



Republic of Namibia

# MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE



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## BUDGET MOTIVATION STATEMENT

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*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

*Honourable Members,*

Allow me to join others in congratulating Honourable Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Economic Planning and Director General of the National Planning Commission, Hon. Moses Kandjoze and the staff of these institutions, for having made an impossible task possible. The economic challenges our country is going through, requires us to take tough decisions that sometimes look very unpopular but necessary.

*Honourable Members*

Our Ministry has been mandated to develop and empower the youth and promote sport in all its facets.

The proposed allocated budget for our Ministry in this financial year 2018/19, amounts to **TWO HUNDRED & EIGHTY EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS ONLY (N\$288 287 000.00)**, which represents a drastic reduction of 67.1% in comparison with the 2017/18 allocation of **FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY NINE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 429 524 000)**.

This allocation represents:

**TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 262 573 000.00)** for the Operational Budget and **TWENTY FIVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 25 714 000.00)** for the Development Budget.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

*Honourable Members*

My predecessor, during his address to this August House during 2017/2018 while motivating the allocation to this Ministry, made reference to doing more with less. In this year's motivation, I want to clearly state here that there has been a steady decline with steep cuts to budget allocation to this Ministry, both on the operational and development components to such an extent that we can hardly execute our mandate. This has really created serious challenges to both the Youth and Sporting community in our country.

The Ministry is perceived as not fully delivering on its mandate and failing to bring about creative youth programmes and growth of sport in our country. However, we believe as a Ministry, that we can create hope for a better future for our youth through sport promotion as an enabler, and youth development to contribute to the reduction of youth unemployment and alleviation of poverty.

*Honourable Members;*

The Ministerial Strategic Plan of 2017-2022, is aligned to the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) and the NDP 5. This plan serves as a guide to ensure that the Ministry achieves its set objective and deliverables namely: *To Develop and Empower Youth and Promote Sport at all levels*. In order for the plan to be successfully implemented, adequate resources are required.

*Honourable Members;*

After the 2017/2018 Mid-Term Review our Ministry's Development Budget was reduced from **THIRTY SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND FOURTY FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$37 544 000-00)** to **TWENTY ONE**

**MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$21 121 000-00).**

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

*Honourable Members,*

**With regards to Youth Development,**

Youth constitute a big part of the Namibian population and are in fact current and future leaders and it is therefore critical to empower them. Our Ministry is continuously investing in youth skills development for the betterment of their future. However, inadequate funding is an impediment to be responsive to the needs of the youth holistically.

Despite the prevailing economic challenges, the Youth Development Directorate in collaboration with the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) achieved the following during the 2017/2018 financial year:

Our skills training centres produced two hundred and thirty-five (235) youth graduates from the semester courses, while two hundred and sixty (260) youth graduated from the one (1) year skills training programmes at the various centres.

Honourable Members, allow me to share with you that seven hundred and ninety-three (793) Children of the Liberation Struggle (CLS) completed civic and skills training at Berg Aukas Rural Youth Development Centre, at Simon Mutumba Police Training College and at the Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT). Of the total referred to above, seven hundred and thirty-two (732) are employed in various O/M/As.

Currently, two hundred and ninety-nine (299) CLS who commenced training at Berg Aukas during February 2018 are undergoing civic training and they will proceed to skills training upon completion of the civic training.

The Ministry has a Database System in place that captures data on registered CLS, including training received and employment offered. The Ministry intends to expand the database on its functionality in capturing information on general youth.

With reference to establishment of the 121 Rural Youth Enterprises in terms of the Harambee Prosperity Plan, the following six (6) constituency based youth enterprises received **THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NAMIBIA DOLLARS** (N\$362 950.00) from the Ministry: Ruacana, Opuwo, Daures, Tsumkwe, Mariental Urban and Eenhana.

Furthermore, we are pleased to report that a concept note and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a joint initiative between our Ministry and Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation to transform and expand Kai//Ganaxab Youth Skills Training Centre into a fully-fledged vocational education and training centre was developed. Upon the signing of the MOU, the construction and transformation of the centre will commence.

*Honourable Members,*

Further achievements include vocational training at Rietfontein Training Center, where six hundred and sixty-nine (669) trainees enrolled in various vocational occupational trades at various levels under the National Youth Service of Namibia (NYS).

Through the NYS/NTA Service Level Agreement, NYS sustained the operations of the Training Centre while the Namibia Training Authority (NTA) covered training related expenses.

NYS further offered Heavy Duty and Heavy Plant Operator Short Courses, where one hundred and sixty four (164) trainees were awarded operating licenses. The NTA conducted National External Assessments and four hundred and forty three (443) trainees were assessed in various trades with an overall pass rate of 79%.

Youth undergoing training at NYS training centres commit to Voluntary Community Service as a means of instilling patriotism, nationhood and pride. One hundred and sixteen (116) trainees rendered voluntary services at both the Walvis Bay and Lüderitz Ports resorting under NAMPORT.

The NYS through the National Youth Service Act, Act No. 6 of 2005 provides for income generating activities through the sale of livestock. The income generated supplements the government's subsidy and it amounted to **NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ONE NAMIBIA DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (N\$989 951-25)**.

NYS furthermore completed the Water Supply and Reticulation System at Rietfontein Training Centre. Additionally, the unveiling of the construction of Phase II of the Nahas Angula Training College at Rietfontein Training Centre took place and the contractors are on-site.

*Honourable Members of this August House,*

The NYS assisted in securing employment for one hundred and ninety-six (196) graduates in both Public and Private sector.

NYS further facilitated the employment of thirty-six (36) graduates who are employed as drivers by the Global Fund under the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Furthermore, fifty (50) NYS graduates were recruited for the construction project of the road from Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport. Fifteen (15) bricklayers with level three (3) were also dispatched to AMTA to participate in the building programme in Rundu.

The National Youth Council (NYC) fully promoted youth participation and development through the Credit For Youth in Business programme facilitated the process of securing of bank loans to the value of **THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 320 000.00)** to THIRTY TWO (32) youth businesses. The NYC further assisted with the realization of the #Eseb Bakery Youth Project in Erongo Region, employing seven (7) young people.

Thirty (30) young leaders were empowered and groomed during the 2017/2018 financial year through the Youth Leadership Development Programme (YLDP) offered under a tripartite agreement between the Ministry, NYC and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

*Honourable Members of this August House,*

**Youth Development programmes have faced challenges.**

The budget cuts negatively affected Youth Development programmes, so much that the regional outreach programmes came to a standstill. Similarly, the training programme offered at the National Youth Service halted, to the extent that the Office of the President had to intervene, and subsequently, the bailing out by Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

The NYS Agriculture and Aquaculture Department envisaged to **invest** in appropriate agricultural technologies for food production towards self-feeding of NYS trainees and to

trade, but could not due to budgetary constraints. In addition to this, the situation is further aggravated by the drought that had negatively affected dry land crop (cereal) production at NYS farms.

Another major challenge is the pending approval of the proposed Ministerial Structure that hinders the filling of critical positions, especially at our training centres.

**In terms of the planned programmes and activities for 2018/19 financial year:**

*Honourable Members of this August House,*

I am pleased to announce that we have recently signed an MoU with the Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation which will transform our centre into a fully-fledged vocational training institution. Equally through the collaboration, the Ministry intends to develop a standardized curriculum for skills development programmes as well as the Administrative and Management Guideline for our centres/hostels and offices.

The Ministry commits to establish and commission seventy (70) constituency rural youth enterprises in all 14 regions, in response to the targets set in the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) of establishing 121 Rural Youth Enterprises. At this point, I would like to inform the house that this is in addition to the six (6) that are already established.

A task force will be established spearheaded by our Ministry and the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations & Employment Creation to tackle youth unemployment.

Furthermore, the Namibia Youth Credit Scheme (NYCS) will continue to offer training, appraisals and disbursement of non-collateral loans to the youth in an effort to address youth unemployment and poverty alleviation.



The Ministry in collaboration with the National Youth Council, National Youth Service, UN Agencies and other key stakeholders will review and finalize the National Youth Policy. In addition to this, the drafting of an Action Plan on the realization of the UN 2030 Agenda and the AU 2063 Agenda focusing on youth, will be developed.

The Ministry intends to make the Farm du Plessis Training Centre in Omaheke region operational in light of the increasing demand for skills and vocational training programmes.

National Youth Service (NYS) will recruit and train six hundred (600) youth at NYS Henties Bay Training Centre, while two hundred and fifty-two (252) trainees from the previous financial year 2017/18, will undergo vocational training in this current financial year. Furthermore, NYS intends to recruit four (4) Instructors to offer training on Clothing Production and Hairdressing & Cosmetology.

The National Youth Council will continue to ensure voice representation of the youth by the following strategic interventions:

- professionalizing youth work
- supporting youth organisations,
- supporting youth to implement development projects
- empowering young people in education, economic, health, political & civic participation.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee*

*Honourable Members,*

**With reference to Sporting Promotion and Support**

The Ministry continues to promote sport and avail opportunities for all Namibians to realise their sporting aspirations, despite limited resources. Although Namibian sport is faced by many challenges, such as budgetary constraints, dilapidated sport facilities and unqualified sport administrators, the country is performing satisfactory. The following are some of the major achievements:

**The Brave Warriors Senior Soccer Team** made history, by having participated in the 2018 Total African Nations Championship (CHAN), in Morocco, where they reached the quarterfinals and made us proud as a nation.

Two Paralympians participated in the **2017 WORLD PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP** in August 2017 and won three medals (two silvers and a bronze). This competition serves as preparation for the **2020 TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES**.

A Para Swimmer participated in the World Para Swimming Championship in Mexico during December 2017 and set a new African record of 49.4 seconds in the 50 meters freestyle. Furthermore, the same Para Swimmer participated in the **Kenya Open and Para Swimming Championship** in February 2018 and won bronze in the 100 meters backstroke. He now holds two African records in 100 meters freestyle and 100 meters backstroke.

The Ministry facilitates the participation of the Para-athletes in the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) sanctioned events. This enhances their chances to be invited to other IPC sanctioned sport competitions and further assists the nation with preparations towards the qualification and participation in the **2020 TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES**.

During December 2017, Namibia Indoor Hockey beat South Africa and qualified for the **2018 INDOOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP in Germany** of which Team Namibia is ranked **14<sup>th</sup>** on the world ranking.

The Namibian Senior Rugby team participated and won the African Gold Cup tournament where they played against teams such as Senegal, Zimbabwe and Kenya in preparation for **2019 RUGBY WORLD CUP** slotted for Japan.

Netball Namibia managed to secure a three-year sponsorship from DEBMARINE Namibia in June 2017. As part of the sponsorship Netball Namibia hosted a successful **PET SERIES** Netball Tournament and Team Namibia ended third (3<sup>rd</sup>) out of six (6) countries (Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia) . As a result Namibia is now ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the world.

### *Honourable Members*

The Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare is running a wrestling project at the **AFTER SCHOOL CENTRE, in Grysblock**. The project objective is to assist the children from the community with their schoolwork while enhancing their skills in wrestling. As a result, six (6) wrestlers from the centre participated in **African Wrestling Championship in Nigeria** during February 2018. The team comprised of young athletes ranging from the ages of sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years and they won three (3) medals (two silvers and bronze).

Professional Boxers continue to impress in the world rankings of international boxing bodies such as World Boxing Organisation (WBO), World Boxing Associations (WBA), International Boxing Federation (IBF) and International Boxing Organisation (IBO). Six (6) boxers are ranked on various international boxing bodies.

Namibia continues to be favourable for **hosting** international sport competitions. We have successfully hosted the following sport competitions during the 2017/18 financial year:

- Hockey Indoor Test Series (Swakopmund)
- Volleyball Zone IV (Four) Club Championship (Swakopmund)
- Tennis Junior African Championship (Windhoek)
- Archery African Championship (Windhoek)
- COSSASA Athletics Championship (Swakopmund)
- Rugby Sevens International Tournament (Swakopmund)
- AUSC Region 5 Marathon (Swakopmund)

The Ministry has concluded the drafting of the following national documents in support of its mandate of creating an enabling environment and good governance: the Sport Bill, the Professional Boxing Bill, the Draft National Sport and Recreation Policy and the Draft Sport Reward Policy.

It is our anticipation that these national documents will be presented to the Cabinet before the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee*

*Honourable Members,*

**Sport Development has faced challenges too.**

The limited budget allocation to sports hinders the implementation of sports development programs in the country. Non-participation in mandatory international events results in penalties, which are more costly than actual participation. The inadequate budget further restricts the procurement of sporting equipment. Furthermore, deplorable sport facilities makes the practice of sport a challenge. As a result, we have many young Namibians

leaving the country in search of better sporting opportunities, talent appreciation and to make a worthwhile living from sporting careers. This is because, in other countries and continents, sport is perceived as a lucrative industry; hence, both Government and the Private Sector make huge investments into sport development. The lack of sports curriculum in institutions of higher learning in the country is a challenge that impacts the production of local physical education experts and teachers.

Current economic circumstances tied to the fluctuation of the US\$ makes the sport industry unpredictable in terms of budgeting for membership fees, participation, procurement of sport equipment and goods.

### *Honourable members*

**The planned programmes and activities for 2018/19 financial year in terms of sport development are as follows:**

#### **ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA (ANOCA) GAMES**

Namibia intends to send a team to the abovementioned games that are initiated by ANOCA, to provide sport opportunities for the athletes of our continent. The games will be held in Algeria in July 2018.

#### **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

Namibia also intends to send a team of young athletes to the Youth Olympic Games to be hosted by Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October 2018. The games serve as qualifiers for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

## **AFRICA UNION SPORT COUNCIL REGION 5 U/20 YOUTH GAMES**

Namibia, being a member of AUSC Region 5, is mandated to participate in the under 20 games, and to this effect, a team of two hundred and fifty-four (254) delegates will participate in the Youth Games, in Gaborone, Botswana, during December 2018.

## **NATIONAL YOUTH GAMES**

To ensure inclusive representation of all 14 regions at the upcoming Africa Union Sport Council REGION 5 U/20 GAMES, National Youth Games are slotted for 10-12 May 2018, in Windhoek to select the team for Botswana games.

## **ALL AFRICA GAMES**

The All Africa Games will take place during the next financial year. However, Namibian athletes need to prepare during this financial year in order for them to qualify to be part of Team Namibia.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

*Honourable members*

**With regards to the Development Budget;**

The Ministry has a number of projects running at different phases of progress, however, due to the limited budget allocation of **TWENTY FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDREND AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS** (N\$25 714 000-00), the only projects that will be implemented in the 2018/19 financial year are as follows:

- Construction of the sewerage treatment plant at Frans Dimbare Rural Youth Development Centre (**N\$10 million**);
- Feasibility study, documentation and fencing off of the plot earmarked for the Nkurenkuru Multi-Purpose Youth Resource Centre (**N\$ 5 Million**);

- Continuation of Phase four (4) of the construction of Eenhana Sport Complex **(N\$10 Million)**
- Retention Fees for Outapi Sport Complex: **SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$714 000).**

*Honourable Members;*

In summary, the 2018/19 budget allocation for our Ministry will go to support the programmes of the Ministry as follows:

**Sporting Promotion**

Sport directorate is allocated **THIRTY FOUR MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 34 793 000)** to cater for all Sports related activities including subsidies to the Namibia Sports Commission, amounting to **SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 7 200 000)**, of which **FIVE (5) MILLION** is earmarked for personnel expenditure.

This then leaves the Directorate of Sport with **TWENTY SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 27 593 000)** for its operations including Personnel expenditure and the development of grassroots sports and international participation.

**Youth Development**

Youth Development directorate is allocated **ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY THREE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 142 463 000-00)** to cater for all Youth related activities, including subsidies to National Youth Service amounting to **FORTY THREE MILLION AND EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 43 800 000)** which

places the Ministry in a position not to honour our obligation for salaries, including the operational expenses. The same applies to the National Youth Council as the **TEN MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 10 000 000)** allocated is equally insufficient.

### **Supervision and Support Services**

This program is allocated **EIGHTY FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 85 317 000-00)** to cater for all the support services within the Ministry and it includes the allocation for the Office of the Minister.

*Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;*

*Honourable Members,*

### **Development Budget**

A total of **TWENTY FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 25 714 000-00)** has been allocated to cater for all the projects under the Ministry.

During the tabling of our 2017/18 budget, my predecessor reiterated the fears of the Ministry particularly with regards to our international obligations. In this regard, I similarly appeal that if sufficient resources are not allocated, we may face sanctions that will adversely affect Namibia from participating both regionally and internationally.

Taking cognisance of the many challenges as a country, I want to re-emphasise that the plight of the youth development and sports promotion is evident that we need to reprioritise budget allocation to this Ministry, as Youth and Sports development is a critical component of nation building.



*Honourable Members;*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Deputy Minister, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, my Special Advisor, Reverend Ludwig Hausiku, the Permanent Secretary and the entire staff members for their hard work, dedication and professionalism displayed during the difficult economic times we had to endure in the 2017/18 financial year.

In conclusion, our Ministry, despite these challenges remains committed to deliver on its mandate and by doing so, contribute significantly to youth empowerment and promotion of sport.

I therefore request the indulgence of the Honourable members to approve the amount of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 288 287 000.00).**

**I Thank You.**