

# CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 2014/2015 BUDGET B BY HONOURABLE ALEXIA P.T. MANOMBE-NCUBE (MP)

Honourable Speaker, ~~Dr. Theo Ben Gurirab~~ and Honourable members of the August House, let me extend my sincere appreciation for this wonderful opportunity accorded to add my voice and contribute to the budget of 2014/2015.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank The Hon. Min. of Fin, Cde Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila for what, in my view, is indeed the most encompassing budget, especially so in regard to orphans and vulnerable children. Further also to our National Defence Force and our Police Force. This is a job well done! At least all inhabitants of Namibia can put a smile in their face. This is a people's budget! However, Hon. Speaker Sir, I will be indebted to my own values and ethos, if I do not utter my regret in that the orphans and vulnerable children were left at the bottom of the tall ladder and remain the most unfortunate with a mean notch of N\$50.00.

Hon. Speaker Sir, it is my knowledge and personal experience that one can hardly make a decent living from N\$250.00 per month in today's economy. Nevertheless, I seek refuge in the adage which says, "half a loaf is better than none" and for that I say "Okuhepa, ondapandula kuume"

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, allow me today ~~to~~ mostly in my short contribution <sup>to</sup> concentrate on a issue that is emotional and close to my heart, "gender based violence."

Hon. Speaker Sir, the measures announced by His Excellency, President Hifikepunye Pohamba following a recent special Cabinet meeting with reference to gender based violence are highly commendable. This clearly shows

