



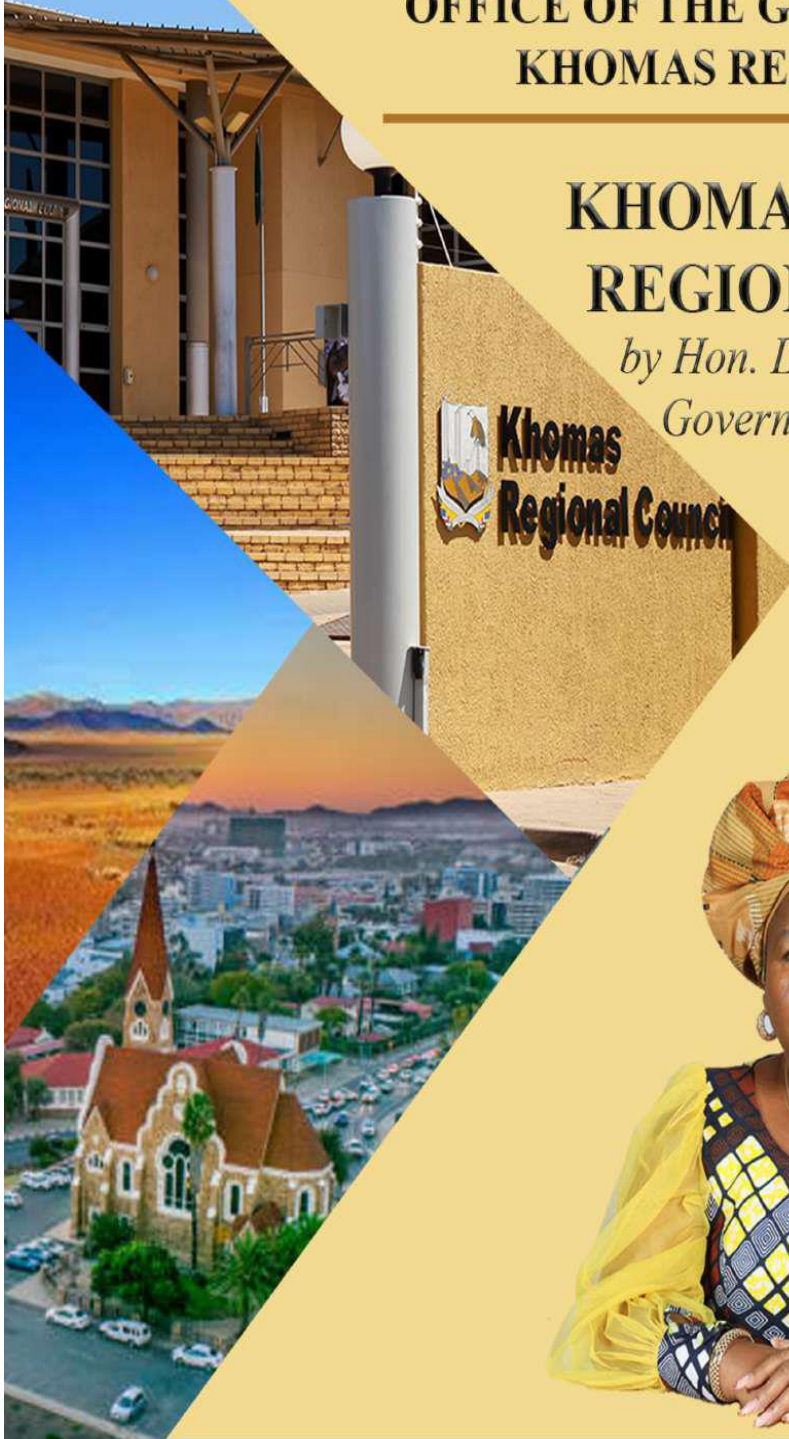
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
KHOMAS REGION

**KHOMAS STATE OF THE
REGION ADDRESS 2024**

*by Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua,
Governor of Khomas Region*

**Date: Monday,
05 August
2024**

**Time: 10H00
Venue: Khomas
Regional Council
- Chambers**



Honourable Chairperson of the Regional Council Shaalukeni John Moonde
Her Worship the Mayor, Queen Kamati
Honourable Regional and Local Authorities Councillors present
Chief Juliana Gawanas, /Khomaniin Traditional Authority and delegation
Respected Community and Religious Leaders
Chief Regional Officer, Chief Executive Officer and all Management Cadres
(KRC/CoW)
Commissioner, the Police Regional Commander of Khomas Region
Respected Members of the CDCs
The Red-Cross Society fraternity
Fellow citizens of the Khomas Region
All protocol observed

Honourable Chairperson of the Khomas Regional Council and honourable members, it is again that time when we are required to live to the letter and spirit of Article 110A subsection (5) and (6) of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia to present our 9th Khomas State of the Region Address (SoRA) for the year 2024, this year 2024 the year of "Expectations and Elections" started on a very sorrowful note with the unexpected departure of our beloved late President Dr. Hage Gotfried Geingob on the 4th February 2024. May his soul rest in peace!

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable members,

The 2024 as the year of "Expectations and Elections" as declared by our departed President Dr. Hage Gotfried Geingob is a year of different expectations and greatly anticipated general elections that require extra – ordinary preparation for an extraordinary destiny.

Our just concluded census produces the preliminary updated figures of population in different constituencies and the region at large which reflect an evident population increase of 3,56% equal to 152,464 from 342,141 to 494,605 giving you a population density of 13,4 persons per square kilometre. This census reflection is a clear caution or eye opener for us to prepare for the said extra-ordinary mission of effective and efficient service delivery as a region. It is with this conviction that I now

presenting our 2023/2024 performance and our future plans for our collective measurement and assessment to pave our way in responding to the ever outspreading obligation of service delivery to Khomas residents.

- **ECONOMIC SECTOR**

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable members

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

The Government continues with the implementation of the financing strategy as vehicle to wealth creation and promotion of employment among the Namibians as well as economic growth. At the end of October 2023, an amount of N\$40 million was applied through First National Bank and Standard Bank of Namibia under the credit guarantee scheme, with N\$21.7 million approved supporting 6 sectors, creating and/or sustaining 47 SMEs while creating 336 jobs across 10 regions.

The Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises facilitated the screening and identification process in which the following project were identified for implementation in Khomas region:

- Development of Student Village (student accommodation), under the Ministry of Higher Education, Training, and Innovation,
- 25 MW Solar PV, under the City of Windhoek,

INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable Members,

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Achievements in ICT Sector during the 2023-2024 financial year:

- The Ministry drafted the National Digital Strategy and its Implementation Action Plan that aims to effectively utilise digital technologies. It is through the National Broadband Policy implementation that the sector noted improved coverage and access to quality broadband infrastructure and services.
- Khomas Region has recorded growth in all mobile broadband (3G and 4G) coverage in terms of population coverage,

- Compared to other Regions, Khomas is the second region with the highest coverage in terms of 4G services.

ICT PUBLIC ENTERPRISES INITIATIVES

MTC NAMIBIA

- Since its inception in 1995, MTC has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and excellence, significantly shaping Namibia's digital landscape.

Key Achievements

- MTC boasts a robust network covering 98% of the Namibian population, extending mobile broadband access to 87.4% of Namibians.
- MTC is not only contributing to the well-being of the community but also creating direct employment opportunities through initiatives such as the National Internship Program and construction projects. Indirect employment opportunities are also generated through the support for orphaned and vulnerable children, as well as the ongoing activities at Hope Village in Khomas region, which may require additional staffing and support services.

- **POWERCOM**

A total number of 20 Greenfield communication towers are planned to be constructed between 2023 -24 and 2024-25 financial year in the Khomas region to the tune of approximately N\$ 30 million as further outlined below:

- 3 projects to the tune of N\$ 4.5million in Eros, Rocky Crest and Daan Viljoen is currently underway.
- 6 new sites to the value of N\$9million is planned.
- 10 sites to the value of N\$16.5million is being prepared for the next FY, and the Environmental Impact Assessment is underway.
- Six (6) new sites in Ludwigsdorf,Rocky Crest Faith City Rocky Crest Ex 4, Sam Nujoma Stadium, Ongos Valley, Finkenstein are planned for Khomas region for the current financial year to cost approximately N\$9 million.
- 6 new sites were approved and planned for the upcoming financial year to the tune of N\$16.5 million. The sites are Grysblock, Hakahana, Independence Stadium, Katutura, Khomasdal, Lafrenz Industrial, Northern Industrial, Taublen Glen and Wanaheda, and the impact assessment is underway.

- **TELECOM NAMIBIA**

TN plans to modernize its fixed and mobile core switching and control systems, replacing it with a Fixed-Mobile Converged (FMC) Core Network, as per global trends – to support innovative products and services, and to reduce operational expenses.

FTTX Deployment is planned for the following areas:

- Cimbebasia
- Elisenheim Phase 2 & 3
- Hochland Park Extension 1
- Khomasdal
- Old Academia
- Old Hochland Park
- Old Pioneers Park
- Rocky Crest Extension 4
- Tauben Glen
- Wanaheda

Mobile Deployment is planned at the following sites:

- Eros
- Rocky Crest Ex.4
- Daan Viljoen
- Concordia
- Ongos Valley
- Droombos
- Ludwigsdorf
- Rocky Crest Faith City
- Rocky Crest Ext 4
- Katutura Sam Nujoma
- Finkenstein
- Mercedes Street MTC

Other Projects targeted specifically in the Khomas Region were completed

- Upgrades on MSAN nodes in Klein Windhoek, Sculpture Street, Beijing Street, Andrew Mogalie street, Cimbebasia and Tauben Glen.
- An upgrade of Fixed Wireless Access Network was done at A Shipena.
- Upgrades on backhaul capacity between Gross Hertzog and Groot Aub to improve services.

The NBC, in partnership with the Khomas Regional Council (KRC), have commissioned a two-part documentary series titled “Khomas Regional Council – Empowering Communities through Good Governance.” This initiative involved extensive interviews conducted by the NBC production team with key stakeholders such as the Regional Governor, 10 constituency councilors, top management of the Khomas regional council, project beneficiaries, and residents of the Khomas region.

The primary objective of this project is to educate the public about the regional council's responsibilities, systematic processes for identifying and planning developmental projects in both urban and rural areas of the Khomas region.

Ministry of Works and Transport

The Ministry has employed 5,432 youth through the Association of Unemployed Artisans of Namibia to renovate dilapidated GRN buildings, houses and facilities in Khomas region.

The association renovated amongst others the;

- Police houses in Robert Mugabe Avenue, opposite the old State House;
- VVIP police headquarters and boundary wall;
- Houses at the old State House;
- Interlocking project at Trans-Kalahari Corridor.

The Ministry also successfully completed the maintenance and rehabilitation of Eros and Hosea Kutako International Airport.

ROADS AUTHORITY

The status of ongoing projects in Khomas region are as follow;

1. Windhoek-Hosea Kutako International Airport, Phase 1, which is 8km the upgrading to dual carriageway freeway standards, including access to prosperita. This project has been completed and it created employment to 373 people.
2. Windhoek-Hosea Kutako International Airport, Phase 1, which is the 12km Southern link to roadblock extension, is completed and it created employment to 115 people.
3. Windhoek-Hosea Kutako International Airport, Phase 2A, which is the upgrading to dual carriageway freeway standards. This project consist of road works for a dual carriageway, road bridges for split-level interchanges at various road intersections, river bridges and other drainage structures where water courses are crossed. This project has created jobs to 254 people.
4. Windhoek-Hosea Kutako International Airport, Phase 2B, which is the upgrading to dual carriageway freeway standards. This project is the third phase of the construction to freeway standards of a new freeway between Windhoek and the Hosea Kutako International Airport, with its alignment located to the south of the existing trunk road 6, section 1 to the airport. It will start at SV 26.0 to the west of the main road, MR33 to Dordabis and continues to the east of the airport where it

joins the existing B6, to Seeis and Gobabis over a length of approximately 21.3 km. This project has created employment to 365 people.

5. Windhoek-Okahandja, section 4A extension, upgrading to dual carriageway freeway standards. This project involve the rehabilitation and upgrading to dual carriageway of TR1/6 between Windhoek and Okahandja, section 4A extension Omakunde interchange to Otjiwarongo interchange. The total length is 21km. This project has provided 310 people employment.

6. The groundbreaking ceremony commence the dual carriageway of the Auas road, was done on the 25 July 2024. The project was solely funded by the Government of the Republic of Namibia through the Road Fund Administration at a total cost of approximately N\$138 million. The project will be executed in two phases. Phase 1 will cost approximately N\$30 million and Phase 2 will cost approximately N\$108 million.

All the above mentioned project was fully funded by the government/state

The following projects are funded by RFA;

1. MR49, Windhoek-Kupferberg, the construction of the low volume seal. The project is ongoing, 26km was re-graveled on DR826.
2. MR47, upgrading to low volume seal. Roads Authority will be commencing with the construction of 5km shortly.

Way forward

Upgrading to bitumen and dual-carriageway standard of the DR1982, Windhoek to Walvis Bay and TR1/5, Windhoek to Rehoboth.

- SOCIAL SECTOR

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable Members

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

During the financial year 2023-2024, the Khomas Regional Youth Office achieved significant milestones that underscore our dedication to youth development and community empowerment.

One notable achievement was the successful implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the One Economy Foundation and the Ministry of Sport,

Youth and National Service. This collaboration led to the initiation and launch of the Be Free Youth Campus.

Furthermore, our region proudly serves as a PEPFAR DREAMS region, demonstrating our commitment to supporting the health and well-being of adolescent girls and young women. This was done under the G2G COP 22 which targeted 209 AGYW of which we managed to reach 240 young girls.

In addition to our efforts in health and empowerment, our region remains committed to providing essential skills training to our youth. As part of our ongoing Basic Skills Training for Youth program, we successfully provided skills training in various areas. Specifically, we offered basic computer literacy skills training to 54 youth and basic tailoring and design training to 32 youth. Moreover, we have implemented progressive stakeholder engagements with physically active youth, offering after school tutoring for in-school youth through programs like the Basketball Artist School, which provides sports and academic tutoring for vulnerable youth.

Additionally, we have partnered with the Namibia College of Technology and Vocational Training (NCTVT) to offer vocational training opportunities. These include Agriculture Level 2-3 programs through the National Training Authority and Social Security-funded programs, enabling youth to acquire valuable skills for employment and self-sufficiency.

Under the PEPFAR DREAMS project funding, 9 adolescent girls and young women benefited from basic business start-up kits, which include beauty salons, mini shops/takeaways, and other trade initiatives. This initiative provides them with the means to start their own businesses, promoting economic independence and sustainability. Furthermore, a youth enterprise from Samora Machel Constituency under the 121 rural youth enterprises received their start up loan as facilitated by the Development Bank of Namibia, promoting entrepreneurship and economic growth in our region.

These initiatives reflect our holistic approach to youth development, encompassing education, health, economic empowerment, sports, and entrepreneurship. As we continue our efforts to create opportunities and champion the aspirations of the next generation.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Sport Facilities

The Ministry has budgeted Twenty Million under the operational budget for maintenance of Ministerial buildings and stadiums including Katutura Sport Complex. The Ongos Valley Sports Stadium Development, with the capacity of 28,000 plus spectator seats has been launched this year in Moses Garoeb constituency. This development is poised to become a beacon of pride, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities designed to host a diverse range of sporting events and entertainment spectacles. It represents a major investment in the future of our community, promising to bring economic growth, job creation, and an elevated profile for Namibia on the global stage. The project is estimated at a cost of N\$2billion.

Schools Sport

In October 2023, Cabinet approved the Integrated Physical Education and Schools Sport Policy (IPESS). The implementing agency, Namibian Schools Sport Union (NSSU) has been allocated a budget of Six million under the new budget.

Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare

Social Assistance Grants

The Ministry has spent about N\$49million on social grants (old age pension and disability) equating to thirty-five thousand, two hundred and ten old age beneficiaries (35,210) while N\$10.7 million on Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) grants benefited twenty-six thousand, five hundred and thirty children (26,530) for the financial year 2023/24.

Gender Equality

During the period under review, the Ministry conducted eight (8) community sensitization workshops and meetings on GBV prevention and response were held in the region, which reached a total of 1,327 people (815 females and 512 males), while the male engagement programme reached 125 men and boys.

Childcare Services

The Ministry provided psychosocial support services to 603 children at the Namibia Children's Home (NCH) and the After School Centre in Windhoek.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES IN KHOMAS REGION

The Khomas DAPEES managed to successfully implement the projects that were budgeted for during the 2023/2024 Financial Year. The projects are as follows:

1. National Horticulture Support Programme(NHSP): a budget of around N\$600,000.00 was available for the 2023/2024 FY. Total expenditure to date is over N\$590,000. A total number of 26 producers (15 males & 11 females) benefited from the subsidy. Producers benefited from products such as agricultural inputs, drip irrigation materials, solar powered submersible pumps and shade net materials. On advisory services, a total of 67 (25 male & 42 females) horticultural producers were trained or advised on horticultural production. Additionally, 276 (77 male & 199 female) aspiring community members in all constituencies were trained in horticulture production under the Khomas Capacity Building Project.
2. Poultry Value Chain Development Scheme (PVCDS): a budget of around N\$500,000.00 was available for the 2023/2024 FY; of which N\$496,000 was spent. A total number of 47 small scale poultry producers (200 males & 27 females) benefited from the subsidy. Producers benefited from breeding stocks, production stocks (layers), housing materials, poultry equipment and veterinary medicines under the subsidy. A total of 319 (108 males & 211 females) community members were trained under the Khomas Capacity building Project on poultry production.
3. NAMSIP: a total of 4 walking tractors with matching equipment were procured to provide ploughing services of small scale producers with land less than one hectares in Windhoek Rural areas. Demonstrations on the utilization of the equipment were made to communities of Nauasport and Groot Aub on the utilization of the tractors. A big tractor with matching equipment was procured and was stationed at the Windhoek Rural Constituency Office. The tractors provided ploughing services for farmers surrounding Groot Aub. A total of 22 hectares were serviced by the tractor as from January to March; whereas, a total of five (5) farmers benefited from the walking tractor ploughing services. Three more big tractors are expected to be delivered in the next financial year to provide ploughing for Dordabis and Nauasport. The tractors will also be used for cutting and harvesting fodder grass during the off season. The project also provides for other agricultural equipment such as jab seed drillers, Trans planters and weeding cultivators. These equipment are available for loaning at the Windhoek DAPEES Office.
4. Comprehensive Conservation Agriculture Programme (CCAP): the aim of the programme is to promote the use of Conservation Agriculture practices. Its core

function is to capacitate producers of principles of CA. A total of 67 (25 male & 42 female) horticultural producers were trained on Climate Smart Agriculture Practices (CA/GAP). Six (6) leading farmers were identified to assist with promotion of CA. A total of N\$200,000.00 was budget for activities on CA. About N\$90,000.00 was committed to Lead Farmers training and exposure. The rest of the funds will be used to procure trained material and establishing a demo plot at Versailles farm.

Drought situation in Khomas region

Khomas region, Windhoek rural constituency in particular, has an agricultural land of 1,206 farms, which are heavily affected by the prevailing drought. The government through the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform is supporting the drought affected farmers by implementing a livestock support intervention of subsidised activities, such as livestock marketing, lease of grazing, fodder and transport to and from grazing areas. In this regard, a total of 156 applicants were received and processed

RESETTLEMENT IN KHOMAS REGION

During the 2023/2024 financial year, one (1) farm measuring 800,000 hectares was acquired, but not yet advertised for allocation.

A total of fourteen (14) farms were advertised under the National Resettlement Programme with a total of twenty-four farming units. A total of One thousand and sixty-five (1,065) applications were received and processed by Khomas Regional Office. Out of the applications received only two (2) applicants were successfully allotted farming units for resettlement purposes.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER RELATED INTERVENTIONS IN KHOMAS REGION

1. Seven (7) boreholes were drilled and successfully installed in the Dordabis area to the value of N\$1.7million.
2. Emergency drilling is ongoing on 12 boreholes to the value of N\$4.5million in Nauaspoort, Dordabis and Satanslocht areas. All these boreholes will be installed based on the water quality and required yield.
3. Seven boreholes were drilled, only five was successful, and one borehole was rehabilitated in Groot-Aub, to the value of N\$4mill. The main purpose of these boreholes is to increase sustainable water supply to Groot-Aub settlement and support farmers.

As a way forward, the KRC plan to establish 10 water points in Windhoek Rural and also provide 10,000ltr water tanks and tank stands through the NAMSIP project support.

NATIONAL HOUSING ENTERPRISES

During the period under review NHE has completed 21 housing units under the Informal Settlement Upgrading programme in Goreangab and Greenwell, to the value of N\$5.2mill.

Way forward

1. Under the Low income apartments project, NHE plans to construct 171 housing units to the value of N\$80,9mill in the areas of Otjomuise, Goreangab and Windhoek West;
2. They also plan to construct 100 housing units under the informal settlement upgrading programme, Windhoek, Phase 2, to the value of N\$25mill.

NAMIBIA HOUSING ACTION GROUP AND SHACK DWELLERS FEDERATION OF NAMIBIA

In alignment with the regional goals for sustainable development, Namibia Housing Action Group/Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia has been dedicated to advancing housing and community development initiatives in the Khomas region. Our efforts have centred on addressing housing challenges, improving living standards, and fostering inclusive communities.

Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia has 7199 members as follows; 6,031 members without land, 1,168 with land, 54 members at Mix Settlement, 264 members Dordabis, 49 members at Groot Aub.

Achievements

Through strategic partnerships and innovative approaches, Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia have successfully constructed six low-cost houses within the informal settlement of Windhoek, namely Okahandja Park 4 and Havanna 2, enabling families to access safe and dignified living spaces.

During the year under review, Namibia Housing Action Group/Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia collaborated with esteemed partners, including the Namibia University of Science and Technology and the City of Windhoek, to upgrade 2 blocks in the Peter Nanyemba informal settlement consisting about 1,200 households. This transformative initiative aims to enhance infrastructure, improve service delivery, and promote sustainable urban development.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

1. The office donated an amount of N\$25,000.00, to the Never Walk Alone MTC initiative. The initiative aimed at sponsoring school shoes to needy school learners.
2. The office also donated material and equipment to upcoming SME's, soup kitchen and day care centre, as follow; Sunano Day Care & Pre-Primary to the value of N\$65,700.00; Anresty Investment cc, to the tune of N\$40,00.00; Mr Issy Kasaona, to the tune N\$20,000.00 of and Darius Clay to the tune of N\$48,000.00 and the soup kitchen to the tune of N\$135,000.00.
3. The office sponsored three students for their studies to the tune of N\$58,000.00.
4. The office sponsored cooking equipment to the Windhoek Regional police cells to the value of N\$123,000.00
5. The office also procured school shoes to the value of N\$79,000.00 to be handed over to needy children through the Back to school programme, at Mix Primary School in Windhoek Rural constituency.
6. The Office of the Governor, through Rani Group of Companies assisted 8 students financially to the value of N\$100,000.00 at different institutions of learning.

KHOMAS REGIONAL COUNCIL

1. EDUCATION

The Khomas region has One hundred and forty one schools, with a total number of One hundred and Six thousand, Three hundred and fifty learners. The learner population in the region has grown by 18% in the past six years, from Ninety Thousand, Three hundred and sixty learners in 2019 to One hundred and Six, Three hundred and fifty in 2024, making an annual growth of Two Thousand, Six hundred and sixty five learners. The Two Thousand, Six hundred and sixty five annual learner population growth translates into the annul need of Seventy-Two additional classrooms or at least three fully-fledged schools in the region every year.

The Namibia Senior Secondary Ordinary level results for 2023 shows an improvement which is spiraling the Directorate into academic improvement trajectory. One thousand, six hundred and ten learners qualified to proceed to Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary level in 2024 in comparison to One Thousand, two hundred and ninety in 2023. This is an increase of 7.9% from 25.8% to 33.7% in 2022 and 2023 respectively. This has seen the Khomas region emerging on the top position on the national ranking on the Namibia Senior Secondary Ordinary level. The region however, has dropped in the national ranking at Namibia Senior

Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary level from position seven in 2022 to position 10 in 2023.

The region continues to implement its regional academic improvement strategies coupled with continued monitoring of quality teaching and learning on a daily basis.

2. NAMCOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Regional Council assisted 103 NAMCOL students to upgrade their grade 11 & 12 results to the tune of N\$147 thousand in 2024 from all ten constituencies .

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Council assisted 69 students studying at accredited high institutions of learning with a combined registration fees amounting to N\$220,000 in 2024, from all ten constituencies.

4. DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMME

The Khomas regional drought relief programme which started October 2023 to end June 2025 continue to provide the monthly rations of 20kg maize, one bottle of cooking oil 750ml, four tins of fish 400g or two 750g of soya mince to thirty-four localities in Windhoek Rural which represent 4,334 beneficiaries in total .

5. SAFETY & SECURITY

In order to address the safety and security of the residents and combating crime, the Regional Council resolved to allocate resources to assist the Namibian Police to repair some of their grounded 8 vehicles as well as the renovation of Windhoek Regional police holding cells in the region. An amount of N\$1,5 million has been allocated.

6. MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

A budget amount of around N\$ 16 Million was availed to implement projects of which 12 are completed and 8 are at various stages of implementations as follows.

1. Renovation of Hakahana Clinic is completed to the value of N\$1.2mill, and the handover is planned for the 7th of August 2024;
2. Procurement of equipment for the Rural Information Communication Technology Centres at Groot Aub in Windhoek Rural & Tobias Hainyeko Constituencies is completed to the value of One hundred and Fifty Thousand Namibian dollars.
3. Procurement of laboratory equipment for Acacia Secondary School is ongoing, and so far an amount of N\$217 thousand has been paid so far;

4. Renovation of 4 classroom block at Al Steenkamp Primary School is completed to the value of N\$674 thousand;
5. Procurement of chairs and desks for Westmont Secondary School is ongoing, an amount of N\$143 thousand has been paid so far;
6. Procurement of Chairs and Desks for Monte Christo Primary School is ongoing, an amount of N\$112 thousand has been paid so far;
7. Procurement of textbooks for schools in all 10 constituencies was completed, to the value of N\$2.1million;
8. Procurement of kitchen equipment, chairs & tables for Moses Garoeb and Namibia Primary Schools is completed to the value of N\$389 thousand, and the handover is planned for the 6th of August 2024;
9. Procurement of Medical Equipment for Mix Settlement Outreach Clinic completed to the value of N\$73 thousand;
10. Procurement of an ambulance for Windhoek Rural Constituency to the Khomas Regional Health Directorate, to the value of N\$1.3million and the handover is planned for the 7th of August 2024;
11. Construction of a prefabricated clinic at Mix settlement is completed to the value of N\$442 thousand;
12. Procurement of Eight (8) CCTV Cameras for Samora Machel Constituency is completed, to the value of N\$563 thousand;
13. Construction of 3 classroom block at Monte Christo Primary School is completed, to the value of N\$1.2 million;
14. Renovations and Repair work including the air-conditioning system at Katutura Health Centre is completed to the value of N\$1.5million;
15. Renovations and Repair work at Donkerhoek Clinic is completed to the value of N\$1.5million, and the handover is planned for the 7th of August 2024;
16. Construction of Module 4 Classroom at West Mont Secondary School is ongoing;

17. Provision of Community Wi-fi at the Khomasdal Constituency Office Library is ongoing; and the

18. Installation of High Mast Lights in Samora Machel Constituency is also ongoing.

Furthermore, the following projects are approved for implementation in 2024/25 Financial Year

1. Renovation of classrooms & construction of toilets at Immanuel Shifidi, to the value of N\$1.5 million;
2. Renovation & upgrading of A. Shipena sports field, lawn, toilets & pavilion N\$1.5 million;
3. Upgrading of Berthold Katjimune Entrance, to the value of N\$300 thousand;
4. Installation of High Mast Lights in Moses Garoeb Constituency to the value of N\$1.5 million;
5. Refurbishment of School Chairs and Desks to the value of N\$1.5million in Windhoek West Constituency;
6. Prefabricated Container Offices at Klein Windhoek Police Station at the value of N\$450 thousand, and the handover is planned for the 6th of August 2024;
7. Renovation & Upgrading of Sports Field at Groot Aub to the value of N\$1.5million;
8. Fencing of Education, Health and Police Plot to the value of N\$1million in Samora Machel Constituency;
9. Construction of three rooms for antenatal care at Khomasdal PHC Clinic to the value of N\$1.5 million;
10. Constituency minor capital projects, to the value of N\$2.5 million.

7. WATER INTERVENTION PROJECT PROGRAMME

With regards to the provision of water infrastructure particularly to the rural residents of the region, the Regional Council has allocated resources towards the drilling of boreholes and installation of water infrastructure in the Windhoek Rural Constituency. An amount of N\$3.7million was spent on the drilling of 13 boreholes at Hamis, Opdamm, Hatsamas, Stinkwater, Garib, Audabib, Farm Versailles, /Garib, Satanslocht (Tuseb), Nauaspoort/Neragu, Nauaspoort /Herman, Nauaspoort/Tsoa-Toas and Ueros.

Installation of solar water pumping systems with tank stands, water tanks, taps and tap stands at Hamis, Opdamm, Hatsamas, Stinkwater, Garib, Audabib, Versailles & Dordabis was completed. Ten water point committees were also established and

trained to ensure the sustainable utilisation and management of water resources under the Community Based Natural Resources Management Policy of the Government.

The council is committed to make budgetary provision every year to ensure the provision of portable water for human and animal consumption as well as for industries in the rural areas of the region in a form of drilling, installations, rehabilitation of boreholes and construction of water pipelines.

8. INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

To address unemployment, the Council has continued with its SME support programme called the Income Generating Activities programme, under which SMEs are assisted with equipment and material.

An amount of N\$1.5 million was spent in 2023/24 to finance 182 SME projects through Income Generating Activities programme ranging from catering businesses, fashion and design, laundry services, Arts, Craft and Graphics, Welding, etc.

9. KHOMAS JOINT INFORMAL SETTLEMENT UPGRADING PILOT PROJECT

In an effort to address the housing shortage in the Region, the Khomas Regional Council and other stakeholders contributed to the construction of low-cost houses under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Pilot Project. The Khomas Regional Council has continued with the allocation of N\$4.5 million under its capital budget to this noble cause.

10. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Rural Development programmes benefits the most vulnerable, unemployed youths, SME's, elderly and previously disadvantaged groups. The projects aims to improve sanitation, creating employment, promoting entrepreneurship development in rural areas and contributing to the country's economy and poverty reduction.

The following 7 projects were supported to the tune of N\$268 thousand. 2 households were supported with 20 goats, 3 garden projects supported with materials, 2 SMEs were supported with equipment/materials.

11. RURAL SANITATION PROGRAMME

The Council constructed 103 toilets in different localities in Windhoek Rural Constituency at a cost of N\$ 1,2 Million 82 at Stinkwater and 21 at Hatsamas.

As part of the pilot programme to improve sanitation for the rural communities, a hybrid model of environmental free Dry Pit latrine and Wet (flushing) toilets for the communities that have access to running water was implemented. Five (5) septic tanks were constructed with the participation of beneficiaries and existing VIP toilets were connected at a cost of N\$ 284 thousand.

12. FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Distribution of food to the needy)

Council distributed 387 food parcels to the most vulnerable individuals in 9 constituencies to the tune of N\$167 thousand.

13. WINTER SAFETY NET PROGRAMME

KRC has observed with concern the increase in the number of persons living on the streets, under bridges and without shelter. In an effort to assist, KRC has availed a yearly budget amount of N\$500 thousand to procure/purchase blankets and winter clothing for people without shelter. For the coming winter, items targeting around 1,100 beneficiaries will be procured and distributed to the vulnerable members in all the constituencies.

14. BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Council budget an amount of N\$500 thousand yearly for school uniforms and bags was allocated for all constituencies benefited based on the needs of their communities. Four Hundred & eleven learners from Thirty-Eight Schools in Khomas region has benefited under the programme.

City of Windhoek

Land and Housing delivery

- The target for greenfield township establishment was two townships, and they were achieved 100%. The motivation for establishment of Khomasdal Extension 17 and 18 was approved by the Urban and Regional Planning Board paving way for land servicing.
- The target for brownfield township establishment was two townships. Only one township establishment was approved in Freedomland B.
- The target for servicing of land was 700 erven. Due to lack of funds, only 88 erven were serviced in Kleine Kuppe. The remainder of the erven are carried over to the next Financial year.

- The target for construction of houses under the Windhoek Housing Programme, formally the Council Housing Programme was 60 houses. A total of 8 houses were constructed in Khomasdal to test the approach and take lessons, the remaining 52 houses were not constructed due to lack of funds.
- The target for construction of houses under the Affordable Housing programme (quadripartite arrangement - MoU: Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Khomas Regional Council, National Housing Enterprise and the City of Windhoek) was 300 houses. A total of 240 houses were constructed. The remaining 60 houses had pending statutory procedures, as a result could not be worked on.

Formalisation and upgrading of informal settlement

- A target for leases to be signed in the informal settlement was set at 1,000 leases. A total of 281 leases were signed in various upgraded informal settlements as part of the ongoing electrification programme.
- The target for communal toilets was set at 76 toilets. A total of 16 toilets were installed in various informal settlements. The remaining 60 toilets were not installed due to contractual delays, rainy season and construction holiday in December and January.
- The target for the communal standpipes (water taps) was set at 54 water taps. A total of 21 water taps were installed in various informal settlements. The remaining 33 water taps were not installed due to contractual delays, change of sites by the community and construction of new illegal structures on the designated pass of water lines.
- Roads with length of 11kilometres was set for construction of upgrading to bitumen standard (tarred road). Due to challenges faced with approval of new townships and contractual issues, only 300 metres of Sukkot street achieved. The remaining part of the target is moved over to subsequent years when townships are ready for installation of services and infrastructure.

Basic services

- A total of 500 electricity connections was planned in various upgraded informal settlements, due to increased in prices, some tenders have been cancelled and only 109 houses were electrified.
- In an effort to secure long term electricity supply to Windhoek, council is implementing a revised Electricity Master Plan. About 57% of the plan was implemented during the period under review.
- 29 Megawatts of renewable energy was targeted in various suburbs of Windhoek through a combination of rooftop installations and single point installations, a total of 31.3 Megawatts was achieved.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDER SECTOR

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable Members

NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE

Crime Prevention Operations

During the period of 2023/2024 Financial Year, the Khomas Regional Police took part in various national crime prevention operations, as well as regional operations such as Operation Rirongera, Basadi and Festive Season. These operations are grouped as weekend and shifts` operations which is conducted by all 10 police stations.

During the said operations, at least 535 Liquor outlets were visited, and 203 bars were closed due to non-compliance to the Liquor Act. Individual suspects were arrested for violating various laws such from liquor Act, as well as commission of various offences were executed in relations to GBV.

1. During the year under review prohibited substances or illicit drugs to the value of N\$1,4million was confiscated. This includes cannabis, mandrax tablets, crack cocaine, cocaine powder and marijuana.
2. 510 dangerous items and weapons, 70 firearms and alcohol and cigarettes to the value of 20,653 were also confiscated.
3. 103 illegal immigrants were arrested.

Crime Investigations

There is an increase in the number of cases reported in the period under review which is 36,380 compared to 34,824. The total number of cases pending is 104,466, and 33,474 cases were cleared during the period under review.

Traffic Law Enforcement

In the quest to maintain safer roads in Khomas Region, road safety was improved through implementation of the 2nd decade of Action for Road Safety, by conducting a total number of ten thousand, one hundred and seventy-nine operations. As a result, a total number of 1,601 intensified patrols were conducted, which led to the execution of 516 warrant of arrest; 69,009 road worthy tests were conducted of which 350 un-road worthy vehicles were suspended, the drink and drive tests led to an arrest of 1,433, a total number of 14,424 summons were issued to the value of N\$15million. In addition, 2,236 summonses from court were issued to offenders valued at N\$ 3million. In 2023, Khomas Region recorded a total number of 989 serious and fatal road crashes; and public education campaigns were conducted targeting road users, particularly pedestrians, cyclists, and school children.

Procurement And Logistics

The following capital projects has been completed;

1. The fencing of land at the police village and the construction of bulk services at Babylon Police station.
2. The Namibian Police plan to complete the following capital projects for the next financial year, that is the upgrading of the Katutura police station, servicing of land at Police village, construction of the dog school at Olympia and the construction of Babylon police station

1. Namibian Correctional Service

During the 2023/2024 financial year, the focus of the Namibian Correctional Service remained on the protection of society by providing safe, secure and humane custody of offenders, their rehabilitation, and their social reintegration as acceptable law-abiding citizens. Our focus remained on strengthening our rehabilitation and reintegration activities to reduce re-offending.

This includes efforts to contribute to the food production and self-sustenance, which links to the impartation of much-needed rehabilitation skills.

Recruitments

During the 2022/2023 financial year, the NCS recruited 301 recruits across the country with 87 correctional officers deployed in the Khomas region. The recent underway NCS 2023/2024 recruitment process reflects a total number of 280 recruits across the country with 53 recruits for Khomas region.

Rolling Out of Rehabilitation Programmes

During the period under review, the Namibian Correctional Service introduced two new rehabilitation programmes, namely, an evidence-based programme specifically targeting the unique risk factors of female offenders, as well as Pre-release Seminars designed to address the reintegration needs and concerns of offenders at the Windhoek and Windhoek Female correctional facilities.

Enrolment and Completion of Inmates in Rehabilitation Programmes

A total of 461 inmates participated in psychosocial, education and vocational training programmes at the Windhoek Female correctional facilities.

During the period under review, a total of 385 inmates completed rehabilitation programmes.

Expansion of Community Service Orders Operations

The Community Service Orders Programme involves offenders performing unpaid work for the benefit of the public in lieu of incarceration. The current Community Service Orders operations available at the Windhoek Magistrates' Court at J.P Karuaihe str. and Mungunda str. and Dordabis, will be rolled out to the Windhoek Magistrates' Court, at Simeon Shixungileni str and Seeis Periodical Court, in the next two financial years.

Re-integration Programmes Completions

The reintegration of offenders released conditionally on Full Parole or Remission of Sentence, 128 out of 129 offenders completed their sentences successfully, translating to 99% of the targeted population. This is above the 97%, which was targeted in the 2023/2024 Ministerial Annual Plan. One (1) offender breached his release condition and was re-arrested and admitted to the Windhoek Correctional Facility.

With regards to offenders sentenced to serve Community Service Orders, 41 offenders successfully completed their sentences. Two offenders breached and both were re-arrested.

2. Civil registration

The Khomas Region is serving around 490,000 people, with four civil registration sites, all located in Windhoek, namely: Khomas Regional Office, Katutura State Hospital, Windhoek Central Hospital and Rhino Park Hospital, which is temporary closed.

The electronic birth and death notification system is connected in 3 public and 7 private facilities in Khomas region, which demonstrates the clear collaboration between public and private sector to achieve comprehensive civil registration. However, the Katutura Health Centre is not connected because of lack of network connectivity.

Achievements

Electronic fingerprint capturing (Live Scan) were successfully piloted at Khomas regional office. The advantage of the live scan its faster and more accurate for capturing and verification.

Mobile registration was conducted in 5 constituencies and 1,262 people were registered for birth, late birth and id registrations.

International Relations

The existing twining partnership between Jiangsu Province and Khomas region has recorded a reasonable number of exchange visits from our Chinese partners in the field of agriculture, mining, vocational training, trade and investment for the period in question. The region received new twining proposals from Jiangxi and Guizhou Province in the People Republic of China.

At the African continent level the Khomas region had twining partnership proposals from Kunene Province in Angola and Zanzibar in the United Republic of Tanzania. The preparatory arrangements for the development of this envisaged partnership are at a very advance stage.

The current sound working relationship with the Chinese embassy in Namibia gave tremendous birth to many development opportunities in Khomas region and has marketed our region as a centre of excellence in friendly sister relation and made it a destination of choice to many investors in the Peoples Republic of China and beyond.

The region had a successful exchange visit to Jiangsu and Jiangxi Province this month and subsequently attended the 5th forum on Africa-China local government Cooperation in Guangzhou in the People Republic of China.

The Khomas region received an invitation to Guizhou International Sister Cities Exchange conference and Friendship Day scheduled for the 8th -9th September 2024 in Guiyang City south western part of Guizhou Province.

The Khomas region also received a fully sponsored scholarship offer from the Guizhou University of traditional Chinese Medicine, international exchange and cooperation office. The scholarship is for undergraduates in the field of traditional Chinese medicine, Clinical medicine of Chinese and western integrative medicine, Acupuncture and Tuina (massage), Pharmacy, nursing, medical experimental technique, Biopharmaceutical Engineering, Pharmaceutical preparations and Psychology of integrated traditional Chinese and **Western medicine**.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, as you all know, as nation we are again preparing for the upcoming National and Presidential elections scheduled for 27 November 2024. Every loyal and patriotic citizen of this country is expected to go to the polls to demonstrate your commitment and dedication to uphold our hard-won democracy and freedom. I therefore, urge all the eligible voters of our great Khomas region to prioritize this national call with all the pride, loyalty and patriotism it deserved, in the best interest of our present and future generation.

Dear Khomas Residents and the fellow Namibians, it remains my strongest wish and utmost belief that we will have a peaceful election campaign and ultimate blessed 2024 National and Presidential elections in the land of the brave, Namibia. In addition, as we are approaching the end of our given term of office as regional governing agents as per our respective governing legislations, let us work towards the ultimate completion of all our pending ongoing development projects in the region.

Honourable Chairperson

Honourable Members,

Long-live Khomas Region!!!!

Long-live the land of+ the Brave!!!!!!