

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF QUESTION

BY

Hon. Geoffrey Mwilima

Signature: _____)

I hereby give notice that on Thursday, 24th February 2022, I shall ask the **Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Hon. Pohamba Shifeta** the following:

Kyaramacan Association was established in 2005. It is represented by over 5000 people residents in the Bwabwata West Caprivi Game Reserve – The Association manages the game reserve and benefit from their own natural resources. The inhabitants in this game reserve are predominantly by marginalized people - the conservative draw its revenue from a hunting concession, granted by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism on the park and as well as from tourism related activities in the area.

The other important income stream for residents is the sustainable harvesting of devil's claw, which is used by the pharmaceutical industry. Furthermore, the Association has an obligation to raise, and improve the living standard of one of the most marginalized group in Namibia.

Thus I ask:

1. Hon. Minister, are you aware that the signatories to the account of this association includes that of your directors here in Windhoek and no signing powers are given to the community itself?
2. I demand that you provide a full detailed financial audited report of the account of this association as soon as possible?
3. Hon. Minister, are you aware that the San community in the Bwabwata Game Reserve are struggling for their social wellbeing while they are supposed to benefit from the conservancy revenues?

I so submit.