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**MOTION: PROVISION OF MASSIVE SANITATION  
SERVICES TO URBAN AND RURAL AREAS**

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Deputy

1. Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members

2. I raise to speak and add value to the motion on provision of massive sanitation to all our people both in urban and rural areas.

3. Indeed, as a person with a background in health, I must agree that there is a correlation between health and sanitation. Where there is good sanitation there is potential for good health. Where there is lack of sanitation, there is lack of healthy bodies and even minds. And where there are no healthy bodies then you expect deaths caused by things like waterborne diseases or from earth and air pollution. Majority of communicable diseases such gastro intestinal infections namely cholera, H Pylori, parasites, scabies etc. do come from an environment which is infested with dirt and which has become a host for germs to grow, multiply and transmit to other areas including human bodies affecting both the inner and outer of the human body, in some cases fatal.

4. Based on the above, I strongly agree with the concern about sanitation ~~because by extension I agree with the impact of the sanitation or lack of sanitation thereof.~~

5. The debate and approaches to sanitation is not unique to Namibia, it is a global problem especially in the countries on their way to development. This means then that the presence or no presence of sanitation cannot be isolated or divorced from economic priority of such nations and therefore in a way linked to political leadership and will of such nations.
6. Without addressing sanitation, for whatever reason, there is breeding of diseases, and inviting more people to our hospitals, health centres and facilities, ending us in using more resources than one could have used in deterring and preventing diseases through provision of sanitation and promotion of healthy lifestyle among our people.

7. **Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members**

8. Sanitation is not only limited to toilets but sanitations seeks to work for and promote safe drinking water, toilet facilities to eradicate open defecation and then seek to promote environmental hygiene including food and nutrition preparation. This will not only mean behavioural change through society and community health mobilization, but the ability to make resources

available so that our words are coupled with actions.  
People trust when we speak but trust us more when we  
act.

9. Honourable <sup>Dep</sup> Speaker, Honourable Members,

10. We should through our line ministries especially that of  
Health and Social Service, Agriculture, Water and  
Forestry, land, Urban and Rural development, faith-  
based organizations namely the churches which have  
massive properties and influence on grassroot, civil  
society organization and lobby of cooperation in an  
effort to achieve the goal of sanitation at every level of  
our society especially in changing the behavioural  
dynamics among communities.

I support the motion Honourable <sup>Dep</sup> Speaker and so submit.

I thank you