

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**BUDGET STATEMENT
VOTE 01: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR
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Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;
Honourable Members;

It gives me great pleasure and honour to present to his August House the budget allocation of Vote 1: Office of the President. The functions and operations of the Office of the President is derived from its Mandate that enjoins functionaries to render effective advisory and administrative support services to the President in the execution of his Constitutional mandate, in terms of Article 27 (1) (2) "The President shall be the Head of State and of the Government and the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces AND The executive power of the Republic of Namibia shall vest in the President and the Cabinet."

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;
Honourable Members;

With the presentation of this Vote 1, I pay tribute to HE Dr Hage G Geingob, the Late 3rd President of our Republic and the host of the Office of the President. The allocation of funds to this Vote enabled the President to in terms of Article 32 "...perform with dignity and leadership all acts necessary, expedient, reasonable and incidental to the discharge of the executive functions of the Government..."

His Excellency the Late President in the execution of his duties traversed the globe, the length and breadth of this land, to negotiate deals and sign agreements among others, despite his failing health; for the betterment of the living conditions of the people of Namibia, both young and old. May his soul continue to Rest in Peace.

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1. During the period under review the Presidency facilitated with the assistance of the Performance Management Unit and in liaison with implementing Offices, Ministries and Agencies the assurance of compliance and provision of quarterly progress reports on the implementation of HPP2.

2. It also facilitated stakeholder engagements to ensure that State of the Nation (SONA) directives are on-boarded by implementing institutions,
3. The Presidency coordinated high level meetings to facilitate the President's active participation in setting the country's developmental agenda,
4. During the period under review the signing of the Agreement between Government and Hyphen Hydrogen Energy was witnessed as an entrant into the pioneering industry to develop Sub- Sahara Africa's largest Green Hydrogen Project, under the championship of the late President. During the Period the Government also signed Join Declarations of Intent and Agreements with key markets such as the European Union, Germany and Japan.
5. Several international missions where undertaken to enhance Namibia's role in the attainment of regional, continental and global, aspirations. As a result of this, excellent partnerships were forged, paving the way for the implementation of various projects including the formulation of a Green Industialisation Strategy, which includes Green Hydrogen and its derivatives already mentioned Green Hydrogen Project as well as the development and commercialization of the recently discovered Hydrocarbon potential in Namibia for the benefit of all Namibian citizens, to name but a few key achievements.

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Allow me now to focus myself on accounting for the 2023/2024 Financial Year budget allocation for the Office of the President, Vote 1.

VOTE 1: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The budget Estimate for the 2023/2024 Financial Year was N\$ 970 871 000-00 (**Nine Hundred and Seventy Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand Namibian Dollars**). The Office has effectively expended a substantial portion of the allocated funds in

line with the revised budget, achieving an overall execution rate of 97.3%.

These funds were predominantly allocated towards essential activities such as utilities, infrastructure maintenance, office equipment replacement, the renovation of the official Presidential residence, and the construction of the Chief Hosea Kutako Museum and Homestead Shrine. The implementation of these activities and programs was instrumental in ensuring the efficient functioning of the institution and the provision of the much needed services to the people of Namibia.

During the year under review the Office oversaw the

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According to projections from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), global growth is anticipated to maintain its stability throughout 2024 before experiencing an upturn in 2025. Concurrently, the Namibian economy persists in confronting the challenges posed by independent intervening variables such as the adverse effects of climate change. These challenges manifest in the form of erratic rainfall patterns and the looming threat of drought, which adversely affect both human livelihoods and the survival of animals

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;
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I now present to you the 2024/2025 Financial Year budget allocation of N\$ 966 821 000-00 (**Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Namibian Dollars**).

This budget comprises N\$ 858 721 000-00 (**Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Namibian Dollars**) allocated for Operational expenditure, representing 89% of the total budget, and N\$ 108 100 000-00

(One-Hundred and Eight Million, One Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars) allocated for Development expenditure, representing 11% of the total budget.

This budget represents a decrease of N\$ 4 050 000-00 **(Four million and fifty thousand Namibian Dollars)** translating in 0.4 % in comparison with N\$ 970,871 000-00 **(Nine hundred and seventy million, eight hundred and seventy-one thousand Namibian Dollars)** allocated during the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

Looking ahead to the fiscal year 2024/2025, we are presented with new opportunities and challenges, including a renewed looming drought despite the gains made in the Green Hydrogen as well as the Oil and Gas space. Also have we seen a presidential transition within a transitional period. All of this put a strain on the budget allocation and renders the Office to stretch its finances and work innovatively to cover every single aspect of the Vote within reasonable financial terms.

The 2024/2025 budget is necessary to enable the President, His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba to continue the legacy overseeing the conclusion of the implementation of the programs under the Second Harambee Prosperity Plan in key sectors of the Administration.

Thus, this Vote serves as an important instrument in ensuring that the country's economic recovery and job creation initiatives are well coordinated.

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The breakdown of the allocated budget of N\$ 966 821 000-00 **(Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Namibian Dollars)** for the 2024/2025 Financial Year is as follows:

Operational budget- N\$ 858 721 000-00 **(Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

Development budget- N\$ 108 100 000-00 (**One Hundred and Eight Million, One Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

The Office of the President comprises Seven (7) main divisions, each with its unique objectives and activities. I wish to highlight the activities planned for each main division with the budgetary allocation.

(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 and other ceremonial Events, and
- Monitoring of the conclusion of the implementation of HPPII

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

Operational budget-N\$ 107 188 000-00 (**One Hundred and Seven Million, and One Eighty-Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars**)

Development budget-N\$ 0-00

Total -N\$ 107 188 000-00 (**One Hundred and Seven Million, and One Eighty-Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars**)

(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:

- Replacement of Air Conditioning System
- Preventative maintenance of office infrastructure
- Utilities

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

Operational budget-N\$ 489 196 0000 (**Four Hundred and Eighty Nine Million, One Hundred and Ninety Six Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Development budget-N\$ 108 100 000 (**One Hundred and eight Million, One Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Total N\$ 597 296 000 (**Five Hundred and Ninety Seven Million, Two Hundred and Ninety 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 budget N\$ 16 181 000-00 (**Sixteen Million, One Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Development-budget N\$ 0-00

Total N\$ 16 181 000-00 (**Sixteen Million, One Hundred and Eighty-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.

Activities:

- To enable the Office to carry out delegated executive functions

The breakdown of the budget allocation is as follows:

Operational budget N\$ 13 124 000-00 (**Thirteen Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand**)

Development budget N\$ 0-00

Total N\$ 13 124 000-00 (**Thirteen Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand**)

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

Objective:

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

Activities:

- Expand engagement activities with investors and stakeholders in the form of international events, Expos and Trade Fairs amongst others.
- National Youth Employment Tax Incentives and National Internship programme
- Promotion of Apprenticeships of Namibian unemployed youth in Germany

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

Operational budget N\$ 125 137 000-00 **(One hundred and Twenty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

Development budget N\$ 0-00

Total N\$ 125 137 000-00 **(One hundred and Twenty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars)**

f) Main Division 06: Government Air Transport Services (GATS)

Objective:

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

Activities:

- Hangar Maintenance at regular intervals to maintain appropriate work environment
- Aircraft maintenance
- Continuous training of pilots and engineers

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

Operational budget N\$ 158 962 000 000-00 (**One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Development budget N\$ 0-00

Total N\$ 158 962 000 000-00 (**One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

g) Main Division 07: Governors

Objective

Regional Governors shall address regional council on the state of the region, plan activities of the central government in the region, report on the activities of central government.

Activities:

Initiate socio developmental programs for the betterment of the inhabitants of the regions among others.

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

Operational budget N\$ 57 033 000-00 (**Fifty-Seven Million, Thirty-three Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Development budget N\$ 0-00

Total N\$ 57 033 000-00 (**Fifty-Seven Million, Thirty-three Thousand Namibian Dollars**)

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;
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With this motivation, I kindly appeal this August House to deliberate, consider and approve the 2024/2025 budget allocation for Vote 01: Office of the President.

I thank you.