



**THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
THE PRESIDENCY**

**STATEMENT BY  
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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE LAUNCH OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP 6) AND  
REPORT OF THE FIRST 3 MONTHS IN OFFICE**

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Hon. Sofia Shaningwa, Secretary General of the SWAPO Party;

Hon. Imms Nashinge, Leader of the Opposition and all Hon. Members of Parliament present;

Hon. Sam Shaafiishuna Nujoma, Governor of the Khomas Region and all Governors present in-person and online;

Amb. Emilia Mkusa, Secretary to the Cabinet;

Senior Government Officials;

Prof. Ellen Namhila, Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of Namibia and our Host;

Your Excellencies Members of the Diplomatic Corps;  
Distinguished invited guests;  
Members of the Media;  
Fellow Namibians.

In my Inaugural Address on 21 March 2025, when I assumed Office as the 5<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of Namibia, I emphasized that the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, the Party's Political Programme and the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia shall be my guiding instruments throughout my Presidency.

You may further recall that during my first Cabinet Address on 25 March 2025, I made it categorically clear that the Oath of Office that I took on Inauguration Day mandates me to speak and take decisions on behalf of the Namibian people and to lead the National Development Agenda.

Therefore, I am here today to launch the 6<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan (NDP6) and to account to the nation on the steps taken, as well as notable achievements attained during the first 3 months of the 8<sup>th</sup> Administration.

Our inclusive development agenda seeks to uplift the social wellbeing and improve the quality of life for all Namibians. One of the key objectives of the concluded NDP5 was to escape the “middle income trap”. International bodies, in particular the Bretton Woods Institutions had classified Namibia as an Upper-Middle Income country, based on income per capita. This classification was flawed in principle as it overlooked the skewed distribution of resources, and undermined the Namibian Government’s ability to access development grant funding and affordable financing.

The most recent re-classification of Namibia therefore, to a Lower-Middle-Income country on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2025, is deemed more responsive to the reality of the structural imbalances of our economy and large Inequality Gap. Based on this revised classification, Namibia will be more eligible to access grant funding and financing instruments on more affordable terms. This is beneficial to our developmental agenda and ambitions to foster inclusive growth and shared prosperity. This does not mean however that there are no challenges to the re-classification. We must commit to hard work and grow the economy to take our people out of poverty.

With only 4 and a half years remaining to Vision 2030, this NDP6 is the final instalment, aiming to achieve our objective of transforming Namibia into a developed and industrialized nation. The formulation of the NDP6 has been informed by Vision 2030 and its mid-term review, the NDP5 terminal report, SWAPO Party Manifesto Implementation Plan, regional consultations as well as guiding international development frameworks including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, African Union Agenda 2063 and SADC Vision 2050, among others.

It must be pointed out that, our unemployment rate is high because, among other drivers, our industrial capacity remains limited. It is for this reason that NDP6 aims to propel the country towards an advanced industrialised stage, placing due policy emphasis on mineral resources beneficiation and value-addition to stimulate economic growth and development. With the Namibian population currently just over 3 million people and expected to reach 3.5 million by 2030, predominantly comprising of young adults of working age. This Youth population presents an opportunity and not a burden for the Namibian economy.

Under the theme “Fostering Economic Growth, Inclusiveness and Resilience for Quality Sustainable Development” the NDP6 is designed to promote sustainable economic growth and address

the underlying challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequalities. The NDP6 has been structured into four (4) Pillars, nine (9) thematic areas and forty-seven (47) Focus Areas. The four (4) Pillars are:

- a) Economic Growth, Transformation and Resilience;
- b) Human Development and Community Resilience;
- c) Environmental Sustainability; and
- d) Good Governance and Effective Public Service Delivery.

Fellow Namibians,

Our development agenda is shaped by the National Planning Commission which finalized the NDP6 through an inclusive and consultative process and approved by Cabinet on 25 June 2025. The NDP6 will now serve as the blueprint policy document for the 8<sup>th</sup> Administration, considering that the SWAPO Party Manifesto Implementation Plan has been mainstreamed into that plan. The Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for NDP6 will be finalized by the end of July 2025.

Namibia has embarked on a bold transformation in governance, anchored in accountability, coordination and effective service delivery that puts people first. Our first 3 months marked a decisive shift towards a governance culture that is strategic,

responsive and performance-driven. The bottom-line why I am here today is to update you on key achievements attained during our first 3 months in Office. The report will centre on (1) Leadership and Governance, (2) Policy Priorities and (3) Legislative Reforms.

On Leadership & Governance:

Towards forming a lean, efficient and inclusive Government: I appointed the Vice President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers on 22 March 2025. An inclusive and effective Cabinet of 14 Ministers and 7 Deputy Ministers. All 14 Regional Governors have now been appointed and have assumed Office, after having attended a two-day compulsory Orientation Workshop.

Towards cultivating citizen-centred governance: A new performance culture has taken root across the Public Service. Ministers have been directed to align their performance agreements with NDP6. The process of signing these agreements will commence this month.

Cabinet members are committed to work unreservedly in meeting and exceeding the commitments made, guided by my five leadership values of: Pragmatism, Accountability, Integrity,

Meritocracy and Inclusivity (PAIMI). PAIMI will be a pointer as we navigate through five years of our mandate coupled with the calling of Unity of Purpose and One Heart-One Mind.

Fellow Namibians,

Namibia is part of the international community, as per SADC tradition where newly elected Presidents undertake introductory visits to neighbouring countries within 90 days, to cement Bilateral Relations. I have visited some of my counterparts in Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa.

I have also attended the US-Africa Business Summit in Luanda, Angola to promote Namibia as a preferred investment destination, while engaging the US Government on the Trade Tariffs and prospective projects for investment.

Furthermore, Namibia hosted the first Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting and Commonwealth Business Summit from 16 to 20 June 2025. In this context, Namibia became the first country, among the 56 Commonwealth Countries, to ever host such a meeting outside the United Kingdom. The Business Summit served as a platform to strengthen public-private

dialogue, partnerships and unlock trade and investment opportunities. Given the success of these Meetings, the Government has decided to institutionalise an Annual Business Summit in Namibia in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat and other international business organizations.

On 30 June 2025, Namibia launched the first shipment under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area, successfully exporting a shipment of 45,000 tonnes of salt to Nigeria and Cameroon, opening up a new frontier for trade on the continent.

Namibia also successfully hosted and concluded a State Visit by the Hon. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, where our two countries entered into 5 cooperation agreements in the fields of Health & Medicine, Technology, Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and Trade.

On Institutional Reform and Innovation: The OPM launched innovation boot camps in the //Kharas and Hardap regions, applying design thinking to generate homegrown solutions. These efforts will be expanded to other Regions. In pursuit of smarter public service, Namibia has forged strategic partnerships to co-develop a national One-Stop-Shop model that brings integrated government services closer to communities.

Implementation of Key Policy Priorities: In my Inaugural State of the Nation Address, I outlined the seven (7) identified Priority Sectors and eight (8) Critical Economic Enablers. The seven identified priority sectors are Agriculture; Sports; Youth Empowerment; Quality Education and Training; Creative Industries; Quality Health and Social Welfare; and Land, Housing & Sanitation.

Agriculture, Mining, Energy, Oil and Gas, Tourism, Water, Fisheries and Transport and Logistics are the most critical enabling economic areas. Let me now take you through the specific progress made during the reporting period:

#### PRIORITY SECTOR ONE-AGRICULTURE

All nine (9) Green Schemes under the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (MAFWLR), covering a total of 5,600 hectares of irrigable land, remain operational. As of this reporting period, 3,403 hectares are actively under cultivation, with harvesting currently underway-the aim is food security. By

June 2025, Green Schemes produced 9,947 tonnes of maize, 300 tonnes of potatoes and 39 tonnes of sunflower.

The identification of suitable land for the establishment of super farms has commenced, as well as selection of appropriate strategic partners to drive this initiative. The Government is in the process of operationalising the Uvhungu-Vhungu Dairy Farm in the Kavango East Region. De-bushing has already started.

In addition to maintaining operations at existing schemes, we have identified two new sites for Green Scheme development, namely Katima Farm in Zambezi Region and Ekoka in Ohangwena Region, thereby expanding the footprint of irrigated agriculture.

Furthermore, we have successfully acquired Farm Richlyn, measuring 8,305 hectares in the Omaheke Region for resettlement purposes.

The Office of the Prime Minister, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), initiated a food security project on 13 hectares of land in Otjombinde Constituency, Omaheke Region, towards arresting hunger and malnutrition. Following the

success of this pilot, the initiative will be rolled out to all remaining 13 Regions. I am also pleased to inform the Namibian people that the procurement process for Neckartal Dam irrigation design is under review by the Review Panel.

Furthermore, a seed processing facility has been established, with refurbishment underway at Omahenene, Omusati Region and new facilities under construction at Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Region and at Katwitwi, Kavango West Region. A feasibility study is planned for a combined seed and fertiliser facility under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. As Government we have also activated infant industry protection and improved the seed and fertiliser subsidy scheme.

During May to June 2025, the Namibia Correctional Service produced food worth 13.9 million Namibia Dollars from food production projects at Divundu, Oluno and Hardap Correctional Facilities, saving Government an amount of 6.7 million Namibia Dollars.

Livestock value chains are improving, especially for communal, resettled and emerging farmers. A protocol signed with China on 08 May 2025 will enable mutton and chevon exports. The line

Ministry has introduced a cost-effective model for cattle distribution and continued small stock support. In Ohangwena, 180 goats were distributed to 9 farmers under a revolving scheme during the reporting period. Over 101 million Namibian Dollars was disbursed in livestock support.

By June 2025, OPM had provided drought relief to 1.4 million people (384,935 households), valued at 1.3 billion Namibia Dollars. A food voucher system now covers 144,930 households via 493 retailers across 9 regions, namely: Oshana, Khomas, Omaheke, //Kharas, Hardap, Kavango West, Kavango East, Kunene and Oshikoto Regions.

Flood relief reached 9,184 people across 8 regions, namely: Khomas, Oshana, Oshikoto, Omusati, Ohangwena, Kunene, Zambezi and Hardap Regions. Backlogs in food distribution are to be cleared by August 2025, with expansion of the voucher system and finalisation of the flood reconstruction plan.

## PRIORITY SECTOR TWO-SPORTS

As of June 2025, all 14 Regions had identified at least one site, with 16 sites confirmed in total, to establish sport centres of excellence.

CAF Category Stadiums: Site selection and assessment for CAF Categories 2 and 3 stadiums with seat capacity of 10,000 and 30,000 respectively, was completed by June 2025. Windhoek's CAF Category 3 Independence Stadium is progressing as planned with a multi-disciplinary team which submitted a feasibility study in February 2025. Construction of CAF Category 2 stadiums at Eenhana and Nkurenkuru has commenced. Mariental has been confirmed as the third stadium site.

Sustainable League Support: In support of grassroots development and professional league performance, Government is finalising a funding formula to guide sports sponsorship allocation. Consultations with sports federations were conducted in May 2025 and internal validation of the draft model is underway. The formula is expected to be finalised by the end of July, with fund disbursements commencing in August 2025. A national call for youth development initiatives from leagues was launched in May 2025.

African Union Sports Council Region 5 Games: Following Mozambique's withdrawal due to a devastating cyclone, Namibia stepped up to successfully host the Region 5 Youth Games which

I officially launched on 05 July 2025. In preparation, we invested 127 million Namibia Dollars to urgently refurbish key sports infrastructure in Windhoek and Swakopmund, including facilities at UNAM and Vineta. In the process, two netball courts, a football stadium, basketball and tennis courts, hostel renovation and equipment were attended to.

This swift national effort not only ensured readiness but also created 955 direct temporary jobs ranging from suppliers to volunteers, interns and drivers, and 699 indirect jobs through service providers and hospitality teams. The refurbishment of sports facilities for the Region 5 Games was completed within record time, a commendable effort by all stakeholders involved.

### PRIORITY SECTOR THREE-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The National Youth Fund has been capitalised with 257 million Namibia Dollars and will be accessed through financial institutions such as Development Bank of Namibia, AgriBank, NamPost and the Environmental Investment Fund. A guarantee facility from NASRIA was secured in May 2025 to improve access to non-collateralised lending for young entrepreneurs. The Fund will become operational mid-August 2025. Additional support of

5 million Namibia Dollars has been mobilised from NamibRe towards the National Youth Fund.

Namibia also received 33.4 million Namibia Dollars under the Global Accelerator 1 programme to support youth entrepreneurship and job creation in the biomass sector. Under the Equipment Aid Scheme and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Fund, over 200 youth-led businesses were selected countrywide for support during the reporting period.

Beneficiaries include:

- a) 196 MSME who received production equipment and capacity building by 11 July 2025;
- b) Drawn from all 14 regions, 28 youth were trained in gemstone and jewellery processing, 64 in agro-processing standards and 13 in cosmetics production.

New beneficiaries will continue to be identified and the next Call for Enterprise Support Programmes will be issued in the first week of August 2025 by the line Ministry. The above are golden opportunities that our Youth must exploit maximally.

Entrepreneurial Centres and Mentorship Support: Efforts are underway to repurpose existing industrial parks into fully operational Entrepreneurial Centres. The list of viable sites will be finalized before end of August 2025.

Skills Development and Apprenticeships: A joint technical committee comprising of the Ministries of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, and Finance, was established to coordinate implementation of the Youth Fund, agricultural cooperatives and internship/apprenticeship programmes.

A consolidated National Work-Integrated Learning Framework is being finalised for Cabinet approval, following consultations with the Namibia Training Authority, NPC and tertiary institutions.

Graduate Employment and Absorption: Our objective is to place at least 5,000 graduates annually into internships, with an 80% post-internship retention rate, into formal employment.

By June 2025, a total of 734 internships and trainees were facilitated across key public institutions during the reporting period as follows:

- a) MICT facilitated 511 of which 22 were placed at NBC; 65 at MICT; 92 at Telecom; 9 at New Era; 23 at NAMPA and 300 at MTC;
- b) 61 graduate internships were facilitated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform and were placed at three (3) Rural Development Centres namely: 38 interns at Ongwediva, 17 at Okashana and 6 at Ben Hur.
- c) The Ministry of International Relations and Trade facilitated a total of 162 placements of which 155 were recruited by Namibian businesses and 7 were placed on MSC Cruise ships.

I take this moment to appreciate those OMAs, Public Enterprises and Private Sector organisations that have responded to the Government's call to offer internship and apprenticeship opportunities to our students and graduates. Please do more, and I call on others to follow this example.

#### PRIORITY SECTOR FOUR-QUALITY EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Namibian Government is committed to ensuring universal access to free, equitable and quality education and vocational training across Namibia.

Free Higher and Vocational Education: Work is underway to fully eliminate tuition fees for students enrolled in public Higher Education Institutions and Vocational Training Centres as from the 2026 Academic Year. To ensure a smooth transition, a national taskforce of stakeholders was formed. Consultations on admission, financing, institutional designation and record-keeping regulations are ongoing and set to conclude by end of this month (July 2025).

In response to this policy reform, the Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) funding model is under review, as the institution is being reintegrated into the line Ministry.

Funding and Quality Standards: A funding formula for Higher Education Institutions and TVET was implemented in April 2025 to ensure predictable and equitable resource allocation. In line with the launched Minimum Standards for Higher Education in February 2025, with implementation now underway across public Higher Education Institutions.

Education Sector Impact Studies: Terms of Reference are being developed for two national studies: (1) a diagnostic assessment of the current state of free basic education and (2) an impact assessment of Namibia's new school curriculum.

Infrastructure Expansion and TVET Reform: The construction and bidding process for new schools and hostels is ongoing. TVET reforms are advancing, with governance restructuring and curriculum expansion in key sectors aimed at addressing regional disparities and improving education outcomes. Operational and capital budgets for Higher Education Institutions and TVET centres have been prioritised to sustain quality outputs.

## PRIORITY SECTOR FIVE-CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Recognition and Talent Empowerment: Towards revitalising the National Arts and Creative Industry Awards, the existing National Steering Committee is being revised to incorporate all key stakeholders and to expand its mandate. This process will be concluded by end August 2025.

Creative Infrastructure and Equipment Fund: Draft amendments to the Arts Fund Act have been prepared to enable the establishment of a 'Creative Industry Infrastructure and Equipment Programme'. The fund is expected to be launched

before the end of August 2025. The fund will support music and visual arts studios, equipment and materials to enhance local creative productive capacity.

Industry Development and Job Creation: The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) launched 'World Music Day' and accompanying artist capacity-building initiatives at Mariental on 21 June 2025.

During the reporting period, Namibia hosted 16 international film productions and supported 8 local productions, together creating over 180 jobs and contributing more than 14 million Namibia Dollars to the economy.

To bridge the digital divide and enhance broadband access across communities, 9 new network towers are currently under construction in the Omaheke, Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West and Kunene Regions through the Universal Service Fund.

## PRIORITY SECTOR SIX-QUALITY HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE

Significant milestones have been marked in our mission to expand primary health care and deliver quality services to all

Namibians, particularly in rural areas. Progress is made in the following areas:

- a. Public health campaigns have intensified with national roll-out of the voluntary HPV vaccine in May 2025, and dissemination of awareness materials for malaria and cholera.
- b. On 02 July 2025, the Katutura Health Centre launched a decongestion pilot project with extended clinic hours at the 24-hour facility. From 01 August 2025, the Okuryangava Clinic at Windhoek will also become a 24-hour facility, in a move to further decongest Katutura Health Centre and Katutura Intermediate Hospital.
- c. Seven (7) sites have been identified for the construction of new clinics during this Financial Year, at Mambushe in Kavango East; Ompundja in Oshana; Okondjatu in Otjozondjupa; Onamukulo and Onamafila in Ohangwena; Malengalenga in Zambezi and Epupa in Kunene.
- d. Ground-breaking of the Khomas District Hospital in Havana was completed in April 2025 with bulk earthwork services commenced as well as preliminary access roads and electrical services.

- e. To strengthen institutional capacity through human resource, the recruitment of Community Health Workers is ongoing. To date 604 medical positions have been advertised with interviews conducted during the reporting period.
- f. Fifty-two (52) undergraduate scholarships for the 2025 Academic Year have been awarded for various health related fields, to augment local medical specialists and critical skills in the country, with graduation expected in 2030.
- g. 36 ambulances were purchased in June and distributed to all 14 regions. An additional five ambulances were donated, three (3) by the World Health Organisation and two (2) by Langerheinrich Mine. Procurement of 60 fully equipped mobile health vans which are essentially mobile health clinics, is underway, targeting services across all 14 regions. Procurement of 6 new medical transport trucks is planned for this Financial Year.

Mental Health Expansion: A mental health rehabilitation centre with 48-bed capacity at Rehoboth is being renovated in collaboration with Ministry of Works and Transport. This centre will provide long-term rehabilitative care, thermal therapy and post-operative recovery, addressing a long-standing service gap.

Cost efficient mechanisms for procurement of pharmaceuticals and supplies: We have commenced bilateral engagement with the Governments of Egypt and India, towards establishing a transparent procurement system that will enable Government to procure pharmaceuticals and supplies directly, and no longer through middle-men.

Advancing Universal Health Coverage: Namibia's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Policy was officially launched in February 2025. To support digital health implementation, network infrastructure has been expanded to 18 clinics and 5 health centres in the South.

Medical Infrastructure and Pharmaceuticals: Cabinet has approved to establish a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant at Okahandja under a PPP or Joint Venture initiative. A multi-sectoral team is now seized with the Expression of Interest for advertisement.

A new Central Medical Store is also planned for, with tender preparation already initiated and funding secured, and a site identified between Katutura and Central Hospitals in Windhoek.

## PRIORITY SECTOR SEVEN-LAND, HOUSING & SANITATION

Government continues to advance inclusive urban and rural development through the provision of affordable housing. A total of 3,492 housing units are under construction, including the completion of Mass Housing units at Windhoek (362) and Opuwo (24), while the balance of these housing units are developed under Schack Dwellers Federation of Namibia across all 14 regions.

As part of our infrastructure response to urban safety, Phase 1 of the Police Village Project focusing on bulk services such as water, electricity, sewer and roads has been successfully completed. The Police Village will not only provide decent housing but also help stabilise and strengthen law enforcement presence in our communities.

Formalisation of informal settlements: This is actively progressing in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Rundu, Keetmanshoop and Oshakati. A total of 31 settlements are now undergoing formalisation. Land servicing in brown field areas of 10,000 erven has also commenced in Windhoek (5,000), Walvis Bay (1,250), Rundu (1,250), Oshakati (1,250) and Keetmanshoop (1,250), improving access to basic infrastructure and paving the way for future development.

Improved Sanitation Services: Access to sanitation has significantly improved. A total of 1,019 toilets were completed during the reporting period, including 76 in Omusati, 164 in Oshana, 33 in Kavango West, 203 in Otjozondjupa, 16 in Omaheke, 30 in Kunene, 43 in Erongo, 207 in Ohangwena, 17 in Hardap, 50 in //Kharas and 180 in Oshikoto.

Strengthening Subnational Governance: In June 2025, the line Ministry held consultative meetings with all regional and local authority councils to enhance governance, accountability and decision-making at subnational level. In addition, special investigations were conducted into land governance at Katima Mulilo and Bukalo. These investigations led to the implementation of remedial measures to regularise land transactions and strengthen record-keeping.

Fellow Namibians,

For the above discussed priority sectors to achieve their desired outcome, they will be supported by economic enablers. In this context, I will now provide a progress report on the Critical Economic Enablers as follows:

## ECONOMIC ENABLER ONE-MINING

In pursuit of increased national ownership and value addition, the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME) has started to develop a policy on mandatory minimum percentage local equity participation in all new mining ventures.

Concurrently, efforts to legislate mineral beneficiation are being advanced with technical support from the African Development Bank's African Legal Support Facility, which provides legal assistance to African Governments.

Furthermore, initial consultations have commenced with the Bank of Namibia (BoN) regarding the establishment of a national gold reserve, with attendant legislative framework currently under development.

## ECONOMIC ENABLER TWO-ENERGY

A key milestone during the reporting period was the finalisation and presentation of Namibia's Energy Compact at the Africa Energy Forum in Cape Town, South Africa in June 2025, which enabled access to concessional funding for national energy initiatives.

Service Level Agreements were concluded with seven Regional Electricity Distributors (REDs), thereby facilitating rollout of rural and peri-urban electrification projects across the country.

Significant progress was recorded in renewable energy infrastructures, namely:

- a. Grid connection of the 20 Mega Watt Khan Solar Photo-voltaic (PV) project;
- b. Commencement of construction on the 40 Mega Watt Otjikoto Biomass and 100 Mega Watt solar PV plants;
- c. Issuance of NamPower's Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) bids for 120 Mega Watt solar PV generation;
- d. Development of an Energy Masterplan and Wind Measurement Roadmap to inform future investments;

- e. A 100 Mega Watt solar project at Sores |Gaib near Rosh Pinah is under implementation in partnership with KfW and NamPower.

To diversify Namibia's energy mix, I have directed the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister to constitute a Nuclear Energy Taskforce comprising of experts to work on a Nuclear energy White Paper and other related matters to be completed before September 2025.

The Government is also advancing port infrastructure development at Angra Point at Luderitz towards enhanced port efficiency, increased handling capacity and improved turnaround time for Port operations. Three (3) harbour cranes were acquired and delivered in June 2025 at a value of 305 million Namibian Dollars.

Through the Solar Revolving Fund, the line Ministry financed the acquisition and installation of renewable energy technologies and facilitated 13 grid connections, with total investment exceeding 2.5 million Namibian Dollars.

## ECONOMIC ENABLER THREE-OIL AND GAS

The discovery of oil and gas in Namibia necessitates a quick shift on how to plan and drive our economy for the benefit of our people. As such, the Government has initiated preparatory work for the development of a Namibia Oil and Gas Logistics and Supply Base, aimed at supporting the growing petroleum sector. The upstream petroleum unit has been placed in the Office of the President, with key appointments concluded. The process of updating relevant legislation has commenced in support of the envisioned logistics and supply infrastructure.

Benchmarking visits were conducted in Guyana, Norway and Angola to draw on international best practices.

## ECONOMIC ENABLER FOUR-TOURISM

Tourism is one of the most critical economic enablers that can grow the economy. To ensure broader participation by local communities and stakeholders across the tourism value chain, the Government has embarked on a process to redefine the national tourism landscape through the development of a National Tourism Spatial Master Plan, with focus on socio-economic inclusion. The process is underway and expected to be concluded by September 2025.

In our drive to promote tourism and stimulate the economy, the Government implemented the Visa on Arrival system on 01 April 2025. I am proud to share that, as of 30 June 2025, visas totalling 115, 857 have been issued, generating 171 million Namibian Dollars in revenue for the State.

#### ECONOMIC ENABLER FIVE-WATER

It is a fact that water is an essential component in life. Based on that narrative, drilling, installation and rehabilitation of boreholes is an ongoing programme of government. During the reporting period, a total of sixty-seven (67) contracts were awarded for the installation of boreholes across eleven (11) regions as follows:

- a. Omaheke (11), Hardap (2), ||Karas (2), Oshikoto (4), Ohangwena (6), Kavango East (7), Omusati (9), Otjozondjupa (20), Zambezi (6), Kavango West (7), and Kunene (11).
- b. Thirty-five (35) or 52% have been successfully installed, while thirty-two (32) are currently under installation.
- c. Forty (40) contracts were awarded for the drilling of boreholes in the following regions: Otjozondjupa (6), Erongo (3), Hardap (4), ||Karas (4), Khomas (3), Kavango East (5),

Kavango West (5), Ohangwena (5) and Oshikoto (5). Seventeen (17) boreholes have already been drilled, with remaining twenty-three (23) currently in progress.

The Ohangwena Aquifer Development: The Ohangwena Aquifer will give much needed water to the needy areas once completed. Currently, we recorded overall 80% progress.

Water Supply Security: Progress has been made on strategic water infrastructure. During the period under review the commissioning of the Oshakati Treatment Plant commenced on 17 July 2025, with capacity of providing water security for residents in Oshana, Oshikoto and Ohangwena Regions.

## ECONOMIC ENABLER SIX-FISHERIES

Fisheries is one the economic drivers. Following protracted negotiations to resolve the impasse with the aggrieved group striking of unemployed fishermen, (okapale) the matter has now been conclusively addressed allowing for renewed focus on sector's growth and stability with a good number of fishermen employed.

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance productivity and stakeholder benefits, the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for monkfish was increased by 6%. This adjustment directly benefits 40 right holders and supports the livelihoods of 2,214 employees within the sector.

## ECONOMIC ENABLER SEVEN-TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Aviation and Airport Development: The Government has established a technical committee to guide key infrastructure and aviation sector initiatives. The committee has developed Terms of Reference for consultancy services to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study on the establishment of a new national airline and upgrading of Hosea Kutako International Airport.

For the Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA), the procurement process for consultancy services related to the airport's expansion has reached final evaluation, with award notifications expected during this month.

Railway Development: An MOU was signed between TransNamib and Windhoek Maschinen Fabrik on 29 April 2025, for the

refurbishment of locomotives and wagons, which refurbishment commenced in June 2025.

Contracts for the Kranzberg–Tsumeb–Grootfontein railway line were awarded, with contractors scheduled to commence on 01 August 2025.

Procurement commenced on 10 April 2025 for a feasibility study on the Grootfontein–Katima Mulilo rail corridor and will close for evaluation during this month.

Road Infrastructure: In addition to roads already under construction, during the period under review, the following has been achieved:

- a) Khorixas-Kamanjab section contract was signed on 16 April 2025 and the contractors are now seized with establishment of the site.
- b) Opuwo-Okanguati Road contract was signed on 09 May 2025 and the Contractor has since commenced with site establishment.
- c) In rural areas, construction of low-volume sealed roads and gravel roads is ongoing in the Zambezi, Ohangwena,

Kavango East, Kavango West, Omusati, Oshikoto and Otjozondjupa regions.

## KEY LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

During my maiden State of the Nation Address on 24 April 2025, I called on you the Public to make submissions on any laws that you consider to be a hindrance to service delivery. The response was very positive and these laws are all now on the dashboard, at the Ministry of Justice and Labour Relations, where they are receiving attention. I want to thank you, fellow Namibians, for responding to my call.

Over and above those identified through the Public Call, several priority Bills have progressed, with two already tabled for debate in Parliament, namely, the Land Bill and the Regional Councils Amendment Bill, while others are at different stages of the law-making process.

Fellow Namibians,

The Government activities are far-reaching covering a wide range of areas.

Disability mainstreaming & integration of marginalised communities:

- a. Through the Students with Disabilities Grant Programme, 140 students were approved for funding to cover tuition. At the same time, over 2,900 learners from marginalised communities received transport assistance.
- b. In support of persons with severe disabilities, over 370 assistive items were distributed across 7 regions: Erongo, Otjozondjupa, Oshikoto, Oshana, Hardap, //Kharas and Kunene. Service access was also expanded through land allocation, provision of wheelchairs and sunscreen distribution for persons with albinism.
- c. During the months of April and May 2025, over 32,000 households benefited from targeted food support programme worth 34.7 million Namibian Dollars, while a national outreach for identity documentation for marginalised communities was launched in June.

In the area of national security and counter-terrorism, the Namibian Police Force (NamPol) has successfully established the National Counter Terrorism Centre in June 2025, enhancing our capacity to prevent and respond to potential threats.

The Government is committed to laying the digital foundation for long-term transformation and service delivery. The Digital Legal Identity Model Governance Framework has been established to drive implementation of electronic Identity Documents (e-IDs) in Namibia. On 26 June 2025 we successfully launched the public awareness programme to foster stakeholder collaboration.

We have recorded a high prevalence of drug-related crime. Drug trafficking and substance abuse remain among the most pressing social challenges causing drug menace to our nation today. The Namibian Police Force will continue to intensify patrols in the fight against drug and human trafficking. Police efforts are complimented by the launch of the #EndGBVNamibia campaign by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare in collaboration with MICT, on 4 June 2025 in Windhoek.

To maintain our territorial integrity, the Security Cluster conduct regular surveillance and patrols along the territorial land, air and maritime borders, including along the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers.

Additionally, the Namibia Defence Force (NDF), rendered assistance to evacuate flood victims and distribute drought relief

aid to communities in the affected Regions during period of flooding.

I also wish to report that the process of according veteran status has resumed, with:

- a) 405 veterans having received notification of their successful applications granted by the Veterans Appeal Board.
- b) 218 applicants were vetted during May 2025 and are due to start receiving their Improvement of Welfare Grant (IWG) by the of this month (July 2025).
- c) Under the Individual Veterans' Projects scheme, 62 veterans received their once-off cash grant for the Projects, in June 2025. Internal verification processes are at an advanced stage to disburse this Projects Grant to the remaining 315 eligible beneficiaries.

The Government undertakes to ensure that payment of the once-off lumpsum is affected to all beneficiaries who have been notified, during the current Financial Year.

In regards to Defence Industries, the line Ministry convened an Engagement with key stakeholders of the August 26 Group of Companies on 21 June 2025 to evaluate the performance of the Industry and to come up with institutional reforms that will

capacitate the Defence Industry aimed at improving performance.

These developments reflect our unwavering commitment to innovation, security and excellent public service delivery.

Fellow Namibians,

## CONCLUSION

We have established a strong foundation in these first 3 months in Office, however considerable work remains, through the implementation of the NDP6.

Going forward the Prime Minister and Ministers will be providing regular progressive reports on their respective sectors.

I count on the concerted efforts of all Namibians in particular the youth, academia, civic organizations, business community, churches, traditional authorities and our development partners. Let us continue to work together, united by common purpose and a shared vision, to overcome challenges and build a more inclusive, united and prosperous Namibia.

Having given you the account of our work, 3 months in the office.  
It is now my singular honour to officially launch the 6<sup>th</sup> National  
Development Plan (2025-2030).

I thank you.