

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**BUDGET STATEMENT**

**VOTE 01: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR  
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**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;**

**Honourable Members;**

It is with a sense of pride and fulfillment that I am standing here to share with you the achievements that we have marked under Vote 1 and future prospects in what we aim to achieve.

Before I do that allow me to contextualize why we do what we do. In terms of Chapter 5, Article 32 (1) of the Namibian Constitution, quote unquote:

"As the Head of State, the President shall uphold, protect and defend the Constitution as the Supreme Law and shall perform with dignity and leadership all acts necessary, expedient, reasonable and incidental to the discharge of the executive functions of the Government, subject to the overriding terms of this Constitution and the laws of Namibia, which he or she is constitutionally obliged to protect, administer, and execute."

**The mandate of the Office of the President therefor enjoins us to the constitutional imperatives, and spells out that:**

In order for the President to fulfill his Constitutional Duties, the Office of the President is mandated to render effective advisory and administrative support services to the President in the execution of his Constitutional mandate.

We have done this amidst a challenging period of time where the Namibian economy, just like the global economy, continues to face significant external shocks perpetrated by the economic downturn and climate change impacts such as the current flood in the northern regions of Namibia and an anticipated drought. This year marks the second year of the war between Russia and Ukraine, which continues to soar the inflationary rate in goods and services in our local economy.

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

**Honourable Members;**

This budget is instrumental in ensuring that the Office of the President continues to render effective advisory and administrative support services to the President in the execution of his Constitutional mandate and to create an inclusive and prosperous Namibian House where no one is left out.

The 2023/2024 budget is necessary for the continuous implementation of the Second Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPPII), a targeted intervention plan by His Excellency President Hage G. Geingob to accelerate the implementation of programs in key sectors towards the attainment of Vision 2030. This budget is a catalyst to revive key sectors of our economy for sustainable development. Thus, the budget serves as an important instrument for ensuring that the country's economic recovery initiatives are well coordinated.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;

Honourable Members;

I am now accounting for the 2022/2023 Financial Year budget allocation for the Office of the President, Vote 1.

**Achievements:**

1. Chief Hosea Kutako Memorial Museum and Homestead Shrine

The construction of the Chief Hosea Kutako Memorial Museum and Homestead Shrine is 96% complete and will be inaugurated during the 2023/2024 Financial Year by His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob.

2. Business Rescue Task Force:

Government has made significant progress in enhancing the productivity of priority economic sectors. During the period under review, His Excellency the President established a Business Rescue Task Force to study our insolvency laws and recommend amendments to support efficient recovery for companies in financial

distress. The Task Force carried out extensive research and consultations with experts in both the public and private sectors. The report outlining 23 recommendations and a preliminary Implementation Plan was submitted and approved by Cabinet in August 2022. Subsequently, the implementation of these recommendations has begun.

### 3. Fourth Industrial Revolution Task Force:

In addition, after a country assessment to determine our readiness for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we hosted in June 2022, the first Namibia 4IR Conference, where the public also provided inputs. The report and its 13 recommendations were approved by Cabinet in November 2022, and implementation modalities are being finalized.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;

Honourable Members;

## **VOTE 1: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

The budget Estimate for the 2022/2023 Financial Year was N\$613 507 000-00 (Six Hundred and Thirteen million, Five Hundred and Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars). An additional amount of N\$ 112 162 000. 00 (One Hundred and Twelve Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand Namibian Dollars) was added during the mid-term budget review, resulting in the revised budget estimate of N\$ 725 669 000.00 (Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Namibian Dollars). This budget was allocated as follows:

### 1. Office of the President

Operational budget	N\$665 669 000-00 Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Namibian Dollars)
Development	<u>N\$ 60 000 000. 00</u> (Sixty Million Namibian Dollars)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>N\$ 725 669 000-00 (Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Namibian Dollars)</u></b>

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;

Honourable Members;

I now present to you the 2023/2024 Financial Year budget allocation of N\$ 956 580 000-00 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand Namibian Dollars). This budget represents an increase of N\$ 343 073 000-00 (Three Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Seventy-Three Thousand Namibian Dollars) from the previous year's budget allocation of N\$ 613 507 000 (Six Hundred and Thirteen Million, Five Hundred and Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars), representing a 56% increase from the 2022/2023 Financial Year.

The increase in the budget allocation for the Office is a result of the transfer of the Department of Government Air Transport Services (GATS) and the Regional Governors from the Ministry of Work and Transport and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, respectively. This has increased the main divisions in the Office from five (5) to Seven (7).

The breakdown of the allocated budget of N\$ 956 580 000-00 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand Namibian Dollars) for the Financial Year is as follows:

Operational	N\$ 870 580 000-00 (Eight Hundred and Seventy Million, Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand Namibian Dollars)
Development	<u>N\$ 86 000 000-00</u> (Eighty Six Million Namibian Dollars)
<b>Totaling</b>	<b><u>N\$ 956 580 000-00</u> (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Eighty Thousand Namibian Dollars)</b>

The budget allocated to the Seven (7) main divisions of the Office, is as follows:

**(a) Main Division 01 - Office of the President**

**Objective:**

To uphold, protect and defend the Constitution as the Supreme Law of Namibia as well as to discharge the executive functions of Government subject to the overriding terms of the Constitution and the Laws of Namibia, which the President is constitutionally obligated to protect.

**Activities:**

- Supporting the development of Green Hydrogen,
- Hosting of Bi-National Events, and
- Monitoring of the Implementation of HPP II

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

Operational	N\$ 116 014 000-00 (One and Sixteen Million and Fourteen Thousand Namibia Dollars)
Development	<u>N\$ _____ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>N\$ 116 014 000-00 (One and Sixteen Million and Fourteen Thousand Namibia Dollars)</u></b>

**(b) Main Division 02: Administration**

**Objectives:**

- To provide advisory and administrative support services and carry out executive assignments

- To ensure that State Security detects and identifies threats or potential threats to the security of Namibia, thereby contributing to the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the country.

**Activities:**

- To complete ongoing Capital Projects
- Preventative maintenance of office infrastructure
- Acquiring a backup server
- Maintenance of security systems
- Utilities

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

**i. Office Administration**

Operational                      N\$ 388 046 000-00 (Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Forty-Six Thousand Namibian Dollars)

Development-                      N\$ 86 000 000-00 (Eighty Six Million Namibian Dollars)

**Total                                      N\$ 474 046 000-00 (Four hundred and Seventy-Four Million, Forty-Six Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

**Namibia Central Intelligence Services (NCIS)**

Operational                      N\$ 286 712 000-00 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twelve Thousand Namibian Dollars)

Development                      N\$ 37 634 000-00 (Thirty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand Namibian Dollars)

**Total** **N\$ 324 346 000-00 (Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

**(c) Main Division 03 - Former Presidents' Support Services**

**Objective:**

To ensure that the Offices of the Former Presidents are properly maintained and that efficient and effective services are rendered.

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

Operational N\$ 17 291 000-00 (Seventeen Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Namibian Dollars)

Development N\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0-00

**Total** **N\$ 17 291 000-00 (Seventeen Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

**(d) Main Division 04 - Vice President's Office**

**Objective:**

- Deputize, assist and advise the President in the performance of his duties as may be required by the President, to whom he is accountable.

**Activity:**

- To enable the Office to carry out delegated executive functions

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:



Operational	N\$ 11 507 000-00_(Eleven Million, Five Hundred and Seven Thousand)
Development	<u>N\$ _____ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>N\$ 11 507 000-00</u> (Eleven Million, Five Hundred and Seven Thousand)</b>

**(e) Main Division 05 – Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB)**

**Objective:**

- To increase the volume, value and range of Namibia’s exports of goods and services, as well as secure external markets and preferential market access conditions for local products in regional and global markets.

**Activities:**

The activities of the NIPDB are as follows:

- Expand engagement activities with investors and stakeholders in the form of international events, Expos and Trade fairs, among others.
- Procure systems and processes aimed at digitalizing the Board.

The breakdown of the budget allocation for the NIPDB is as follows:

Operational	N\$ 120 137 000 -00 (One hundred and Twenty Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars)
Development	<u>N\$ _____ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-N\$ 120 137 000-00</u> (One hundred and Twenty Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars)</b>

**f) Main Division 06 – Government Air Transport Services (GATS)**

**Objective:**

To provide Safe, Secure and Efficient Air Transport Services to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia and other Very Very Important Persons (VVIPs), Government Officials and Foreign dignitaries to Local and International destinations.

Honourable, speaker this also includes emergency operations countrywide.

**Activities:**

Rendering of air transport services. Quality assurance management, procurement and maintenance of Government air craft.

The breakdown of the budget allocation for the GATS is as follows:

Operational	-	<u>N\$ 162 425 000 000-00</u> (One Hundred and Sixty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Namibian Dollars)
Development -		<u>N\$ _____ 0-00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>N\$ 162 452 000-00</u> (One Hundred and Sixty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Namibian Dollars)</b>

**(f)Main Division 07 – Governors**

**Objective:** To be a regional representative of Central Government

**Activities:** Investigate and report on any matter arising to the region concerned and be informed of all matters

The breakdown of the budget allocation for Governors is as follows:

Operational		<u>N\$ 54 820 000 000-00</u> (Fifty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars)
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Development -                      N\$                      0-00

**Total                                      -N\$ 54 820 000-00 (Fifty-Four Million, Eight  
Hundred and Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;

Honourable Members;

With this motivation, I call upon this August House to deliberate, consider and approve the 2023/2024 budget allocation for Vote 01: Office of the President.

I thank you.