



Republic of Namibia

**NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MOTIVATION FOR BUDGET ALLOCATION**

**FOR**

**VOTE 26: NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Presented by:  
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**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
Honourable Members,**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. I rise to present the motivation for the budget allocation for Vote 26: National Planning Commission, for the financial year 2025/26 and the corresponding medium term expenditure framework.
- 1.2. The National Planning Commission, as mandated under Article 129 of the Constitution, has a responsibility to plan the priorities and direct the course of national development. The National Planning Commission also monitor the effectiveness of development programmes, through monitoring and evaluation.
- 1.3. As I start with this presentation, allow me on behalf of the National Planning Commission, congratulate Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah on her historic election and the assumption of the role of first woman and 5<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of Namibia. This milestone solidifies Namibia's women empowerment. I also congratulate Honourable Ericah Shafudah for the noble task of presenting the budget to this august House.

## **2. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 2.1. The budget allocation for Vote 26: National Planning Commission for financial year 2024/25 was Two Hundred Thirty Two Million, Four Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$232,488,000).
- 2.2. The expenditure incurred in 2024/25 financial year amounted to Two Hundred Twenty- Four Million, Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty-

Eight Namibia Dollars (N\$224,281,848), which translate into a budget execution rate of 96.47%.

2.3. Let me start to highlight the activities undertaken during the 2024/25 Financial Year.

2.3.1. **The 2023 Economic Development Report (EDR).** The EDR remains one of NPC's annual flagship reports which provides a five-year synopsis on socio-economic developments at the global, regional and domestic levels. The report informs stakeholders on latest developments from the rest of the world and the impact on Namibia's sustainable and socio-economic development landscape.

2.3.2. **The 2024 Poverty, Vulnerability and Inequality in Namibia: An estimation of recent trends report was produced.** The report provides three aspects: (i) estimates of the number of people living in poverty and those at risk of falling into poverty using Namibia Housing Income Expenditure Survey (NHIES) 2015/16 data; (ii) an assessment of income and wealth inequality; and (iii) the causes of inequality and how the current national and international crises have affected poverty and inequality in Namibia.

2.3.3. The Development Budget for 2024/25 to 2026/27 MTEF period was coordinated and the budget book produced. The Development Budget details all capital projects financed by the Government and Official Development Assistance (ODA) during the MTEF period.

2.3.4. The Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and Evaluation Guidelines were developed. The guidelines provide overarching guidance in undertaking monitoring and evaluation activities within the public sector.

2.3.5. Mobilized Official Development Assistance from various development partners, amounting to N\$2,5 billion, which equates to 2.5% of the national

budget for the year which was N\$100.1 billion. The Official Development Assistance are important source, and complement the financing of the development programmes.

- 2.3.6. Hosted the 2024 Development Partners Forum to enhance partnership with development partners and to support the implementation of the National Development Plans. The role of development partners is significant, as they contribute the implementation of quite a number of programmes within our communities. The Development Partners Forum enables Government and Development Partners to coordinate and leverage resources for optimal benefit, and avoid any overlaps.
- 2.3.7. Finalized and launched the Census Post Enumeration Survey report on 30 October 2024. The survey outcome is a critical tool in assessing the accuracy and completeness of the census data.
- 2.3.8. Conducted the Pilot Survey on the Namibia Household Income Expenditure Survey in all fourteen (14) regions to test the readiness of the survey instruments and tools including completion time of survey round before the commencement of the main survey. The Survey will be undertaken within this financial year.
- 2.3.9. The drafting and stakeholders inputs on the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6). The Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6) is a five-year plan towards Vision 2030. The formulation process involved regions' and constituencies' consultations in all 14 Regions and 121 Constituencies between February and April 2024. The NDP sets medium term development goals for the country.
- 2.3.10. The National Population and Housing Census main report was finalized and released on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Census is conducted every ten years, and its results provides useful information about the country's demography

and other social and economic factors, such as size of the population and socio-economic levels of the population.

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### **3. VOTE ALLOCATION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26**

3.1. In respect of the current financial year 2025/26, the National Planning Commission is allocated a total budget of Three Hundred Seventy One million, Six Hundred and Twenty Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$371,628,000), of which: -

3.1.1. An amount of Three Hundred Eleven Million, Six Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 311,628,000) is to cater for operational expenditures, and

3.1.2. An amount of Sixty million Namibia Dollars (N\$60,000,000) is for development expenditures.

### **4. PROGRAMMES**

The budget allocations are apportioned to the following four (4) programmes: -

<b>4.1. PROGRAMME 01: MACRO-ECONOMIC PLANNING</b>
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4.1.1. The programme Macro-economic planning is responsible for conducting socio-economic research to inform national development planning, and is allocated an amount of Fourteen Million, Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$14,214,000),

4.1.2. The following are planned activities for the current financial year, under this programme:

- (a) Production of the 2024 Economic Development Report, which provides a synopsis of socio-economic developments at the global, regional and domestic levels.
- (b) Undertaking Annual Industrial Survey, as part of the Macroeconomic Working Group (MEWG) together with Ministry of Finance, Bank of Namibia and Namibia Statistics Agency. The survey is very crucial as it informs the national budget and economic development report.
- (c) Engagement with various sectors to produce the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) Dialogue Report. The overall objective of this dialogue is to initiate a stakeholders' engagement, to acquire high level commitment, that will enable to fast track the implementation of the INFF roadmap for a specific sector yet to be identified. It aims to significantly enhance the effectiveness and impact of development spending, using available resources from public and private sectors.
- (d) Finalize the drafting and launch of the sixth National Development Plan. The NDP6 covers five (5) years from financial years 2025/26 to 2029/30, to coincide with Vision 2030. The National Planning Commission concluded the 2<sup>nd</sup> validation workshop for the draft of the NDP6, and is expected to launch the NDP6 documents before end of first quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. Post the NDP6 launch, the National Planning Commission will carry out a popularization campaigns for the NDP6 in all 14 regions as part of public awareness.
- (e) Formulation of the Development Planning Framework for Namibia, to guide the planning for developmental activities.
- (f) Undertaking of the skills audit in the country, and production of the Skills Gap Report. The outcome of this skills audit will identify areas for future

skills investments and also guide human resource development activities in the country.

- (g) Review of the National Human Resource Plan (HRP) 2010-2025The NPC will collect data that will inform the review of this plan. Post the review process, the HRP 2025-2035 report will be produced to direct the country's human resources demand and supply.
- (h) Socio-Economic Research Reports. The National Planning Commission will continue to carry out research on socio-economic issues on identified issues and further disseminate the reports to stakeholders.

<b>4.2. PROGRAMME 02: REGIONAL &amp; SECTORAL PLANNING AND POLICY COORDINATION</b>
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- 4.2.1. The programme coordinates the development planning and budgeting, and ensures that National Development Plans are implemented and that the development budget programmes and projects are aligned to the national priorities as outlined in National Development Plans. Under this programme, the National Planning Commission strengthen regional planning and coordinate the formulation and review of socio-economic public policies to ensure consistency with national objectives and priorities as well as to evaluate policy effectiveness.
- 4.2.2. This program is allocated an amount of Fifteen Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty Seven Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$15,967,000).
- 4.2.3. In this financial year, the following activities will be undertaken under this programme:
  - (a) Formulation of the Regional Development Profiles and Plans – to profile each region properly in respect of statistics, comparative and competitive advantages to fully exploit regional economic potential through the identification and implementation of programmes and projects which

respond appropriately to the needs of the people, and to outlines regional potentials and priorities.

- (b) Evaluation of Government socio-economic policies - to establish their effectiveness and provide technical advice to ensure that policies implemented contribute to socio-economic development of the country.
- (c) Coordinate the preparation of the Development Budget and review of the development projects.

<b>4.3. PROGRAMME 03: MONITORING, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS COORDINATION</b>
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4.3.1. This programme is aimed to monitor, evaluate, and report on Government performance at the national and sub-national levels, in line with the national development goals and objectives as stipulated in the National Development Plans. The programme also involves mobilizing and coordinating development cooperation with development partners through negotiations and ongoing engagements.

4.3.2. For this financial year, 2025/26, a total amount of Thirty Eight Million, Five Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$38,573,000) is allocated.

4.3.3. The following are the planned activities to be undertaken: -

- (a) Develop the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for NDP6: - a strategic document that outlines how NDP6 will systematically be tracked, assessed, and how progress and impact will be reported on.
- (b) Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Tools, to track progress in the implementation of national development programmes.



- (c) strengthen Data Management by introducing the Soft Expert system, which is a digital platform to automate routine M&E tasks such as data collection and reporting, will help streamline operations. This software will reduce manual workloads, enhance operational efficiency, and provide accurate real-time information to guide informed decision-making. Under this activity, the Monitoring & Evaluation Dashboard, to track projects implementation would be developed.
- (d) Strengthen collaboration with all Offices/ Ministries and Agencies through the establishment of planning and monitoring & evaluation units in all OMAs. This activity is to align the planning, monitoring & evaluation functions between the National Planning Commission and all Offices, Ministries and Agencies.
- (e) Continuous engagement with Development Partners to leverage on development support that would augment government efforts geared to uplift the standard of living of people in Namibia. Under the current development budget, an amount of Three billion, One Hundred Ninety Three Million and Forty Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$3,193,040,000) is from Official Development Assistance (ODA).

#### **4.4. PROGRAMME 99: SUPERVISION, COORDINATION & SUPPORT SERVICES**

- 4.4.1. This programme includes activities related provision of administrative support services, including financial, information technology, human resources and auxiliary services functions of the National Planning Commission. Also included under this programme is funding for production of reliable statistics for the country by the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA).
- 4.4.2. For the current financial year, 2025/26, an amount of Three Hundred and Two Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$302,874,000) has been allocated.

- 4.4.3. It is under this Programme that National Planning Commission provides financial support to Namibia Statistics Agency and Africa Peer Review Mechanism (Namibia) to perform their mandates.
- 4.4.4. Included under this programme is the allocation of Sixty Million Namibia Dollars Development Budget for the purchase of the office building for the National Planning Commission.
- 4.4.5. The following activities are planned for implementation during the year: -
- (a) The conduct of the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey: The NSA will conduct the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES) during the period April 2025 to April 2026. This provide the following indicators (amongst others): Poverty, Income distribution, Inequality indicator (Gini coefficient), and it also provides the basket for the calculation of the Consumer Price Index as well as inputs for the National Accounts and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) calculations.
  - (b) Conduct the pilot survey for Census of Agriculture, a comprehensive test of all census procedures in the whole statistical production chain. During the pilot census, all stages of the census process will be tested i.e. the listing, interviewing, data capturing, data processing.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee,  
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- 5.1. With this motivation, I submit, for the consideration and approval of this august House, the proposed budget of Vote 26: National Planning Commission totaling an amount of Three Hundred Seventy-One Million, Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 371,628,000).

**I THANK YOU.**