



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, INNOVATION, YOUTH, SPORTS, ARTS AND
CULTURE (MEIYSAC)**

BUDGET MOTIVATION STATEMENT

VOTE 27: SPORTS, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

FY: 2025/2026

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee

Honourable Members of this August House

1. I rise to motivate and seek your esteemed support for the budget allocation of Vote 27 for the 2025-2026 Financial Year.
2. Allow me to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to the teams of the Ministry of Finance and that of the National Planning Commission for the effort in enabling the finalization of this budget.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

3. For the 2025/2026 Financial Year, Vote 27 has been allocated a total amount of **N\$1,266,802,000 (One Billion, Two Hundred Sixty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Two Thousand Namibia Dollars)**. This presents a **46%** increase from the previous financial year allocation and underscores Government's commitment to youth empowerment and sport development.
4. The operational budget accounts for 60% of the total allocation. Of this operational budget, the largest share of 63% is dedicated to Sports Development, reflecting the Ministry's focus on enhancing sports performance and infrastructure. Youth Development receives 24%, underscoring the government's commitment to empowering young people through targeted programmes and services. The remaining 13% is allocated to Administration and Support Services, ensuring effective coordination, governance, and oversight of all Ministry activities.

5. The capital budget, constituting **40%** of the total allocation, amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED TEN MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$510 000 000)**. A substantial portion of **90 %**, **FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$460 000 000)**, is earmarked for the development and upgrading of Youth and Sports Infrastructure across the country. This investment is critical to providing modern, safe, and accessible facilities that support both community-level and elite sporting activities. The remaining **FIFTY MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$50 000 000)** is allocated to the Creative Arts Industry, a vital sector with the potential to create jobs, promote cultural expression, and contribute meaningfully to the national economy.

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6. Allow me to elaborate on the key programmes through which the budget of Vote 27 will be implemented during the 2025/26 financial year.

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Programme	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Youth Development, Training and Employment	301 127	315 532	310 250
Sports Development	752 891	245 850	262 535
Policy Coordination and Support Services	162 784	181 862	186 508
Creative Industries	50 000	-	-
TOTAL	1 266 802	723 247	737 934

Further consultations with the National Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance will have to be undertaken to ensure budgetary allocation for the subsequent financial years (2026/27 & 2027/28).

PROGRAMME 1: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

7. A total of **THREE HUNDRED ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$301 127 000)** has been allocated to cater for youth programs.
8. Included in the above amount is **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$117 597 000) allocated to the National Youth Service and THIRTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$34 174 000) to the National Youth Council** for the implement of their respective mandates.
9. The Ministry remains committed to the implementation of youth development and empowerment programmes aimed at integrating our young citizens into the mainstream economy. These initiatives focus on equipping out-of-school and unemployed youth with relevant skills to enhance their employability, foster self-reliance, and enable them to become productive members of society.

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10. During the 2024/25 financial year, the Ministry recorded several key achievements in advancing youth development in various programmes, thus benefiting a total of 540 youth.

11. In the field of youth health and life skills, 57 210 youth accessed Sexual and Reproductive Health Education, while a total of 862 youth received skills in various Technical Vocational Educational & Training (TVET) programmes.
12. Entrepreneurship and livelihood development remains a strategic focus, with total of 749 youth having receive entrepreneurship training, out of which 553 received loans under the Namibia Youth Credit Scheme (NYCS) to support enterprise development. Through the Charcoal Youth Employment Project, 630 young people were trained in sustainable charcoal production.
13. The National Youth Service (NYS) continues to offer recognised and accredited training programmes that enhance youth employability and foster a spirit of civic responsibility and nationhood. A total of 750 have been recruited through its three key programmes, namely; National Service Training, Voluntary Service, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

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14. For the 2025/26 Financial Year, the Ministry, aligned its youth progmmes to the Swapo Party Manifesto and Implementation Plan (SMIP), which will focus on the following strategic areas:

14.1 Sustainable Youth Empowerment Funding: The Ministry will be involved in the establishment of the National Youth

Fund, offering access to business development services, coaching, and mentorship. The National Youth Fund will consolidate all the existing entrepreneurship initiatives, including the 121 Rural Enterprises programme and the Namibia Credit Scheme, for which budgetary allocations have been made in the current financial year. Furthermore, the Ministry will start with consultations on the establishment of regional youth agricultural cooperatives in each region contingent upon the successful mobilization of collaborative funding and strategic partnerships with key stakeholders.

14.2 Apprenticeship and Internship Programme: The Ministry aims to implement a national level programme targeting the placement of 10,000 apprentices and 5,000 interns per annum. Strategic consultations are to commence with the key stakeholders in defining implementation modalities, and necessary funding frameworks.

15. Under the current budget the Ministry has set aside N\$50,341,000 for the development programmes, of which:

15.1. N\$17 541 000 will be used to acquire new training equipment for youth training programmes among others to acquire computers, sewing machines, carpentry equipment to replace old and obsolete equipment.

15.2. N\$6 000 000 is earmarked for the Charcoal Youth Employment Project to fund new intake and further support graduates who have commenced with commercial charcoal production.

15.3. The Namibia Youth Credit Scheme has been allocated N\$14 500 000 which will enable the Ministry to advance loans to new youth entrepreneurs across the Country and further support youth who wish to expand their existing businesses

15.4. N\$10 800 000 has been allocated to 121 Youth Enterprises programme of which 17 youth enterprises have already received financing while the remaining 104 Enterprises are to be financed.

15.5. N\$750 000 has been set aside for the commemoration of International Youth Day which will take place on 12 August 2025.

15.6. The Ministry has budgeted an amount of N\$750 000 to observe the World AIDS Day 2025 that is specially youth focused.

PROGRAMME 2: SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

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16. A total of **EIGHT HUNDRED TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$802 891 000)** has been allocated to continue the development and promotion of sport across the country. The Ministry's long-term goal, in line with the draft National Development Plan 6 (NDP 6) and the Swapo Party Manifesto Implementation Plan (SMIP) is to support the growth and professionalization of sport in the country so as to increase the sport industry's contribution to employment creation.

16.1 In this regard, **TWO HUNDRED MILLION NAMIBIAN DOLLARS (N\$200,000,000)** is budgeted for the commencement of construction of Confederation of African Football (CAF) Category level 3 stadiums which will enable the senior

National Football teams to host their home matches in the country.

16.2 I am happy to report that the Ministry has made significant progress with the upgrade of the Independence Stadium. The feasibility study report has so far been completed with the recommended for the acquisition of additional land around the existing stadium required to accommodate the envisaged upgraded stadium. Currently the detailed design and documentation are under development. Once finalized procurement of works will commence.

17. An amount of **THIRTY-FIVE MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$35,000,000)** has been set aside for the commencement of construction of the planned Regional Sports Stadiums at CAF Category 2 level which will ensure that each regional capital has a stadium with a seating capacity of at least 10,000 seats.

18. Another **TWO HUNDRED MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$200,000,000)** s budgeted for the construction of Basic Sport Infrastructure at constituency level. I am happy to report that the Ministry wrote to all 14 regions and we have already received feedback with regard to the identification of sites. The target for this Financial Year is to construct at least one facility in each region. Procurement for consultants to perform feasibilities studies at the identified sites will commence in this month of May 2025. This is a very critical step because it will provide clarity on a number of issues, including current land ownership and technical feasibility of the identified land.

19. **TWO MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$2,000,000)** has been earmarked for the commencement of the construction and management of the High-Performance Centre (HPC). The Ministry has embarked on the development of a High-Performance Centre (HPC) to nurture elite athletes. A

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the University of Namibia (UNAM) which has availed the land for this purpose.

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- 20.** An amount of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$127 500 000)** has been allocated for the hosting of the African Union Sport Council AUCS Region 5 games which will take place in Namibia from 4 to 13 July 2025. Included in this amount is the upgrading of competition and training venues, Games Village, transportation, marketing, procurement of sports equipment, and sports result management systems. A total of 2552 athletes and technical from 10 Countries are expected to partake.
- 21.** The country had four athletes to the 2024 Olympic Games. And the general performance of Team Namibia at both the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics could have been better with better preparations. The Ministry has thus set aside an amount of **SEVEN MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$7 000 000)** towards Games Preparatory for the National Teams. Preparatory stage is the integral part of elite athletes and this is linked to elite athletes' participation in international sports competitions.
- 22.** An allocation of **FIFTY MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$50 000 000)** has been made towards sports league. This allocation will be done equitably across all sports codes.

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- 23.** An amount of **FOUR MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$4,000,000)** has been budgeted to reward athletes and coaches in accordance with the 2018 National Sport Reward Policy. A further **THREE MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$3,000,000)** has been allocated for hosting the National Annual Sport Awards (NASA), while **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$2,500,000)** is reserved for supporting nominees at the Regional Sports Awards (RASA).
- 24.** The Ministry will also invest **SEVEN MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$7,000,000) into the Sport Mass Participation Programme** to promote recreational sports activities nationwide. These are sports programmes run and executed by the regional sports officers across the country.
- 25.** **SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$6,512,000)** has been allocated to the Namibian Boxing Control Board to support its operations.
- 26.** **TWENTY-ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$21,896,000)**, has been allocated to the Namibia Sports Commission for their operations as well as providing grants to selected registered national sports bodies.

27. FOUR MILLION FORTY-THREE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$4,043,000)

has been allocated to the Namibian Schools Sport Union (NSSU) as the implementing agency for the Integrated Physical Education and Schools Sport Policy (IPESS).

28. FOUTY MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$40 000 000)

has been allocated to Namibia Football Association to carry out their local and international mandate.

29. FOUR MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$4,418,000)

has been allocated for setting up of the Anti-doping agencies within Namibia

PROGRAMME 3: POLICY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE

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30. A total allocation of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (N\$162,784,000)

has been made under this programme to facilities the implementation of the overall mandate of the Ministry.

PROGRAMME 4: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

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31. An amount of FIFTY MILLION NAMIBIA DOLLAR (N\$50 000 000)

has been set aside for investment in the creative

industries supporting primarily creative facilities and equipment. This programme aims to provide provides targeted support in the form of facilities and equipment for creative industries across all regions. Key activities under this programme will among others include the following:

- Establishment of the national creative industries incubation programmes
- Namibia local content distribution programme
- Improve Arts and Culture in schools and training in communities across regions
- Providing financial support to creative industries Micro Small & Medium Enterprises
- Improve subsidies, grants and mobility funding to artists, arts groups and creative organisations
- Increase platforms and initiatives to promote the arts and creative industries MSME
- Establish an information research and marketing unit for arts and creative industries

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The Vote 27 budget for the 2025/26 financial year presents a renewed, hope and opportunity to empower our youth and professionalize our sport. I therefore request for your favourable consideration and full support for the approval of this allocation.

I thank you