



Republic of Namibia

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

**MOTIVATION FOR VOTE 02
ON THE
APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020**

Presented by

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Honorable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,
Honorable members

1. I rise to introduce to this august House the motivation for the budgetary allocation of Vote 02: Office of the Prime Minister, for the 2020/21 financial year totalling to N\$421,444,000 (Four Hundred and Twenty One Million, Four Hundred and Forty Four Thousand Namibia Dollars).
2. Of this amount, N\$417,868,000 (Four hundred and Seventeen million, Eight hundred and Sixty Eight thousand Namibia dollars) is for operational expenditures and N\$3,576,000 (Three million Five hundred and Seventy Six thousand Namibia dollars) is for the Capital budget.
3. The funds are allocated to four programs as follow;

Programme 1: Government Leadership Administration and Coordination

4. This programme entails provision of administrative support to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister. It also caters for the allocation to the Public Office Bearers' Remuneration Commission (POBC). An amount of N\$19,885,000 is requested under this programme.

Programme 2: National Disaster Management

5. This programme is responsible for the coordination of and response activities to Disaster Risk. The implementation of the drought relief programme adopted last year with a funding of N\$595.2 million was coordinated under this program. The appropriated budget for the drought relief budget was supplemented by donor funding.

6. The funding to the NEDF was as follow:

- NEDF Balance at 01.04.2019	174,825,401.65
- Transfer from GRN (Budget FY2019/20)	105,271,343.00
- Transfer from GRN (mid-Budget FY2019/20)	67,328,470.00
- Donations	116,064,574.00
- Contingency Provision - MoF	100,000,000.00
AfDB Financing of MAWF Programmes	150,000,000.00

7. The utilisation of the funds during the drought programme was as follows:

a). Cost for Food provision to 172,000 households monthly for the duration of the programme amounted to N\$124.8 million.

b). Logistics, which included payment for transportation of relief items, running costs for trucks and officials'/volunteers' DSA, used N\$37.062, 86 million;

c). Water provision to all Regions which included drilling and installation of boreholes was allocated N\$249.786, 609 million. These amounts were transferred to Regional Councils for speedy implementation.

d). Livestock support got N\$71,827,249.18 including provision of animal fodder which was procured from government Green schemes. Also included herein is a programme to enhance fodder production at green schemes through conventional planting at various green schemes and a hydroponic pilot project at Etunda irrigation scheme.

e). Seed: N\$9,957,856.18

8. From March 2020, this Programme also catered for the response to covid-19. A special Covid-19 Account was opened to receive cash donations towards efforts to fight the Corona Virus and its impact.
9. We have to date received payments into this account amounting of N\$39.9 million. We have paid a total of N\$16.8 million from the account, to cater for food assistance to affected households (N\$14.2 million), transportation costs to quarantine facilities (N\$73,600), medical equipment for the Ministry of Health and Social Services (N\$1.3 million), renovation of isolation facilities at Hosea Kutako International Airport, and accommodation and meals costs for law enforcement agencies (N258, 697).
10. Apart from cash donations, government also received non-cash donations of about N\$151 million, comprising of medical equipment, food items and protective equipment.

11. For the current financial year, this programme will continue to provide for relief assistance in disaster management. We have availed N\$15 million from the National Emergency Disaster Fund to pay for face masks for learners, through the Ministry of Education Arts and Culture. An amount of N\$5 million is also dedicated for masks for elders and vulnerable persons through the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade. For non-medical costs of responses to covid, a total of N\$16 million is availed for all Regions to cover provision of water and cleaning of open markets and facilities used in the covid fight.
12. An amount of N\$115,242,000 is requested under this programme under the budget for this financial year.

Programme 3: Public Service Management

13. The programme coordinates the public service management, which include coordination of performance management systems (PMS), business process re-engineering (BPR), and promote innovation in the public service. The PMS is implemented across all OMAs and Regional

Councils, with all OMAs having strategic plans and annual plans, which are cascaded to individual staff members' performance agreements.

14. Under this programme, government champions several other reforms in the public sector aimed to improve governance, improve public service delivery and promote efficiency in the public sector administration. These include the review of the public service legal framework and management of public feedback initiatives such as citizens' satisfaction surveys, suggestion boxes and online feedback mechanisms.

15. The Office of the Prime Minister finalised the Public Service Innovation Policy, aimed to promote innovation and research in the public service. The Office also finalized the comprehensive review of the Public Service Act and a new bill developed to repeal the current Act. As part of innovation, the Office plan to pilot a One Stop Center Framework for public service, and leverage online services to enhance public service delivery.

16. Part of the allocation for this programme is payment for membership to Africa Capacity Building Fund (ACBF), African Training and Research Centre for Development (CAFRAD), and Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM). The collaboration with these bodies enables us to leverage capacity building support offered to African countries through which the office secured funding and technical assistance to develop an Integrated PMS Framework for our Public Service.

17. The total allocation to this programme is N\$59.1 million (Fifty Nine million Namibian dollars) for 2020/21 financial year.

Programme 4: Improve the Constitutional obligation of the Public Service

Commission

18. The Office of the Prime Minister avails staff to provide secretarial services to the Public Service commission. This programme caters for budget allocation for the Commission and the running costs of the Commission's Secretariat.

19. An allocation of N\$25.5 million (Twenty Five comma five million Namibia dollars) is allocated to this programme, of which N\$24.7 million is for Personnel Expenditure and N\$706,000 for Goods and Other Services such DSA, Training and Workshop.

Programme 5: Improve Public Service Information Technology Management

20. The Office of the Prime Minister coordinates the development of Information Technology in the Public Service. In order to optimise benefits from Information technology and enhance public service delivery, the Office developed various IT solutions used and deployed in different OMAs.

21. During the current financial year, the Office will prioritize online platforms for e-governance services and develop a framework for the human resources information management system.

22. An amount of N\$72, 433, 000 is allocated to this programme for continuous coordination of Public Service IT management and the

implementation of the e-Government Strategic Action Plan, with the view to accelerate the deployment of e-government systems in the Public Service.

Programme 6: Improve Cabinet Administration Support Management

23. The allocation under this programme is to provide secretarial support to the Cabinet and Cabinet Standing Committees, and to coordinate the management of public service. Under this programme, the Office of the Prime Minister ensures accurate Cabinet records, and also to undertake the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of Cabinet decisions.

24. An amount of N\$12.1 million (twelve comma one million Namibia dollars) is allocated under this programme.

Programme 7: Improve Policy Co-ordination and Support Services

27. This programme includes activities related to policy supervision, administration of support services, financial and human resources management, and other auxiliary services to other functions of the Office of the Prime Minister.

28. For the execution of the activities under this programme, an amount of N\$117.2 million is allocated. This allocation includes an allocation for the maintenance of facilities and upgrading of the office buildings of the Office the Prime Minister to provide a conducive working environment for staff members. An allocation is also made to finalise the Food and Nutrition Security Policy and the NEEEF Bill. The latter was approved by Cabinet in March 2020, and would be tabled in this august House once the legal drafting is finalized. Additional work relating to NEEF Bill is development of scoring mechanisms and standards required under the Bill, as well as to establish a Unit to support enforcement monitoring.

29. Also included herein is an allocation of N\$23 million as subsidy to NIPAM.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee Honourable Members,

30. This in short is a summary of our programmes under Vote 2, Office of the Prime Minister.

31. It is now my distinct pleasure to present to this august House, the expenditure request for the Office of the Prime Minister for the 2020/21 financial year, which amounts to N\$421,444,000 (Four Hundred and Twenty One Million and Four Hundred and Forty Four Thousand Namibia Dollars) for your kind consideration and approval.

I thank you