



Ministry of Defence and
Veterans Affairs

VOTE 31

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
2023-2024



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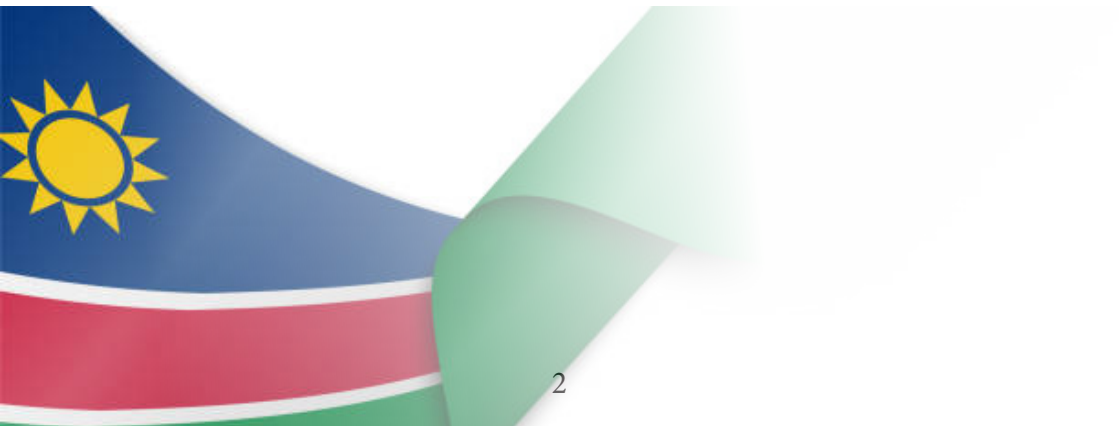
2023

“Year of Revival”

H.E. Hage Geingob - President of the Republic of Namibia and Command-In-Chief of the Namibian Defence Force | 31st December 2022 New Year Message.

“Economic Revival and Caring for the Poor”.

Hon. Ipumbu Shiimi - Minister of Finance| National Budget | Parliament





STATEMENT OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR VOTE 31 (VETERANS AFFAIRS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024 BY HONOURABLE FRANS KAPOFI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

29 March 2023

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Honourable Members

1. It is my honour once again to present to this August House, the budget allocation for a different component of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs which is Vote 31 for the 2023/2024 financial year which deliberate on issues relating to veterans of the national liberation struggle.
2. Although, not all the projects and programmes could receive budget allocation as anticipated due to various economic reasons such as the aftermath of COVID-19 Pandemic, flood and others, allow me to applaud Hon. Iipumbu Shiimi, Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Hon Obeth Kandjoze, Director General of National Planning Commission as well as their dedicated teams for considering the various challenges faced by the veterans in making budgetary allocation to address activities of veterans.

Honorable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Honourable Members

3. We cannot stop emphasising that the freedom and independence that we are all enjoying today in our country is due to the immense contributions made by the gallant sons and daughters of the soil during the liberation struggle of our motherland.



Our veterans who participated in the liberation struggle at home and in exile are courageous as they cope with frightening memories that awaken them at night. They have lost companions and brothers in undesirable ways whilst those from exile came home to a different world than they knew. For instance, some veterans had to adjust to disabilities that were physical, mental and emotional. During the war, they faced numerous hardships but their hope never dissipated.

Therefore, it remains the government's responsibility to uplift the wellbeing of veterans, majority of whom sacrificed their youthful years for us to enjoy freedom, peace, tranquillity and democracy.



Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Honourable Members

4. During 2022/ 2023 Financial Year, Vote 31 for Veterans Affairs was allocated funds to carry out budgeted programmes and projects, of which **93% of the allocated budget** was utilized on activities mainly aimed at veterans' welfare programmes and keeping the history of the liberation struggle alive.

At this point, allow me to highlight that, the **highest cost driver** in the budget allocated to Vote 31 was towards the payment of **monthly grants to the veterans**. However, other activities such as: Once off Gratuity, Individual Veteran Projects (IVPs), Funeral Assistance, Erection of Tombstones, Medical Assistance, Counselling, Research Documentation of the history of the National Liberation Struggle were also funded.



The monthly payout is not fixed but keeps increasing every month as veterans leave active employment due to various reasons such as retirement, medical boarding, retrenchment and other factors. The Accountability Report for 2021/22 Financial Year, the Summary of the Veterans Budget Execution for the Financial Year 2023/24 have been presented during the Mid-Term Budget Review for the 2022/2023 Financial Year by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises. The Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the 2023/2024- 2025/2026 Medium Expenditure Framework is attached hereto as APPENDIX 1 for Honourable Members' scrutiny and Consideration.

5. One of the biggest challenge that the Ministry faced is payment of the Individual Veterans Projects (IVPs) that started in 2011 and could not be concluded due to budgetary constraints.



6. In December 2021, Cabinet resolved to change the mode of payment of individual veterans' projects from funding of business proposals to cash payment mode capped at **One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$170,000)**

The cash payment has brought about a positive change in the lives of the beneficiaries as some have used the money to renovate their dwellings. Since the commencement of the cash payment of **N\$170,000**, the Ministry has paid 559 veterans. Although the Ministry has thus far paid out **Eleven Thousand and Thirty-Five (11,035)** IVPs, there is still a huge backlog of **Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Five (11,125)** unfunded IVPs which number is likely to increase due to the fact that veterans who did not apply are starting to apply for IVPs.

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Honourable Members

7. The Ministry will strive to continue utilizing the available resources in improving the socio economic status of the veterans and those still to be recognized through already established Veterans Board



and Veterans Appeal Board; preserve and keep the history of the national liberation struggle alive for the present and future generations; continuously monitor and evaluate socio-economic services provided to veterans; and improve organizational performance to ensure service delivery to the veterans. The Ministry will continue to promote and implement projects and programmes aimed at improving the socio-economic wellbeing of the veterans, including keeping and preserving the history of the national liberation struggle for future generations.





Furthermore, an Exhumation Committee has been established to oversee the exhumation and re-interment of the remains of the martyrs of the liberation struggle at designated National Shrines or burial sites.

In addition to the above, I wish to inform this august house that the Cassinga Shrine project is completed and that it will be inaugurated this year and you will be invited to the inauguration in due course.

8. As I conclude, it is needless to mention that the contributions and sacrifices made by the gallant sons and daughters of this soil can never be equated to any fiscal value, therefore the least we can do as a Government and as a people in the Namibian House is to express our appreciation for our independence and peace.

It is therefore, my honour to request you Honourable Members to support and approve the budget allocation of **One Billion One Hundred and Seventy-Four Million One Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$1,174,161,000)** for Vote 31: Veterans Affairs for the Financial Year 2023/ 2024.

I thank you!

APPENDIX 1

Accounting Officer: The Executive Director

Vote 31 Veterans Affairs



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

		Actual	Rev. Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
001	Remuneration	31,933,194.37	39,143,000	38,485,282	39,326,000	40,195,800
002	Employers Contribution to the G.I.P.F. and M.P.O.O.B.P.F.	3,912,162.16	4,855,000	4,754,380	5,240,000	5,416,450
003	Other Conditions of Service	1,262,444.45	455,000	550,000	506,000	526,600
004	Improvement of Remuneration Structure		1,449,000		1,519,000	1,556,000
005	Employers Contribution to the Social Security	107,928.20	127,000	123,463	135,000	139,950
010	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE-SUBTOTAL	37,215,729	46,029,000	43,913,125	46,726,000	47,834,800
021	Travel and Subsistence Allowance	466,287.07	1,160,000	1,170,000	1,580,000	1,550,000
022	Materials and Supplies	899,794.21	900,000	1,200,000	1,325,000	1,402,000
023	Transport	9,459,033.77	5,074,000	5,203,875	5,263,000	5,330,000
024	Utilities	4,952,439.66	5,300,000	5,401,000	5,515,000	5,650,000
025	Maintenance Expenses	756,863.23	805,000	815,000	850,000	860,000
026	Property Rental and Related Charges	696,797.85	982,000	580,000	600,000	620,000
027	Other Services and Expenses	4,150,975.40	4,310,000	5,740,000	5,390,000	5,480,000
030	GOODS AND OTHER SERVICES-SUBTOTAL	21,382,191	18,531,000	20,109,875	20,523,000	20,892,000
043	Government Organizations	824,622.374	963,183,000	1,103,938,000	1,112,102,000	1,137,087,160
080	SUBSIDIES & OTHER CURRENT TRANSFERS-SUBTOTAL	824,622,374	963,183,000	1,103,938,000	1,112,102,000	1,137,087,160
100	TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURE [010+030+080+090]	883,220,294	1,027,743,000	1,167,961,000	1,179,351,000	1,205,813,960
101	Furniture and Office Equipment	238,763	1,410,000	700,000	1,150,000	580,000
102	Vehicles					
103	Operational Equipment, Machinery and Plants					
110	ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS-SUBTOTAL	238,763	1,410,000	700,000	1,150,000	580,000
130	CAPITAL TRANSFERS-SUBTOTAL [121+122+123+124]					
160	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE [110+130]	238,763	1,410,000	700,000	1,150,000	580,000
180	TOTAL LENDING AND EQUITY PARTICIPATION					
300	GRAND TOTAL-OPERATIONAL [100+160+180+210+220]	883,459,058	1,029,153,000	1,168,661,000	1,180,501,000	1,206,393,960
117	Construction, Renovation and Improvement	4,864,386	3,000,000	5,500,000	7,000,000	8,500,000
120	ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS - SUBTOTAL	4,864,386	3,000,000	5,500,000	7,000,000	8,500,000
150	CAPITAL TRANSFERS - SUBTOTAL					
170	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE [120+150]	4,864,386	3,000,000	5,500,000	7,000,000	8,500,000
200	TOTAL - DEVELOPMENT [020+040+170+190]	4,864,386	3,000,000	5,500,000	7,000,000	8,500,000
400	GRAND TOTAL [200+300]	888,323,443	1,032,153,000	1,174,161,000	1,187,501,000	1,214,893,960



**Break down of Government Organizations (043):
Budget Allocation for veteran's activities during the
2023/24 financial year**

**Government Organizations (Veterans Fund Activities)	N\$
Annual Grant to Veterans Association	1,000,000
Veterans Appeal Board	600,000
Conferment of National Honors	250,000
Construction of veterans Houses	-
Heritage and Exhumation	1,000,000
Education and Training Grant	25,000
Erection of tombstones	9,600,000
Funeral assistance of deceased veterans	5,000,000
Identification and marking of heritage sites	1,000,000
Identification and Registration Veterans	100,000
Improvement of Welfare for Ex-Plan Combatant	416,951,200
Individual Veterans Projects (IVPs)	113,040,000
Medical Assistance & Counselling	800,000
Payment of Once-Off gratuity (Lumpsum)	1,500,000
Research and Documentation	1,500,000
Subvention Grant	547,101,800
Veterans Board Activities	500,000
Veterans Resettlement Programme	1,000,000
Administrative Expenses (bank charges)	2,970,000
Total Government Organizations	1,103,938,000









VISION

The Ministry of Defence aims at developing a small, well trained, highly mobile, professional and well equipped force, ready to protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Namibia and actively contribute to international peace and stability.

MISSION

The Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs shall be an efficient, effective and accountable Government institution responsible for formulating policies and programmes on defence for the government. It will continue to execute government decisions on defence issues in a timely and cost effective manner.

Furthermore, it will continue to procure equipment for the Namibian Defence Force.

CORE VALUES

- Patriotism and Dedication
- Respect for Rule of Law
- Integrity
- Transparent and Accountability
- Professionalism
- Teamwork and Cooperation



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