



**MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE**

**BUDGET MOTIVATION  
2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**VOTE 27**

**PRESENTED BY**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **Honourable Chairperson of Whole House Committee**

### **Honourable Members of this august house**

It is my singular honour and privilege to present to this august house the budget of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service caters to the largest single segment of the Namibian population; being the youth and our sports men and women.

The pressure on this Ministry to make tangible interventions to address youth unemployment, impart skills, safeguard the health and wellbeing of the youth, and to provide adequate opportunities and standard facilities in sport is higher now than ever before.

Developing and empowering the youth is a multifaceted and complex endeavor which requires the involvement of stakeholders in all government ministries and the private sector as well as our development partners.

In addressing youth unemployment, the Ministry has mainly focused on those young people who do not meet the entry requirements into tertiary institutions including vocational training centres as well as those who need startup capital to start their own businesses.

Therefore, our employment creation programmes and projects over the years have been focusing on skills development in areas such as tailoring, basic computer skills, agriculture production, civic training & volunteer service.

The Ministry has spent over **Twenty Million Namibia Dollars (N\$20 000 000)** over eight years under the National Youth Credit Scheme to help young people to start businesses.

With that said, we are cognizant of the fact that more still needs to be done. For this reason, the Ministry is engaged in a process to review its youth empowerment programmes with the aim of re-launching operationalizing the Credit Scheme in this financial year 2023-2024.

With this new budget, the Ministry aims to re-double its efforts towards making a meaningful contribution towards youth empowerment and sport development.

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The Ministry has been allocated a total budget of **FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$473 224 000)** to execute its core mandate of empowering the youth and developing sport.

This budget amount is broken into two components, being operational and development budget.

**Operational** Budget is allocated **FOUR HUNDRED & THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (403 224 000)** and **Development** budget received **SEVENTY MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 70 000 000)**.

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Let me now go into the four (4) programmes breakdown to highlight where the funds are allocated:

## **1. PROGRAMME 1: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

The objective of this programme is to provide youth development and empowerment programmes that will ensure that the youth participate and become active participants in the mainstream economy of the country. Its main operation is to impart skills to school drop-outs and unemployed young people, thereby making them employable, self-reliant and productive citizens.

I am happy to report that the Ministry, despite some challenges, has made significant inroads in the area of youth empowerment. During the year under review the steering committee of the third national youth policy, consisting of representatives from key OMAs as identified in the policy- was officially inaugurated and inducted.

The Ministry implemented the Youth Social Empowerment Programmes in the areas of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Gender Based Violence and Comprehensive Sexuality Education in collaboration with our development partners and civil society organizations. In this regard 1472 young people were reached through Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Gender Based Violence and Comprehensive Sexuality Education services offered by the ministry countrywide.

Together with our development partners such as the UNDP & UNFPA, the Ministry successfully launched the Youth Connekt Namibia Chapter. The Youth Connekt platform brought together about 200 young people from across the fourteen regions. The platform serves as a catalyst for youth innovation, networking and promotion of business development opportunities across the African continent.

The Ministry operates multipurpose youth resources centres across the country and in the financial year which ended (2022-2023), 1646 young people received skills through short courses offered at these centres. The six months skills training in basic technical and commercial trades enrolled about 95 and this figure is set to increase sharply in the new financial year of 2023-2024 as the Khaikanaxab Skills training Centre in Hardap Region is set to enrol trainees in the coming months.

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I am pleased to report to this august house that the Ministry together with the National Youth Service launched the Charcoal Youth Self-Employment Biomass / Charcoal Project in 2022 with an initial cash injection of N\$2 million for operational costs. The project started with 19 beneficiaries who commenced with production at Rietfontein near Grootfontein. The number of beneficiaries will increase progressively as the project generates own revenue from selling its products.

The Ministry further consolidated the support and training of youth in entrepreneurship and business development. This intervention is very important in that it aims to create employment opportunities for young people in their respective localities and regions. Therefore 250 young people were trained on entrepreneurship and soft skills through the UPSHIFT programme with the support of USAID. The project focuses on promoting social innovation and entrepreneurial development for young people in their respective areas.

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The Ministry has made a budgetary provision of **ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 178 175 000)** to cater for youth programs and activities.

Out of that amount allocated to youth development programme, the following breakdown is highlighted:

#### **1.1. The National Youth Service (NYS)**

**The National Youth Service** is allocated **SEVENTY-SIX MILLION NINE HUNDRED and NINETY-SIX THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$76 996 000)** to ensure that it continues to carry out its mandate as stipulated in the National Youth Service

Act, 2005 (Act No 6 of 2005) which is to provide National Service Training, Voluntary and Skills Training to Namibian youth from various social and cultural backgrounds.

These training programmes contribute towards the realisation of various government social development goals in respect to social and economic progression, income and wealth inequalities, skills development, poverty eradication and youth development, as provided for in the Namibia Vision 2030, Fifth National Development Plan (NDP 5) and Harambee Prosperity Plan.

These programmes further aim to inculcate into the youth a sense of patriotism, volunteerism, nationhood, and commitment, thereby enabling them to contribute towards Namibia's development.

To achieve its mandate, that of '*turning youth into productive citizens,*' the Service offers three inter-dependent training programmes namely National Service Training, Voluntary Service, and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to Namibian youth from all the 121 constituencies, ranging from the ages of 16 – 35.

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The National Youth Service, during the 2022/23 Financial Year, enlisted **418** youth under its civic training programme and **352** under its 11 accredited technical and vocational education programmes. With the new budget the NYS will take on board new young people thereby contributing towards youth empowerment.

Furthermore, the NYS Security Company which was created to create employment opportunities for young people, currently employs **612 youth** who are fully trained as security personnel placed at various government ministries and agencies.

## 1.2. The National Youth Council (NYC)

The National Youth Council is allocated **TWENTY-FIVE MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$25 000 000)**.

This budgetary provision to the National Youth Council will enable it to carry out the following activities among others:

- (a) Continue with its Credit for Youth in Business scheme, which is a loan guarantee program aimed to support youth who are involved in business activities, especially those without adequate collateral for business loans. The central objective of the project is to support rural youth to access credit. This programme is thus designed to back loan applications of young entrepreneurs, who lack collateral.
- (b) The budgetary provision to **NYC** will also enable it to focus on **Capacity Building Programme** for youth. The main objective of the programme is to build the capacity of youth forums and youth organisations to be able to implement youth development programmes at all levels and targets the 51 Youth affiliated organizations. The NYC Act, 2009 provides for the establishment of a national day to be known as the National Youth Day that is observed and celebrated on 27 April in each year; and a national week to be known as the National Youth Week to be observed and celebrated during the last week of April in each year therefore some of the budgetary provision will go towards hosting such import events.
- (c) Another programme which will be financed through this budgetary provision is the **Youth Development Grant**. This programme supports youth development organizations in their efforts to make meaningful interventions to enhance youth development. This includes grants to youth forums and affiliates as well as special grants to selected youth organizations to implement development programs especially in the areas of **health, environment, gender, sports and enterprise**. This year's programme targets all 14 Regional Youth Forums /121 Constituency Youth

Forums, 51 National Youth Affiliated Organizations and 1 National Youth organizations of Youth with Disability.

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- 1.3.** The Ministry has allocated an amount of **Two Million Namibian Dollars (N\$2 000 000)** as additional capital to the **Namibia Youth Credit Scheme** which will be used to give small business loans to young people. The amount to be budgeted and allocated to the Credit Scheme in the next financial year of 2024-2025 is set to increase significantly once the Ministry finalize the business processing re-engineering. For 2023/24 the Ministry has set itself a target to give out loans to 250 young people.
- 1.4.** The Ministry has made also budgetary provision of **TWO MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 2 000 000)** for the support of the charcoal projects which was started in the 2022/2023 financial.
- 1.5.** The remaining budgetary provision is made to cater for, among others, payment of Commonwealth memberships, acquisitions of capital assets, youth multipurpose centres maintenance and utilities services, good and services and also for the travelling of youth officers within the 14 regions.

## **2. PROGRAMME 2: SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

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The objective of this programme is to initiate and coordinate sport policy development and facilitate the implementation of sport development programmes.

Next year (2024) is a big sport year as there will be **2024 PARIS OLYMPIC and PARALYMPIC GAMES**. Hence, this year will serve as a qualification year for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Many of the sport federations will be having



their world championships, while in Africa we will be having our African Games which have been shifted from August this year to March 2024. We are busy preparing Team Namibia, and the Ministry is grateful that there is budget for all these events

This programme has received an allocation of **EIGHTY NINE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$89 242 000)** to continue developing and supporting sports activities countrywide. The breakdown of this budget is as follows:

## **2.1 The Namibia Sports Commission (NSC)**

**The Namibian Sports Commission** is allocated an amount of **SEVENTEEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$17 500 000)**.

For the last four years, Namibia Sport Commission had been under-funded and it found it challenging to execute its mandate. With the increase of its allocation from Ten Million and Two Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$10 200 000) in the 2022/23 financial year to Seventeen Million Five Hundred Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$17 500 000) for 2023/24 financial year, we trust that the Commission will now implement a number of its programmes and projects it had put on hold due to a lack of funding in the past.

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The Ministry has made budgetary provision for the following activities, games and sport codes under this programme:

▪ Word Rugby (Namibia Rugby Union):	<b>N\$ 16 000 000</b>
▪ African Games:	<b>N\$ 11 000 000</b>
▪ Namibia Hockey Union:	<b>N\$ 2 800 000</b>
▪ Sport Professionalization:	<b>N\$ 1 626 000</b>
▪ The Boxing and Wrestling Control Board:	<b>N\$ 1 500 000</b>
▪ Sports Bilateral agreements implementations:	<b>N\$ 1 374 000</b>
▪ Regional Sports Award:	<b>N\$ 1 000 000</b>
▪ Namibia Sports Award:	<b>N\$ 1 000 000</b>
▪ Westphalia football project:	<b>N\$ 1 000 000</b>
▪ NFA/AFCON qualifier:	<b>N\$ 895 390</b>

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Due to the recent good performance of the Brave Warriors with respect to the strong possibility of them qualifying for AFCON 2023/24 games in Ivory Coast early next year, the Ministry is currently putting measures in place in partnership with NFA to ensure that the Brave Warriors are resourced properly to ensure that the team is properly prepared to go and participate successfully.

With the approval of the Integrated Physical Education and Schools Sport Policy, the reform of the **Namibia School Sport Union (NSSU)** has commenced. The allocated budget to NSSU is **ONE MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$1 500 000)**. This will assist the Ministry to reform the school sport in Namibia as we want to move away from the practice of having one or two days of trials for national team selection.

Furthermore, the Ministry is also busy with the review of the Sports Act as well as the Boxing and Wrestling Control Board Act with the aim of introducing amendments to bring the two Acts in harmony and to be up to date with new developments in sport. The Ministry aims to have a draft Bill ready for tabling in Parliament before the end of this new financial year.

### **3. PROGRAMME 3: POLICY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE**

The main objective of this programme is to oversee all government policies and operations with regard to youth development, training, employment, national youth service and sport policies and operation to ensure that the objectives are achieved and policies are properly implemented.

The year under review presented the Ministry with many opportunities and challenges, chief among them being the need to improve our overall performance across all functional areas. Furthermore, the Ministry continued to prioritize staff development in all directorates. After all, sufficiently trained people must implement the programmes.

The allocation for this programme amounts to **ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$135 807 000)**.

The total allocation for personnel expenditure constitutes 28 % of the budget amounting to **N\$37 848 000**. The Ministry budgeted **N\$97 959 000** towards the following services:

- Utilities (water and electricity);
- Maintenance of infrastructures;
- Motor vehicles and transport services;
- Materials and supplies;
- Properties rentals; and
- Security services.

#### **4: DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

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The Ministry has made the following budgetary provision for capital projects:

##### **4.1 Construction of Frans Dimbare Integrated Rural Youth Development Centre (Sewerage Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase 8)**

This project was necessitated by the sewerage waste water that was flowing into Kavango River, and this was a serious health hazards to the community, the inhabitant of the Divundu Constituency, the Youth at the centre including the Ministerial staff.

An amount of **ONE MILLION AND FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 1 500 000.00)** is made available for the completion and retention on this project.

## **4.2 Construction of Eenhana Sport Complex**

This is one of the Ministerial ongoing priority project. This Stadium is in the fifth phase of construction. Unfortunately, in the awarding of the fourth phase, it was discovered that most of the earlier work done needed renovation or correction. The renovation of the Pavilion, Public Entrance, Sub-station and Min-sub, were completed during phase 4 and currently, the contractor is on site busy with phase 5. The provision is made of **TEN MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$10 000 000)** to complete this final phase 5 components focusing on the soccer field, athletics tartan track, and 3 multi-purpose courts (netball, volleyball and basketball).

## **4.3 Renovation of Stadiums**

**THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$ 37 500 000)** have been set aside to start the renovations and upgrading of the Stadiums, including the Independence Stadium which was declassified as a hosting stadium of any FIFA/CAF competitions. This declassification has resulted in our football teams playing their home-games in neighboring countries. Hence, the renovation of the Independence Stadium is a priority to the Ministry to ensure that we meet the identified FIFA/CAF requirements in a shortest period of time.

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I am pleased to inform the Honourable Members that, the Ministry finally received the long-awaited **Facilities Audit Report** for Windhoek Independence Stadium, Swakopmund (Vineta) Stadium and Oshakati Stadium. This report will ensure that any renovation and upgrade work to be done will be in conformity to Confederation of Africa Football and FIFA standards. Even though the cost estimates recommended for the upgrades of the 3 stadiums are much higher than what we originally planned, we are

confident that we will proceed with the upgrades and renovations of our sport stadiums while engaging the relevant stakeholders (government and private sectors) to secure enough funding to complete the upgrades.

The Ministry has made a budgetary provision of **SEVEN MILLION AND FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$7 500,000)** to start right away with minor and urgent renovations and maintenance at a number of identified sports complexes. This work will include, among others, replacement of broken equipment, repair of boundary fences, fixing of lights poles, fixing of ablution facilities, etc.

#### **4.4 Construction of Nkurenkuru Sport facility and Multi-Purpose Youth Center**

The Ministry has made a budget provision of **TEN MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$10 000 000)** to commence with the first phase of construction of sport as well as a youth facility in Nkurenkuru, Kavango West Region. Budgetary provision will be made in the MTEF to ensure that the Ministry complete this important project within a reasonable timeframe.

#### **4.5 Mariental Multi-Purpose Youth Center**

The building was condemned and to be demolished. A budgetary provision of **THREE MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 3 000.000)** is made for the Construction of the new office building.

#### **4.6 Construction of Otjiwarongo Multi-Purpose Youth Center**

Feasibility Study and Documentations were completed. Due to budget constrains NPC suspended all new projects in 2021/22 F.Y. However, there is a need to fence and rezone the project area as per the town council requests.

A budgetary provision of **TWO MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 2 000 000)** is made available for fencing, rezoning and to start construction of the project.

#### **4.7 Lüderitz Waterfront**

The Ministry is mandated to contribute financial support to Luderitz waterfront project. A budgetary provision of **TWO MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 2 000 000)** is made available for ongoing construction of outdoor sport facilities, swimming pool, squash court, basketball and netball court, amphitheater, multi-purpose hall and lobby as per Cabinet directive.

#### **4.8 Construction of Usakos Sport Complex**

Feasibility Study and documentation were completed. The Project was suspended due to lack of funds. A budgetary provision of **TWO MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 2 000 000)** is made available for construction of the Sport Complex.

#### **4.9. Renovation of Mariental Sport Complex**

The Ministry is planning to Renovate Mariental Sport stadium targeting components such as sport field, ablution facility pavilion, athletics track, and netball and volley ball courts as well as the fencing of the area. A budgetary provision of **TWO MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$ 2 000 000)** is made available for the above-mention activities.

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It is now my singular honour to submit the proposed budget for Vote 27 of **FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$473 224 000)** for approval by this August house to enable the Ministry to execute its' core mandate of empowering the youth and developing sport.

I thank you