support to implement the Annual Budget under the theme of "Growing the Economy, Optimising Development out comes to day I am glad to report that we have made good progress to achieve the outcomes anticipated under the budget.

Last year's policy stance was indispensible, given the tremendous challenges that we faced particularly in the areas of employment creation and poverty reduction; 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.

Then she said, but in reality, we know too well that Namibia is still grappling with glaring social and structural economic challenges include, but not limited to.

- 1. A jobless growth trajectory, with lopsided distribution of income and resources ownership
- 2. Substantial skills deficit and a narrow economic base with primary commodities serving as the engine of export led growth.

- 3. Law Human Development Index
- 4. Moral decay wish manifest itself in, among others, increasing violence against vulnerable members of our society.

Hon: Speaker, Hon: Members all this issue or challenges mentioned above are all men made. This are all, result of lack of clear priorities and political will from SWAPO led Government from last year budget the following Ministries return capital budget money to treasurer according to accountability report 2013.

- 1. Ministry of Gender and Child Welfare received N\$ 71.7 million, spend N\$ 42.3 million
- 2. Ministry of Finance spend N\$ 57 million, received N\$ 79.3 million
- 3. Ministry of Agriculture , Water and Forestry received N\$ 1.03 billion, spend 696.5 million
- 4. Ministry of Health and Social Service received N\$ 438.5 million, spend N\$ 306.8 million
- 5. Ministry of Works and Transport received N\$ 59.5 million spend N\$ 37.9 million

Hon: Speaker, Hon: member our Government led by SWAPO party is always quick to send in the police to destroy poor people houses during the rainy or winter time, exposed women and children to mother nature, yet the Ministries responsible for social services and Gender and Child Welfare return money to treasury

Communities, Trade Union and traditional communities are on the streets demonstrating against lack of services, yet money, these Hon: Chamber approved to be spend to easier the pains of the poor communities is being return to treasury.

Disconnection of water to poor communities has become order of the day while this Hon: Chamber approved a motion by NUDO MP Hon: A.R.Tjihuiko that no God creature should be denied access to water yet Government is still cutting water to poor communities a practice which is totally against the law. Our poor communities are still subjected to bucked toilets across the country while fund were budgeted for that purpose. Misused by politically well connected. Individuals with immunity No action well ever be taken against them.

Youth Empowerment

Hon: Speaker, Hon: member please excuses my ignorant on the topic of youth empowerment. As I was going through the budget documents I did not see any specific programme earmark for the youth empowerment.

A lot has been said about, youth unemployment, youth alcohol and drug abuse problem, youth pregnancy and youth passion killing but Hon: Speaker, going through this year budget I have not come across any budgeted, programme to address young people's problems.

Hon: Speaker, if I'm right in my observation then cabinet through this budget has intentionally ignored young people concerns and their plight for better education, access to study loans, employment opportunities and the fight against HIV/ AIDS young people should not be needed when we are campaigning for seats in the Chamber, then forgotten when the cake is being shared is wrong.

Before I conclude, Hon: Speaker, led me touch on the much talked about 50/50 women, men representation Hon: Speaker, this process is very much quite on the youth. I would therefore, wish to make it clear, that best system is to have 50/50 equal representation but be received for the youth e.g (1) 18 women

- (2) 18 young women
- (3) 18 men
- (4) 18 young men

72 seats

If we are serious about equal representation led us all go for a system like this one. I want to know who support this.

Thanks Hon: Speaker

I rest my case.

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