

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
MOTIVATION OF APPROPRIATION VOTE 02-  
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR  
2013/14 – 2015/16 MEDIUM TERM PLAN**

(DETAILS)

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

**Honourable Members of the National Assembly,**

1. It is my distinct honour and privilege to present to the National Assembly the motivation for the budgetary allocation of Vote 02: Office of the Prime Minister, for the 2013/14 financial year.

2. Honourable Members, allow me therefore to provide an overview of the OPM's programmes and activities according to the seven core Programmes to motivate the budget allocation of **N\$356,933,000 (three hundred and fifty six million nine hundred and thirty three thousand dollars)** for **2013/14** for the Office of the Prime Minister.

Out of the total budget request of **N\$356,933,000** (three hundred and fifty six million and nine hundred and thirty three thousand dollars) the

amount of **N\$276.5 million** (Two hundred and seventy six comma five million dollars) is for OPM operational budget for the financial year 2013/14, including **N\$40, 9 million** (forty comma nine million dollars) for NIPAM operational expenses.

The total development budget is **N\$80 million**. (Eighty million dollars) which include **N\$20, 5 million** (Twenty comma five million dollars) for NIPAM development budget to cater for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase NIPAM construction.

3. Honourable Members, before I deal with the programme for the execution of Vote 02, I wish to emphasize that the projects under NDP4 form the core of our program. Additionally, our Strategic Plan for the period 2013 to 2016 and the budget allocations over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework drive the execution of projects to ensure that we will achieve the milestones of the NDP4 to improve service delivery and improve quality of life of our people. Our Medium Term Plan, thus, indicates the extent to which we have aligned our resource allocation to achieve the outcomes of the Fourth National Development Plans to improve service delivery and improve the quality of lives of our people. The Office of the Prime Minister made substantive changes to its initiatives and targets as one way of ensuring that we align the activities with

its resource allocations, to the expected outcomes of National Development Plans.

4. Honourable Members, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework provides that the Office of the Prime Minister is expected to execute its budget according to **the following main programmes:-**

- **Programme 1:**  
*Policy coordination and Support services*
- **Programme 2:**  
*Government Leadership Administration and Coordination*
- **Programme 3:**  
*National Disaster Management*
- **Programme 4:**  
*Public Service Management*
- **Programme 5:**  
*Constitutional obligation of the Public Service Commission*
- **Programme 6:**  
*Public Service Information Technology Management*
- **Programme 7:**  
*Governance and Performance Monitoring of State-Owned Enterprise Governing Council.*

5. Honourable members, we are expected to execute these seven programmes with the **requested appropriation of N\$356,933,000 (three hundred and fifty six million and nine hundred and thirty three thousand dollars) for 2013/14.**

This is an increase of **N\$105.2 million** (one hundred and five comma two million dollars) when compared to the budget allocation to Vote 2 in the financial year 2012/13.

**This budget increase is largely due to the following items:-**

- An amount of **N\$4, 6 million** (four comma six million dollars) is allocated to the completion of the feasibility study and documentation for the construction of the new OPM office behind OPM headquarter to accommodate staff members who are accommodated in rented buildings and also in the United House building which is becoming a matter of concern due to its aging condition.
- An amount of **N\$48, 2 million** (forty eight comma two million dollars) is requested for the construction of the first two strategic Disaster Management Warehouses in Hardap and Oshana Regions. Site handovers were done

already in February 2013 and construction will commence in April 2013. The expected completion date of these two warehouses is early December 2013 as per the agreed contractual terms.

- An amount of **N\$ 1, 6 million** (One comma six million dollars) is allocated to start with the renovation of the old State House residence.
- An amount of **N\$5 million** is allocated to the expansion of GRN intranet to the regions as part of Phase Two of the project. The Office of the Prime Minister contracted Telecom Namibia to carry out this programme.
- **N\$20, 5 million** (twenty comma five million dollars) allocated to NIPAM as part of development budget and **N\$25 million** (twenty five million) for operations expenses.

7. Honourable members, I will now proceed to highlight the projects we have budgeted for under operational budget for 2013/14 financial year, in line with the aforementioned programmes.

## **Programme 1:**

### **Policy coordination and Support services**

An amount of **N\$110, 3 million** (one hundred and ten comma three million dollars) is allocated to this programme to provide financial, human resources and logistical support for efficient administration of the Office of the Prime Minister.

- This amount includes **N\$40, 9 million** (forty comma nine million dollars) allocated to NIPAM as part of its operational expenses.
- An amount of N\$4, 3 million is allocated to Electronic Records Management Systems (EDRMS) for licencing, operational and consultancy fees.
- Training, workshops and HIV/Aids awareness campaign within OPM was allocated N\$2, 3 million.
- The remainder of the funds are allocated to maintenance of buildings, transport costs, water and electricity and office administration expenses.

## **Programme 2:**

### **Government Leadership Administration and Coordination**

An amount of **N\$37, 0 million** (thirty seven comma zero million dollar) is allocated to this programme to provide support to the Prime Minister in the execution of his constitutional mandate.

Its main activity is the provision of Government leadership, integration of the San, Ovatie and Ovatjimba communities and support government business in Parliament.

The following amounts out of this allocation was made specifically for these projects:

- **N\$1,1 million** (one comma one million dollars) for the Heroes day commemoration.
- **N\$1,3 million** (one comma three million dollars) for the following Disability programme:
  - Public awareness campaign;
  - Development of Regional youth disability structure;
  - Capacity building of people with disability; and Employment opportunity facilitation.

- **N\$500,000** (five hundred N\$ dollars) for National Alliance For Improved Nutrition (NAFIN). This programme is created to coordinate activities of stakeholders in the field of nutrition, address Child Mortality and Maternal Health in order to accelerate the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.
- **N\$4 million** (four million dollars) for the empowerment of San education support, infrastructures and construction of accommodation facilities.

Honourable Speaker and Honourable members, the Office has made progress in the implementation of the San Development Programme and the following activities were carried out:-

**(i) Education support**

The high illiteracy rate amongst the San, Ovatie and Ovatjimba communities continues to receive attention to ensure that learners from these



identified communities attend schools. The bulk of the budget allocated is towards education support.

The San Development Division coordinates, among others,

- the identification of beneficiaries for education support,
- facilitate enrolment of students in tertiary institutions, provide financial support to learners and students, and
- Construct permanent building for the school and teachers houses at various settlement centres.

#### **(ii) Resettlement and relocation**

Access to land plays a vital role in the development of the San people of Namibia, therefore the provision and development of land for the San is regarded as an important aspect. This is done through the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement.

These activities are currently being carried out at the following farms and resettlement areas:

- Gardening projects, donation of materials and equipment to the resettled communities.
- providing financial support to the communities in Kunene villages (Ohaihuua, Otjikojo,

Otjomuru and Otjihandjasemo) to acquire animals

- Continuation of the relocation of San communities from Macaravan to Bito area in Caprivi region.
- General support to the San community such as providing coffins to accord the san people dignified funerals.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, allow me at this juncture to thank all Ministries, Offices and Agencies as well as private sector institutions for their continuous assistance in the implementation of the San development Programme.

I am pleased to report to this August House that this project continues to receive annual funding of **N\$100,000** (one hundred thousand Dollars) from Standard Bank of Namibia. The amount provided will continue as a stimulus to our activities.

### **Programme 3:**

#### **National Disaster Management**

An amount of **N\$53, 4 million (fifty three comma four million dollars)** is allocated to this programme.

This amount includes operational expenses for the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management.

The two key objectives of this programme are:-

- To enhance risk management of disaster recovery in case of emergencies such as droughts, floods, and other disaster related matters as well as relief aid schemes under the auspices of the National Disaster Risk Management Committee.
- Improve the capacity of regional and constituency-based disaster risk management committees through the provision of training and proper coordination of emergencies and related relief projects.

Honourable members are aware of the drought experienced throughout the country and also the flood which is causing problem in the eastern part of Caprivi Region.

Cabinet approved interim measures to address the food deficit among the most affected households in all thirteen regions while a rapid assessment is being carried out to determine the number of affected population, livestock, water and food availability and grazing. After this assessment, Government will put comprehensive measures in place to address the situation.

Assistance is underway in the Caprivi Region to help the flood affected communities.

The above mentioned allocation includes an amount of **N\$42** million of which N\$20 million is allocated for the capitalisation of the National Emergency Disaster Fund. Furthermore, the Namibia Red Cross Society is allocated an annual amount of **N\$3, 9 million** for operational costs.

#### **Programme 4:**

##### **Public Service Management**

An allocation of **N\$99, 8 million** (ninety nine comma eight million dollars) is made available to this important programme. The objective of this programme is to respond to citizens' expectations with regard to efficient and effective service delivery by fostering ethical and professional public service delivery culture and practice. To design attractive conditions of services and conducive working environment for public servants.

The two main activities of this programme are:

- a) Human resources management
- b) Public Service Reform Initiatives

## **Programme 5:**

### **Constitutional obligation of the Public Service Commission**

An allocation of **N\$20 million (twenty million dollars)** is made available to this programme to carry out functions as stipulated in the Public Service Commission Act of 1990.

The main activity is the provision of advice and recommendation to President and Government. This activity involves giving technical assistance and administrative support to the Public Service Commission to enable it to perform the functions entrusted to it by the Constitution, the Public Service Commission Act, and the Public Service Act, such as the appointment of suitably qualified persons to specific categories of employment in the public service with special regard to balance structuring thereof; exercise of adequate disciplinary control over such persons to assure the fair administration of personnel policy; the remuneration and retirement benefits of any such persons; and all other matters pertain to the public service; to identify availability of suitability or persons to be appointed by the President to offices in terms of the Namibia Constitution or any other law.

## **Programme 6:**

### **Public Service Information Technology Management**

An allocation of **N\$28, 2 million (twenty eight comma two million Dollars)** is made to this programme.

The objective of this programme is to support and simplify public administration, service delivery, and interaction between the Government and its stakeholders, by using electronic means.

## **Programme 7:**

### **Governance and Performance Monitoring of State-Owned Enterprise Governing Council.**

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee and Honourable members, this is the last programme on the budget of the Office of the Prime Minister. An amount of **N\$8 million** is allocated to this programme which has the following Objectives:

- To promote good governance and good practices in State Owned Enterprises and,
- To develop policies and regulatory frameworks

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, this in brief is a summary of the Vote 2 budget programme request. In view of my motivation of Vote 02, I request this august House to approve the expenditure of **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (N\$356,933,000)**, as set out in the schedule of the appropriation Bill for 2013, for the Office of the Prime Minister.

**I thank you.**