



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**BUDGET STATEMENT**

**VOTE 01: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 2025/2026**

**FINANCIAL YEAR**

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**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee;  
Honourable Members; and Fellow Namibians**

I rise before you today, as I present the budget allocation in respect of Vote 01: Office of the President, for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

Over the past year, Namibia and the world were shuttered by the loss of the third President of the Republic of Namibia His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob, who passed away on 4 February 2024. May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace. On that same day, during that difficult time for our nation, we experienced a smooth transition of power to His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, the fourth President of Namibia, who guided us through this period of grief.

His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba has remained composed, while leading the Namibian nation through difficult times. On 8 February 2025, His Excellency Mbumba faced another challenging task: announcing to both the Namibian people and the world the passing of the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, His Excellency Dr. Sam Shafishuuna Nujoma, May His Soul continue to Rest In Peace.

As a nation, we express our gratitude to the Former President, His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba for his strength and dedication and indeed for his firm leadership during these difficult times in Namibia's history.

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

On behalf of the Government and the people of Namibia, I would like to once again congratulate Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah on her inauguration on 21 March 2025, as the fifth President of Namibia, the first female President of our Republic, and the second elected female President on the African continent.

I wish Her Excellency, the President, strength and wisdom to lead the Namibian people to greater heights of unity and prosperity. Equally, I

congratulate Her Excellency Cde Lucia Witbooi on her appointment, as the Vice President of the Republic of Namibia.

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

I now turn my attention to the budgetary highlights and priorities of the Office of the President totalling N\$1,458,162,000.00 **(one billion, four hundred fifty-eight million, and one hundred sixty-two thousand Namibian Dollars)** for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

This budget comprises N\$1,213,162,000.00 **(one billion, two hundred and thirteen million, one hundred sixty-two thousand Namibian Dollars)** allocated for Operational expenditure, representing 83% of the total budget, and N\$245,000,000.00 **(two hundred and forty-five million Namibian Dollars)** allocated for Development expenditure, representing 17% of the total budget.

These figures represent an increase of N\$466,341,000.00 **(four hundred and sixty-six million and three hundred and forty-one thousand Namibian Dollars)** in comparison with N\$991,821,000.00 **(nine hundred and ninety-one million, eight hundred and twenty-one thousand Namibian Dollars)** allocated during the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

This increase resulted from the three Directorates that were transferred to the Office of the President, namely; Marginalized Communities, Disability Affairs and Upstream Oil and Gas Directorate.

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

Before I present the breakdown of the figures for this year's budget, allow me to account for the 2024/2025 Financial Year budget allocation for the Office of the President, Vote 01.

## **VOTE 01: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

The budget appropriation for the 2024/2025 Financial Year was N\$966,821,000.00 **(nine hundred and sixty-six million, eight hundred and seventy-one thousand Namibian Dollars)**.

During the Mid-Term Budget Review, an additional amount of N\$25,000,000.00 **(twenty-five million Namibian Dollars)** was added during the Financial Year, resulting in the revised budget appropriation of N\$991,821,000.00 **(nine hundred and ninety-one million, eight hundred and twenty-one thousand Namibian Dollars)**.

With this total budget, the Office of the President diligently allocated resources to both Operational and Development expenditure as follows:

- Operational budget: N\$887,221,000.00 **(eight hundred and eighty seven million, two hundred and twenty-one thousand Namibian Dollars)**.
- Development budget: N\$104,600,000.00 **(one hundred and four million, six hundred thousand Namibian Dollars)**.
- Total budget expenditure: N\$983,803,795.70 **(nine hundred and eighty-three million, eight hundred and three thousand, seven hundred and ninety-five Namibian Dollars and seventy cents)**.

There was a variance totalling N\$8,017,204,37 **(eight million, seventeen thousand, two hundred and four Namibian Dollars and thirty seven cents)**

### **Reason for variance:**

These savings resulted from invoices not received on time from foreign suppliers, especially for the Government Air Transport Services (GATS),

coupled with the foreign payments deadline of 7 March 2025. The Office of the President had committed to honour some of these invoices, but contractors could not complete the work on time; thus, purchase orders had to be cancelled, which resulted in this saving.

In terms of the execution rate, for the operational budget, the execution rate was 99.24%, while for the developmental budget, it was 98.19%, resulting in an overall execution rate of 99.19% for the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

These funds were predominantly allocated towards essential activities such as utilities, infrastructure maintenance, office equipment replacement, and providing safe, secure, and efficient air transport to the President and other VVIPs. Additionally, funds were used for implementation of Former President's Pension, renovation of the official Presidential residence, and for construction of the Chief Hosea Kutako Museum and Homestead Shrine.

These investments were instrumental in ensuring the efficient functioning of our esteemed institution, providing conducive working environment for our dedicated staff, and provision for suitable offices and accommodation for our leaders.

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

On 21 March 2025, Namibia entered into a new era of governance, the eighth administration, with the historic inauguration of the first-ever Female President and the fifth President. The eighth administration comes against the backdrop of various challenges facing our country, ranging from high youth unemployment, poverty, climate change impact (with resultant floods) causing destruction of our road infrastructure, the outbreak of malaria, and inequality.

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 her Constitutional mandate, while implementing programmes and projects from the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto 2025-2030 including its Implementation Plan which is a blue print for the 8<sup>th</sup> Administration.

### **Honourable Members,**

Looking ahead to the 2025/2026 Financial Year, the Office has added additional responsibilities to its functions with the inclusion of three Divisions to the Presidency, namely, Oil and Gas and Marginalised Communities and Disability Affairs. With this addition, we are presented with new opportunities and challenges which necessitate additional funding for this financial year.

The 2025/2026 Financial Year budget is necessary to enable the President, Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, to continue leading the Namibian citizenry to prosperity. Her Excellency will also be enabled by this budget to continue building on the foundation laid by her predecessors since independence. This will be achieved by effectively and efficiently implementing projects, as outlined in the SWAPO Party Elections Manifesto Implementation Plan and the 6<sup>th</sup> National Development Plans with the aim of accelerating the implementation of programmes in key sectors towards the attainment of Vision 2030.

This budget is a catalyst to unlock key sectors of our economy for sustainable development, such as Oil and Gas, while tackling the issues of youth unemployment, sustainable economic growth, and quality service delivery to the Namibian people.

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

I now present to you the 2025/2026 Financial Year budget allocation for Vote 01 of N\$1,458,162,000.00 **(one billion, four hundred and fifty-eight million, one hundred sixty-two thousand Namibian Dollars).**

The breakdown budget for Vote 01: Office of the President is divided as follows:

Operational Estimate: N\$1,213,162,000.00 (**one billion and two hundred and thirteen million, one hundred sixty-two thousand Namibian Dollars**); and

Development Estimate: N\$245,000,000.00 (**two hundred and forty-five million Namibian Dollars**).

The budget allocation to the Office of the President supports four (4) programmes, namely:

- **Programme 1:** Protection and Defence of the Namibian Constitution;
- **Programme 2:** Democracy Consolidation;
- **Programme 3:** Investment Promotion and Facilitation; and
- **Programme 4:** Policy Coordination and Support Services.

As indicated earlier, I want to draw your attention to the addition of three new components to Programme 99: Marginalised Communities, Disability Affairs, and Upstream Oil and Gas Division.

### **Marginalised Communities**

The function of Marginalised Communities Division is to promote the social inclusion of Marginalised Communities. Our President made a conscious decision to bring back the Division of Marginalised Communities to the Presidency under the Office of the Vice President to pay special attention to their needs and ensure their full integration into the mainstream economy.

During the 2025/2026 financial year, an amount of N\$285,638,000.00 (**two hundred and eighty-five million, six hundred and thirty-eight thousand Namibian Dollars**), has been allocated to the Division of Marginalised Communities.

The total operational budget amounts to N\$276,415,000.00 (**two hundred and seventy-six million, four hundred and fifteen thousand Namibian Dollars**), while the difference is for personnel expenditure.

The Operational budget covers the following activities: education (tuition fees, allowances, lodging fees, and provision of learner transportation); livelihood support programme (special feeding programme, warehouse rentals, burial services, livelihood empowerment projects, post-resettlement support, and data management); provision of national documents; and the provision of adequate housing and sanitation.

The bulk of the operational budget of the Division: Marginalised Communities, goes to the programmes in line with the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto Implementation Plan. Furthermore, deliberate efforts will be made in this Financial Year to purchase food items from producers in the regions to promote economic development and employment creation. Regional Councils will be urged to initiate food production initiatives benefitting the marginalized communities.

## **Disability Affairs**

The core function of this Division is to ensure the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

## **Upstream Oil and Gas**

The function of this Division is to promote the development of the oil and gas industries. Due to the significance of this sector, the department has been placed in the Presidency to streamline oversight and accelerate development in this sector to redefine Namibia's economic trajectory and to maximise the benefit of these resources for the benefit of all Namibians. This industry is new to Namibia, therefore, the main activities this year will focus on the capacitation of the sector, including the development of policies and review of the existing law to cater for the development of this important national sector.

I will discuss these programmes and their respective financial allocations in more detail.

### **Programme 1: Protection and Defence of the Namibian Constitution**

- This programme renders administrative and technical support to the President. For this financial year, the allocation for this programme is as follows:

Operational budget: N\$119,731,000.00 **(one hundred and nineteen million, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand Namibian Dollars)**

This budget allocation will:

- Ensure administrative and technical support to the President and smooth and effective management of the Private Office;
- Provide press and media liaison services, policy research, speeches and statements;
- Ensure provision of hospitality services; and
- Ensure that the medals for the conferment of national honours are available at all times.

### **Programme 2: Democracy Consolidation**

- This programme covers expenditures related to rendering administrative and technical support services to the former Presidents. In this Financial Year, the allocation to this programme is as follows:

Operational budget: N\$29,197,000.00 **(twenty-nine million, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand Namibian Dollars).**

- The programme is complementary to the work of the Head of State and aims to achieve several outputs, including improving democratic governance, while supporting economic development and social advancement.

### **Programme 3: Investment Promotion and Facilitation Functions**

This programme support the work of the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board, (NIPDB) which plays a pivotal role in driving investment, promote and facilitate from both local and foreign investors.

- During the 2024/2025 financial year, NIPDB was allocated a total budget of N\$ 135,937,000 (**one hundred thirty-five million, nine hundred and thirty-seven thousand Namibian Dollars**). This allocation continued to support the implementation of the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board's mandate.

The notable achievements that were facilitated by the Investment Board in the previous year include, among others, the following:

- N\$ 500 million invested in Arandis by HyIron to process iron ore using green hydrogen, creating 60 direct jobs;
- N\$ 232 million invested value in Divundu by Namibia Berries, to cultivate blueberries for the first time in Namibia, creating 350 permanent jobs and 1,000 seasonal jobs during the harvest season;
- N\$ 130 million invested at Etunda Irrigation Project by Otjimbele Agriculture, to plant a grape vineyard, creating 500 permanent jobs and 850 seasonal jobs during harvest season;
- N\$ 160 million invested in Lüderitz by Kelp Blue, to cultivate seaweed and produce a compound used in organic fertiliser and food, creating 92 employment opportunities; and
- N\$ 500 million invested in Walvis Bay by Cleanergy, to establish a green hydrogen refueling plant, creating 50 permanent jobs.

These projects, together with others make up a total of 11 investment projects with an investment value of N\$ 3.2 billion to date.

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

During 2025/2026 financial year, an amount of N\$ 150,137,000.00 (**one hundred and fifty million, one hundred and thirty-seven thousand Namibian Dollars**) has been allocated to Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board, which represents approximately 10% growth from the previous year.

This allocation is expected to further strengthen and facilitate the implementation of the Board's mandate, with the following additions:

- Economic diversification – the identification and development of new economic sectors and identifying segments of industry value chains that Namibia can develop to achieve our industrialization agenda;
- Increase in global presence to enhance economic diplomacy, access more export markets and increase foreign direct investment further;
- The Namibia Convention Bureau Office, for continuing the momentum gained in the establishment of the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions sector, the Board has preliminarily identified four significant international events that Namibia will host during this financial year;
- Brand Namibia Office, tasked with ensuring that Namibia improves its international branding and increases the brand visibility and awareness of Namibia, establishing and reinforcing the brand image that Namibia wants to portray; and
- One Stop Centre – the Centre exists to facilitate prompt, efficient, timeous, and transparent services as well as boost the confidence of both local and foreign investors in all productive sectors of the economy.

### **Programme 99: Policy coordination and Support Services.**

- The programme caters for ensuring national security and stability, thereby contributing to the maintenance of peace, security and stability;
- The programme also provides safe, secure and efficient air transport to VVIPs;
- The programme further supports the representation of central government in regions (Governors);
- Provide services in support of the operations of the Presidency;
- Ensure social inclusion of marginalised communities and people with disabilities; and,
- Promotion of Oil and Gas.

Operational budget: N\$666,080,000.00 **(six hundred and sixty-six million, eighty thousand Namibian Dollars).**

Development budget: N\$125,000,000.00 **(one hundred and twenty-five million Namibian Dollars).**

### **Directorate Auxiliary Services**

Operational budget: N\$248,017,000.00 **(two-hundred and forty-eight million, seventeen thousand Namibian Dollars).**

Development budget: N\$120,000,000.00 **(one-hundred and twenty million Namibian Dollars).**

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

I would like to emphasise that the budget allocation for the Office of the President for the Financial Year 2025/26 is planned to be executed, amongst others, on the following activities:

- Acquiring and upgrading outdated security and IT equipment;
- Supervision and control of the Upstream Oil and Gas operations;
- Review of legislative framework to regulate Oil and Gas;
- Integration of Marginalised Communities/Indigenous Minorities into the mainstream economy;
- Ensure participation and access of persons with disabilities into the socio-economic development through disability mainstreaming across sectors;
- Secure an office space for the fourth former President as well as three new main divisions;
- Provide safe, secure and efficient Air Transport Services to H.E. the President, VP, PM, Deputy PM, Cabinet Ministers, etc., to local and international destinations;
- To maintain aircraft fleets and ensure flight safety; and
- Provide administrative support to H.E. the President, Vice President, former Presidents, Regional Governors and Presidential Advisors.

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

It is now my singular honour to submit the proposed budget of N\$1,458,162,000.00 (**one billion, four hundred and fifty-eight million, one hundred sixty-two thousand Namibian Dollars**)) for Vote 01 for this August House favourable consideration.

I thank you.