



**Strategic Overview by
Mr. Abraham Nehemia, CEO of NamWater**

**For the Commissioning of the Kayengona and Shamvhura
Water Filtration Plants, Kavango East**

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- **Hon. Bonifatius Wakudumo, Governor of the Kavango East Region in absentia represented by Hon Laurentius Mukoya for Ndiyona Constituency and Hon Paulus Mbangu for Rundu Rural Constituency**
- **Esteemed other Regional and Town Councillors present**
- **Esteemed Traditional Authority Leaders**
 - **Kavango East Regional Commander: Commissioner Johanna Ngondo**
- **Management Cadre of NamWater present**
- **Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform present**
- **Community and Local Leaders**
- **Members of the Media,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen!**

Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning!

I am pleased as well as privileged to stand here today during this momentous occasion which is the commissioning of the Kayengona and Shamvura Water Supply - River Schemes. I am sure I am sharing my joy with the communities of the two villages and with Kavango East Region people at large. The communities of the two areas are coming from a background of tolerance characterised by daily lack of water in sufficient quantity or by water quality that was either a risk to a healthy and productive livelihood jeopardizing critical economic activities.

In as much as the community members had sleepless nights thinking of drawing water the following day infested with high levels of iron contents, so did some of us as well as officials knowing that a project takes time to implement while the people are crying and calling every day for improved services.

Today we have gathered here with different feelings which are more positive and relaxed filled with some levels of satisfaction. This was all done through the implementation of NamWater broader strategy to enhance water security and infrastructure across Namibia. The two projects represent strategic investments, demonstrating NamWater's unwavering commitment to providing sustainable water solutions to all the corners of our nation.

NamWater, established by an Act of Parliament (Act 12 of 1997), has a clear mandate: to ensure "Water for All, Forever." This mandate is not just a slogan; it is a mission that drives every decision we make. As a commercial entity with

a public interest mandate, NamWater operates on the full cost recovery principle, supplying bulk water to its Clients.

Today's commissioning of the Kayengona and Shamvura Water Supply - River Schemes is part of our larger infrastructure development and upgrading efforts across Namibia. This broader vision includes projects like Ondangwa-Omutsegwonime Water Supply Scheme, the Ohangwena II Wellfield Water Supply Scheme, and the Rundu Water Treatment Plant Extension and Associated Works as well as the Katima Raw Water supply scheme. These projects highlight NamWater's commitment to ensuring that every Namibian, regardless of location, has access to clean, safe, and reliable water.

The Kayengona and Shamvura projects, with a total investment of N\$ 5,208,850.00, are critical components of this larger strategy. The Kayengona Filtration Plant received N\$ 2,483,432.00, and the Shamvura Filtration Plant N\$ 2,725,418.00. These investments are aimed at addressing urgent water supply and quality challenges in the region, where rapid population growth has contributed to an increased demand. The new filtration systems installed at both plants employ advanced technologies that ensure water quality far exceeds the minimum requirements, with turbidity levels as low as 0.19 NTU.

But this is only the beginning. The recent groundbreaking of the Rundu Water Treatment Plant Extension and Associated Works, a project valued at N\$ 665 million, is a testament to our long-term vision of building an integrated, sustainable water supply system nationwide. The Rundu project, along with the Ondangwa-Omutsegwonime and Ohangwena II projects, are critical to ensuring that every Namibian has access to the water they need—not just today, but for generations to come.

At NamWater, we understand that water is the foundation of health, economic development, and social well-being. Our projects are more than just infrastructure—they are investments in the future of Namibia. By enhancing water supply infrastructure, we are laying the groundwork for improved public health, increased agricultural productivity, and overall economic growth, particularly in rural regions like Kavango East.

The commissioning of the Kayengona and Shamvura Water Supply - River Schemes is a testament to what we can achieve through strategic planning, collaboration, and a shared commitment to our country's future. It reinforces NamWater's role as a key partner in national development, supporting the government's efforts to deliver on its promise of sustainable development for all Namibians.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our partners, the government, and the communities we serve for their continued trust and support. Together, we are ensuring "Water for All, Forever."

Thank you.