



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

VOTE 05

BUDGET SPEECH

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BY

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CORE MANDATE

The core mandate of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration are the management of National Population Register and facilitation of lawful migration. By so doing the Ministry ensures that the Government has the demographic information it needs for planning purposes.

MISSION

To manage the national population register and facilitate lawful migration

VISION

Population register and migration management that is rated amongst the best in the world

CORE VALUES

COMMITMENT

We demonstrate commitment towards service delivery through our actions and decisions that we make.

ETHICS

In all our dealings we are guided and principled through our punctuality, customer focus, professionalism and transparency.

SYNERGY

We work as a team, we value effective communication and all our efforts are coordinated towards achieving our vision.

EFFICIENCY

We strive to achieve more with limited resources whilst maximizing outputs.

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

I am pleased to rise before this August House to seek approval of the Allocation for Vote 05: Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration.

The amount I seek the approval for is **Five hundred and Forty Three Million Three Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 543,333,000.00) for the 2014/2015 financial year.**

This amount shall be used by my Ministry in its quest for managing credible and accurate National Population Register, the facilitation of lawful migration and the protection of refugees and asylum seekers. This will in turn lead to quality service delivery to members of the public. By so doing the demographic information that government needs for planning purposes will be made readily available.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Allow me now to highlight the performance of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration during the reporting period.

The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration continues to issue National documents and the coverage of birth registration stands now at 91%, while death registration is at 89%. We have successfully managed to automate all historical birth records and all regional offices are accessing these data on the M-file.

Equally, the National Population Registration System (NPRS) has been reviewed and upgraded with more advanced features during the period under review and the Namibian Automated Fingerprint Identification System (N-AFIS) has been successfully commissioned. The services offered at hospital based offices to

capture the births of new borns and the sub-regional offices continue to service the public. The mobile registration teams were dispatched country-wide and schools with grade 10 up to grade 12 respectively were visited in this regard. To this effect fifteen (15) image capturing equipment with advanced technology have been acquired.

Honourable members,

The Ministry continues facilitating lawful entry into and exit from Namibia and those persons who do not comply with our laws are dealt with in terms of the Immigration Control Act, Act No 7 of 1993. The automation of Visas and Permits have been successfully completed and our mission in Beijing in the Peoples' Republic of China and Pretoria in the Republic of South Africa are connected to the Aliens Control System.

**Honourable Chairperson,
Honourable members,**

The Ministry continues to manage and administer the movement and fair protection of refugees and Asylum seekers. A Cessation Clause was invoked for the Angolan refugees to return back to their country. As a result, two thousand and eight hundred fifty two (2852) Angolans were successfully repatriated through the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Equally, 1742 of those Angolans who opted to remain in Namibia were successfully integrated in the Namibian Community. The Ministry also repatriated 16 Namibians from Dukwi Refugee Camp in Botswana and are now reunited with their relatives in Zambezi region.

Honorable Chairperson,

Allow me now to motivate for specific programs:

We are requesting an amount of **Five hundred and Forty Three Million Three Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 543,333,000.00)** for the 2014/2015 financial year to implement the Ministry's mandate.

An amount of **Four Hundred and Eighty Million Seventy Three Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 480,073,000.00)** is budgeted for operational activities, while **Sixty Three Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 63,260,000.00)** is earmarked for development projects. Out of operational expenditure, an amount of **Nineteen Million Namibian Dollars (N\$ 19,000,000.00)** is allocated for mobile registration, while **One Hundred and Twenty Six Million Three Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 126,300,000.00)** is for the Turnaround Strategy and the consequential costs out of the implementation of the Strategy.

The following are the breakdown of the allocation in terms of the Program implementation:-

Program 1

Civil Registration

The main purpose of this **Program** is for the management of the National Population Register which contains records of births; identity documents (IDs), marriages and deaths.

During the 2014/2015 this program envisages installation of computers at counters both at the Head Office and Regional Offices to enable staff members to access individuals' particulars on the M-File. Equally, information on the procedures and requirements for births registration and other National

documents will be strengthened through the media, regional councils and local authorities.

By now it is common knowledge that during the 2013/2014 financial year, the Ministry conducted mobile registrations in all the constituencies, to enable citizens to acquire National documents. The mobile registration is expected to significantly increase during the second quarter of 2014/2015. Thus far the mobile registration has been conducted within a limited time frame due to shortage of Image Capturing Machines (Imagos), vehicles and Subsistence Allowances (S&T) for those carrying out such assignments. The allocation of funds to cater for the mobile registration will definitely improve the issuance of National documents and all the necessary tools needed during the mobile registration will be acquired and utilized accordingly.

With the expansion of Sub-Regional Offices and decentralizing up to Constituency level, these will for sure improve the quality of service delivery. We are devising strategies aimed at improving the conducting of mobile registration. We are aiming at conducting mobile registration during July, August and September to facilitate issuance of national documents to voters to enable them to register during the forth coming Supplementary registration of Voters in September 2014.

To fulfill our core responsibilities under this program we are seeking **One Hundred and Nine Million Eighty Eight Thousand Namibian Dollar (N\$ 109,088,000.00) for the 2014/2015 financial year.**

Program 2

Immigration Control and Citizenship

Program 2.1 Visas, Permits, Passports and Citizenship

Honorable Chairperson,

The purpose of this program activity is ensuring that traveling documents are issued timely and necessary requirements are met. Thus, the Automation of Aliens System is to be maintained and to be further rolled out to the Regional Offices during the 2014/2015 financial year. By so doing all applications for Visas, Permits, Passports and Citizenship will be entered into a computerized system which will enhance faster and accurate service delivery to the public.

In order to carry out activities under this program an amount of **Thirty Four Million Four Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand Namibian Dollar (N\$34,422,000.00)** is requested.

Activity 2.2 Immigration and Border Control

Immigration and Border Control

The program is for the facilitation and control of movements of persons leaving from and entering into the country by land, air or sea.

This program will continue carrying out its core functions and more Ports of Entry will be opened as well as provision of uniforms to Immigration Officers during the 2014/2015 financial year.

To fulfill these responsibilities under this program we are seeking **One Hundred and Nine Million Forty Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$109,047,000.00)**.

Program 3

Refugees Administration: Protection of refugees and asylum seekers

This program's purpose is to manage and administer the movement and protection of refugees and asylum seekers in Namibia. It also manages the voluntary repatriation of Namibians who have been leaving outside the country,

for example, Dukwi Camp in Botswana. The program will continue managing Osire Settlement and will establish, an arrival, a screening centre in Katima Mulilo in the Zambezi Region.

It is against this background that we are requesting an amount of **Nine Million Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 9,467,000.00)** in order for this program to achieve its core functions during the 2014/ 2015 financial year.

Program 4

Administration

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support to the Vote's programs; policy implementation and to ensure optimal utilization of human and financial resources; information technology; legal support services; general support services; management of capital project; capacity building and employees wellness.

Honorable Chairperson,

This program will continue to carry out major activities during 2014/2015 financial year such as staff recruitment at various job categories where such positions are vacant; The implementation of the Ministerial Strategic Plan, as well as the Performance Management System (PMS) and Electronic Documentation Records Management System.

(The Ministry has allocated a budget to cater for employee wellness activities during the 2014/2015 financial year. These activities aim at creating awareness of contagious diseases, promote behavior change, and advocacy for health life style at work place in particular and healthy life style in general.

In addition we would embark upon robust planned programs for continuous peer education, appointment of identified focal persons to hold awareness fora on tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Cancer, High Blood Pressure and other life threatening diseases.)

Therefore, an amount of **Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand (N\$ 350,000.00)** is directed to employee wellness activities.

Honorable Chairperson,

The Ministry is decentralizing to the regions hence the construction of regional offices. The construction of //Karas Regional Office in Keetmanshoop, Oshana Regional Office in Oshakati and Omuvelo Wakashamane Border Post in Okalongo Constituency in the Omusati Region are expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2014/2015 financial year. To this effect the budget has been allocated.

We are hopeful that construction for phase 2 of staff accommodation at Omuvelo Wakashamane, the Kunene Regional Office in Opuwo and Zambezi Regional Office in Katima Mulilo will commence during the second quarter of 2014/2015.

In addition, the Ministry has acquired a site for the construction of the Head Office to ensure that the Ministry has a convenient office space to both staff members and the public. This project is one of the priorities of the Ministry as it will improve the working environment for staff members other than where we are currently operating from.

Honorable Chairperson

The Ministry is embarking on a Turnaround Strategy that will be officially launched in April 2014. The Turnaround Strategy will mean the birth of an improved service delivery for the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration.

In order to implement this Strategy, an amount of **One Hundred Twenty Six Million Three Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 126,300,000.00)** is allocated for this purpose.

Information Technology has become vital for the running of Ministerial operations. Hence, an amount of **Forty Two Million Eight Hundred and Twenty Four Namibian Dollars (N\$ 42,824,000.00)** is allocated for this program activity.

On the other hand, we anticipate to generate an amount of **Fifty Nine Million Two Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 59,265,000.00)** on revenue collection for 2014/2015.

Honorable Chairperson, Honorable Members,

We are ready and eager to implement all programs as I have highlighted them in this motivation, in order to fulfill our mandate geared towards the provision of National documents to the public and to maintain a credible National Population Register.

Allow me now Honorable Members to submit, to this August House, Vote 05, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration for 2014/2015 for your consideration and approval.

I thank you.