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OSHIKOTO REGION

Director of Ceremonies

Tatekulu Filemon Shuumbwa, Omukwaniilwa Gwelelo Lyandongwa

Hai-//Om Traditional Authority

Honourable Samuel Shivute, Chairperson of the Oshikoto Regional Council

Honourable Regional Councilors

Your Worship the Mayors of Tsumeb Municipality, Omuthiya and Oniipa Town Councils

Local Authority Councilors

Mr. Frans Enkali, Chief Regional Officer, Oshikoto Regional Council

All Chief Executive Officers

Senior Government Officials

Traditional Councillors

Commissioner Armas Shivute, NAMPOL Regional Commander, Oshikoto Region

Commissioner Leonard Mahundu, Officer in Charge, E. Shikongo Correctional Services

Regional Heads of various Ministries & Institutions in the Region

Comrade Armas Amukwiyu, SWAPO Party Regional Coordinator for Oshikoto

Veterans of the Liberation Struggle

Captains of Industries

Traditional and Community Leaders

Spiritual Leaders

Distinguished Invited Guests

Staff members of both the Office of the Governor and Oshikoto Regional Council

Members of the Media

Fellow Namibians

As part of the constitutional mandate, I am delighted, honored and privileged to present the socio-economic development aspects of the region for the period 2019/2020. It is officially called as State of the Region Address (SORA). I thank you all Honorable Members, Traditional Authorities, Chief Regional Officer, Senior Government Officials, Staff members and general public for your presence here during this unprecedented times of Covid-19.

In line with Article **110B (6)** “.... the Regional Governor shall address the Public on the State of the Region on the planned activities of the Central Government in the Region, report on the activities on the central government of the previous year in the Region....”

As a norm this SORA will focus on effective governance, Economic Advancement in the Region, Infrastructural Development as well as Social Progression. In addition, the SORA will also highlight key achievements, challenges confronting the Region and propose the way forward. I will also highlight key achievements made in relation to the main pillars of the Harambee Prosperity Plan, our National Roadmap for development, as masterminded by our Head of State and President of the Republic of

Namibia, H.E. Dr. Hage. G. Geingob, and in relation to our National Development Plans (NDPs), as well as Vision 2030.

In order to ensure effective governance, our regional leadership is wholeheartedly ensuring that all processes, reporting, communications, laws and regulations are adhered to.

Regional development committees and other government structures are functional. These are for example, the Constituency Development Committees, Regional Development Coordination Committee, Regional Disaster and Risk Management Committee, Regional Procurement Committee and the Communal and Commercial Regional Land Board Committees and Regional Resettlement Committee.

The abovementioned committees are enforced in ensuring that the community at large participates in development affairs of the Region. Equally, also vital for maintaining accountability and transparency in the operation of the Regional Government. Such committees are indeed essential too in relation to the equitable distribution of resources and rule of law. Good governance can only be enhanced if all of us keep on subscribing to the abovementioned principles. I therefore humbly appeal to all of us in leadership positions to embrace good governance.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

Before I proceed to highlight on the key achievements and challenges of each sector, allow me to express my heartfelt pain on the suffering imposed on the community by the scourge of COVID-19. The Region recorded over 12 000 both formal & informal traders that lost income during stage 1 lockdown. Many households thus found it hard to put food on the table. On the other hand, I also commend the government for the mitigation measures put in place to assist on people.

Let me now proceed with specific O/M/As performance analysis.

OSHIKOTO REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Region continuously promote investment through development & implementation of a 5 year strategic plan, drafting of marketing publications, participation at expositions, website development for information dissemination and venturing in bilateral agreements such as the recently concluded MoU with Limpopo Province, RSA. The region is also busy with entering into MoU with Masvingo Province in Zimbabwe.

Oshikoto Regional Council is mandated to establish, manage and control settlement areas as per Section 31 and 32 of the Regional Councils Act No. 22 of 1992, hence other priority is the delivery of serviced urban land, roads, housing and sanitation.

During the period under review, the council received **N\$9,000 000.00** for capital projects implementation.

The following projects were implemented during 2019/20:

Project Name	Quantity
Construction of Rural Toilets under Sanitation Programme	110 toilets
Implementation of Food/Cash for Work Programme	6 water pipelines and one de-bushing road were completed in Okankolo, Onyaanya, Eengodi, Onayena, Omuntele, Olukonda & Nehale Lya Mpingana Constituencies
Construction of water and sewer reticulation network at Oshivelo Settlement Extension 1	30 plots serviced and will be allocated during the current financial year
Planning of Oshivelo Settlement Extension 3 & 4	640 Plots planned
Road Maintenance at Onayena Settlement by RFA	100% completed

The challenge of compensating the affected communities who paved way for development still remains unresolved as Council is awaiting for transfer of funds from MURD. It is our sincere hope to obtain financial resources in order to speed up the land delivery process. A total number of 302 plots were surveyed at Oshivelo Settlement.

Construction of Build Together houses in Settlements:

Implementation of Decentralized Build Together Programme is also contributing to the housing development in the region. In total there are seven (7) houses under construction, six (6) at Onayena Settlement and one (1) at Oshivelo settlement. The project commenced during 2017/18 Financial Year and it's moving on a slow pace due to budget constraints.

The Regional Council also facilitates the drought relief program. A total of **75,152** beneficiaries were assisted during the period under review.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (ROADS & ELECTRICITY)

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads Authority's core business is to construct and maintain Namibia's road sector, plays a pivotal role towards road safety in Namibia. Namibia's road network has been ranked among the safest, most efficient and sustainable, and is the envy of many countries. The growth of the road infrastructure and the expansion of the road network have contributed immensely to the economic development of Namibia and the SADC sub-region as a whole.

During the reporting period, gravel roads were bladed. This activity involves the Blading of roads with a grader.

- DR3610-(Casablanca to Onalusheshete)
- DR3646-(Omuthiya to King Nehale gate)
- DR3673-(Omuthiya to Onanke)
- DR3683-(Amilema to Uukwiyu Uushona)
- DR3645-(Engoyi to Onanke)
- DR3630-(Onankali to Onghumbula)
- DR3631-(Onyuulaye to Okankolo)
- DR3674-(Onayena to Omahenge)
- DR3657-(Oshali to Epumbu)
- DR3629-(Onethindi to Oshipila)
- DR3606- DR3605 (Omukandu-Uukwiyuushona-Ompundja)
- DR3649-(Epembe to Onalulago)

Bitumen roads were also maintained. This activity includes the patching of potholes on our Trunk and Main Roads. The roads are as follows:

- Trunk road 1/11-(Oshivelo to Omwandi)
- DR3603-(TR1/11 to Okankolo)
- DR3629-(Onethindi to Olukonda)
- MR121-(Onethindi to Oshigambo)

MR121-(Onethindi to Oshigambo) was resealed. This activity involves the sealing of an existing surface with a new seal or in layman's term a new black top.

Oshivelo Weighbridge Renovation is practically completed. A total of **N\$4,739, 464.99** was spent on the project inclusive of the Office Building and Staff Houses renovations.

PRIORITY ROADS IN THE REGION

1. Okoloti (Omboto) – Atoni to be Upgraded to Gravel
2. Okankolo – Onkumbula – Ohahati – Okongo to be Upgraded to Gravel
3. Elambo – Omuthia to be Upgraded to Gravel
4. Liputa (uuhama – Ontunda Clinic) - Onyuulaye to be Upgraded to Gravel
5. King Kauluma - Omandongo to be Upgraded to Gravel
6. Onembenge – Amukulungundju to be Upgraded to Gravel
7. Okashana Otatashe to be Upgraded to Gravel
8. Ruimter – Tsintsabis to be Upgraded to Low Volume Seal Road
9. Ondika-Linongo - Limanya to be Upgraded to Gravel
10. Uuhama – Omugulugoonime to be Upgraded to Gravel

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

During 2019/2020 Financial Year, a number of schools, churches and cucashops have been electrified in the region and some are planned to

benefit. Ministry of Mines and Energy and Nampower are responsible of electrifying government offices including schools in the whole country. The two entities have done a tremendous job in ensuring that schools in rural areas are electrified to ease the lives of learners, teachers and the entire community members.

Oshikoto Region has a total number of 221 Schools, of which 171 Schools are electrified and 3 Schools (Ekonghola Combined School, Kandjeke Primary School and Omutwewomhendi Combined School) are in the process of being electrified. A total number of 47 Schools have no electricity at the moment. The following Schools were budgeted to benefit under Rural Electrification Programme during 2019/2020 Financial Year: Eengodi Primary School, Amateta Primary School, Ombahe Primary School, Ekonghola Combined School, Omutwewomhendi Combined School, and Kandjeke Primary School respectively.

SCHOOLS EARMARKED TO BENEFIT DURING 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

Shuumbwa Combined School, Elongo Primary School, Ohaimbada Combined School, Uupindi Primary School and Elago Primary School are planned to be electrified during the current Financial Year, bringing the total number of schools without electricity to only 42 in the region. Schools

are prioritized depending on the availability of funds and assessment conducted before hand for cost analysis purpose.

OMUTHIYA TOWN COUNCIL - During the period under review, the council managed to award a bid for the **construction of the Open Market Phase 1** which will constitute the boundary wall as well as entered into an ongoing bid agreement for the provision of infrastructure and engineering consulting services for the designing of Roads.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

- **Finalization and allocation of fifty (50) fully completed Namibia Housing Enterprises (NHE) houses:** During the 2018/2019 financial year, council awarded hundred (100) erven to NHE for the construction of low-middle income houses. Currently NHE has awarded the first phase of 50 houses whilst the second phase of the extra fifty (50) houses has commenced. In addition, NHE is in negotiation with council to acquire additional land to construct houses in order to address the housing backlog in Omuthiya Town.
- **Incorporation of NATIS into the Council structures-** The Council and Road Authority have signed a memorandum of

understanding for Natis to start operating in Omuthiya Town. The registration number was approved and Gazzeted for Omuthiya is N.....MT.

- **Construction of a Shelter** - The council constructed a house for the San Community Members who lived in a deprived situation in Omuthiya Town. The shelter was constructed through the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund of the council which is the Mayoral Fund.

TSUMEB MUNICIPALITY

Pursuing the Fifth National Development Plan, the Tsumeb Municipality executed the following projects during the 2019/2020 financial year.

1. Provision of Electrical Services for 317 erven in Nomtsoub Ext 8. The project commenced on the 6th of September 2019 and was completed on the 31st March 2020. The total project cost was **N\$5,326,679.10**.
2. Upgrade of Tsumeb Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2, the project entailed the upgrade of 3 Primary Sedimentation Tanks. The project commenced on the 4th of February 2020 and the project is anticipated

to be completed on the 31st of July 2020. The total project cost is **N\$2,343,361.04.**

3. Upgrade of Bitumen Roads in Tsumeb, the project was funded through Road Fund Administration and entailed base repairs, slurry works of 4.8 km bitumen roads. The project commenced on the 24th of January 2020 and was completed on 22 May 2020. The total project cost was **N\$1,974,829.45**

4. Construction of Fruit, SME and Veg Hub Phase 1, a joint project between the Tsumeb Municipality and Dundee Precious Metal. The project commenced on the 27th of August 2019 and entails the construction of 9 SME offices, stalls for traders, ablution blocks and a parking lot. The total project cost for phase 1 is **N\$1,100,000.00.** The project is still on-going and phase 1 is intended to be completed on 28 August 2020.

ONIIPA TOWN COUNCIL

Oniipa Town Council was constructed at the cost of N\$13,356,000 and will be inaugurated on 21 August 2020.

N\$6,385,000 was utilized to construct infrastructure services (provision of electricity to impoverished residents of informal settlements) in Oniipa Town

LAND DELIVERY

- a. 4 (four) Compensation Agreements for communal land rights were concluded
- b. 14 (fourteen) new townships comprising of 4321 erven were planned
- c. 6 (six) existing townships comprising of 1451 erven were formalized
- d. 42 (forty-two) residential erven were serviced
- e. 2 (two) townships were surveyed
- f. 15 (fifteen) business erven were serviced with electricity – making them to be fully serviced
- g. 94 (ninety-four) residential erven were alienated
- h. 6 (six) business erven were alienated

Housing

- 41 (forty-one) building plans for houses were approved for construction across the town both in formal and informal townships
- **Public Private Partnership (PPPs)** 18 (eighteen) signed developers MoUs , 4 houses are completed and 14 houses are under construction

Informal settlements electrification and Sanitation Provision

- 3 (three) Informal settlements electrified with household and street lighting electricity (including 1 x high mast light and a solar system serving 5 houses with electricity and free Wi-Fi internet connectivity)
- 2 (two) water-borne public toilets were constructed to serve 2 informal markets

Banking Services

- **Standard Bank branch** opened in town at Onethindi. Same bank was also commissioned an **ATM** at Total Service Station at Onandjokwe
- **Bank Windhoek ATM** was commissioned in town at Onethindi
- **Nedbank ATM** was commissioned in town at Town Council Offices.

MILESTONES

- 1st Five Year (2019/20 – 2023/24) Strategic Plan Launched
- 1st Town Master Plan finalized
- 1st Town Planning Scheme finalized
- Registration of Oniipa Townlands No 1164 finalized
- Town website launched. In English and Oshiwambo version
- Electronic billing and account notification system introduced and rolled out.
- Disaster Management and District COVID-19 Committees established
- 1 x employee trained and accredited in firefighting
- 2 x employees trained and accredited in peace-keeping
- 77 direct temporary and 84 indirect temporary job opportunities for the youths were created by council.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Basic Health Services is a fundamental human right; hence the government of the Republic of Namibia is committed to achieving health for all Namibians. The mandate of the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) is derived from Article 95 of the Namibian Constitution, whereby the government is required to support the health and well-being of all people by putting in place legislation that helps provide health care for all and social assistance to the country's most vulnerable groups (MoHSS, 2012).

The Oshikoto Regional Health Directorate comprises of 3 District hospitals, 3 Health Centers and 22 Clinics.

Notable achievements made during the year under review include:

- % antiretroviral coverage rose from 81% to 100%
- All the required antiretroviral drugs were available 100% throughout the year.
- Efforts to prevent spread of HIV infection were well implemented for example 3837 males circumcised in 2019-2020 financial year.
- Average TB mortality rate of 6.8 per 100 000 was lower than the National target of 8 per 100 000

- Routine immunization coverage of 99.2% for Penta- 3, 100% for Vitamin A and 98% for Measles were recorded during the reporting period. These are all above the WHO targets.
- No COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in the region; however, extensive surveillance is ongoing.
- The directorate maintained a complete and up-to-date assets register with all the assets accounted for.
- Through efforts such as integration of services, patient waiting treatment time (in hours) reduced from 6 hours to 3 hours.
- Critical posts such as medical officers (18), Dentist (4), Pharmacists and Pharmacists Assistants (15), (Nurses (79), Environmental Health Practitioners (5) and Social Workers (3) were filled. The percentage staff filled rate remained above 98% throughout the quarters.
- Through efforts in engaging private partners, Dundee Precious Metals constructed facilities for COVID-19 testing and isolation as well as accommodation for nurses at Tsumeb hospital
- Construction of Ndamono clinic has been completed

There were major areas of weakness as well which will require further investigation and remedial action by management. These include:

- Key pharmaceutical items were unavailable for most the time with an average availability rate of 49%. This was due to erratic supply of essential pharmaceutical items.
- Two mothers lost their lives during child birth.
- A 51% malaria spraying coverage rate was achieved which is far lower than the required target of 85%. This was due to inadequate transport and insufficient chemicals. Unfortunately, this lead to a malaria outbreak during the early months of 2020 was malaria cases rose from **99** the previous year to **661**.
- In quarter 1, 2 and 4, 31% of ambulances were in running condition. An improvement to 50% in quarter 3 was still far from ideal.
- Our facilities are inadequately equipped due to budgetary constraints.

Impact of COVID-19 to the health sector

- Human resources have been stretched to the maximum; as a result some divisions are short staffed as staff members have been deployed to different checkpoints in the region as well as to respond to suspected cases
- Due to investigation of suspected cases, vehicles are in short supply as some of them are allocated to those activities

- Shortage of medicine, equipment and other commodities in health facilities due to international lockdown in manufacturing and transport.
- Lack of space in health facilities due to practicing social distancing, with the result that some patients have to wait outside in the sun or under improvised shelter.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

- The region boast a total of 221 schools (made up of 16 junior primary schools, 94 primary schools, 93 combined schools and 18 secondary schools)
- Number of schools without water are 22
- Schools without electricity are 55
- Number schools without ablution facilities are 52
- The Region has 159 Lifelong Education Centers

Budgetary provision is made annually to construct new basic Education facilities as well as renovations. During the year under review, 18 new classrooms were constructed. **(Detailed report available for perusal)**

- **N\$22,636,350.00** was disbursed to all state and subsidized Primary Schools and Secondary schools for Education Grants.

- **N\$7,179,919.00** was spent on the provision of the School Feeding Program.

In order to mitigate the threat posed by COVID 19 the Region has disbursed a total amount of **N\$4,040,000.00** in the current financial to schools in order for them to procure Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) and other essentials needed.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- a) Gross Enrolment Rate of 123%
- b) Promotion Rate (all Grades) of 72.1%
- c) Regional Career Fair attended by 69% of learner.
- d) 51 Orphans and Vulnerable learners enrolled at Rukonga Vision School
- e) **Teachers appreciation day** in October. The aim was to reward teachers who performed well in their subjects and motivate who are still struggling to reach quality symbols. The event was attended by 400 teachers.

- f) **Oshikoto Women in Education and Development (OWNED):** empowering female educators in the field of education and to create

work home balance in life. The aim is to support further communities, girl children and address education challenges of the vulnerable children. Thus far more than 350 educators participated in women development, 1700 girls were reached through motivational engagements and 700 grade 12 learners and LRCs were reach through exam preparation guiding principles and study methods. Three households were assisted with food parcels.

- g) Celebration of the National Heritage Week, Adult Learners Week and International Literacy Day were also successfully held.

CHALLENGES

- a) Budgetary Constraints
- b) High Repetition Rate
- c) High Drop Out Rate
- d) High Learner Textbook Ratio
- e) Poor Promotion Rate at Senior Secondary Level of only 28.4%

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, EXTENSION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DAPEES)

The main Objective for the Directorate of Agricultural Production, Extension and Engineering Services (DAPEES) is to provide extension

services in the form of information, advisory and training of farmers, agro-based industries and other stakeholders and to promote technology development, adaption and adoption.

Oshikoto Sub-division usually does not implement capital projects, but only receive operational budget to execute the programs/ activities.

The major programs/activities implemented in the Region are:

- Dry land crop production program (DCPP)
- National Horticulture Support Program (NHSP)
- Livestock Production and Marketing.
- Drought Mitigation Strategies.

Budget Execution for Dry land Crop Production during the period under review

The Region was allocated a total budget of **N\$1,130,000.00**.

The Budget was executed as follows:

N\$123,000.00 was spent on procurement of seeds which were sold to farmers on 50% subsidy.

N\$294,140.00 was spent on payment of the private tractor owners for the ploughing, disking / ripping services rendered to the farmers in the Region.

N\$58,150.00 was spent on payment for farmers who used draft animal power (cattle and donkeys) to provide the ploughing services to other farmers in the Region.

N\$180,925.00 was spent on payment for weeding groups that participated in the program and provided the weeding service to farmers in the region

The processing of claims continue to the current financial year (2020/2021) due to many challenges experienced during the program implementation which includes transport shortage for staff members to do the verifications, late submission of service vouchers from the service providers to do verifications on time and COVID 19 Pandemic.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dry land Crop Production Programme (DCPP)

Seed subsidy: A total of three thousand, four hundred and forty (**3,440**) farmers bought certified seeds for pearl millet and cowpeas at a subsidized price of 50%.

Government owned tractors services:

A total of two thousand, one hundred and forty four (**2,144**) hectares served in the region and the types of services rendered are: ripping, disking, ploughing and planting. In total, one thousand, nine hundred and sixty (**1,960**) farmers (**1,001** male and **959** female) benefited on different services.

Private tractors services: A total of two hundred and ninety five (**295**) farmers received the private tractor services (ripping, ploughing and disking) on a subsidy of **N\$350** per hectare up to a maximum of five hectares per farming household.

Draft Animal Power (DAP): A total of ninety-nine (**99**) farmers received the ploughing service on a subsidy of **N\$250** per hectare by using cattle/donkey up to a maximum of five hectares per farming household.

Weeding program: A total of three hundred and one (**301**) farmers received the weeding services on a subsidy of **N\$250** per hectare up to a maximum of five hectares per farming household.

National Horticulture Support programme (NHSP)

The awareness creation of **National Horticulture Support programme (NHSP)** was done during the period under review but the full

implementation of the program commenced in the current financial year (2020/2021) whereby the horticultural farmers are being subsidized by the Ministry with 50% on horticulture seeds and pesticides, 60% on fertilizers, 65% on irrigation materials and garden tools and on the subsidy of land preparation from 0.01 hectare up to a maximum of 0.5 hectare.

Livestock Marketing:

The office facilitated the marketing of livestock in the Region and a total of **1,414 cattle** were marketed through the formal market at auctions / multi-purpose kraals facilities. In total, two hundred and fifty two (**252**) farmers (236 Male & 16 Female) sold their cattle during previous financial year.

Drought Mitigation Strategies:

Due to severe drought that hit the Country during previous financial year, the cabinet approved the Drought Intervention Strategies to help farmers to cope with the difficult situation.

The Drought Intervention Strategies were implemented in the region in 2019/2020 financial year as follows:

- One hundred and eighty (**180**) farmers (165 Male & 15 Female) applied for licks and Fodder Subsidy.
- One hundred and nine (**109**) farmers (91 Male & 18 Female) applied for Livestock Marketing Incentive.
- Seven (**7**) farmers (4 male & 3 female) applied for transport to Emergency Grazing and only two (2) male farmers applied for lease of grazing.
- In total, two hundreds and ninety eight (**298**) claims for drought interventions were processed in the region and forwarded to the drought office in Windhoek for further processing before payments and some of the farmers have received their payments.
- **Free- fodder:** A total of eleven thousand, one hundred and ninety two (**11,192**) bales of foddors were distributed for free to two hundred and twenty one (**221**) (165 male and 56 female) vulnerable livestock farmers in the region as they were identified by the Regional Council.

DIVISION LAND REFORM

BUDGET EXECUTION

N\$675,547.34 was spent by the division during the reporting period.

Resettlement Group Projects

There are two (2) group resettlement projects that are being administered by the Division Lands and they are funded under the Capital Development Budget at an amount of **N\$412,895.25**.

ACHIEVEMENTS

RESETTLEMENT AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

- Three (3) Oshikoto Regional Resettlement Committee (ORRC) meetings took place during the financial year. Recommendations from the meetings were forwarded to the Land Reform Advisory Commission (LRAC).
- Two (2) applicants from Oshikoto Region were resettled in Omaheke and Otjozondjupa regions.
- 40 farming units were monitored for compliance to resettlement rules and regulations.
- An amount of **N\$41,063.29** in lease revenues was collected from resettlement beneficiaries with lease agreements.

- A stock proof fence for a 30ha community garden was erected at Resettlement Project Excelsior. The activity was completed in March 2020.
- Diesel and production inputs (seeds) were procured for Resettlement Project Excelsior.
- A bid to procure a tractor, discs plougher and planter for the project was advertised in the New Era Newspaper during the month of February 2020. The bid has not yet been awarded.

LAND USE PLANNING AND ALLOCATION

A total number of Seven (7) Offers to buy seven (7) commercial farms for resettlement purposes were received, assessed and demarcated. Reports for the work done were subsequently submitted to head office for Land Acquisition Committee (LAC) and Land Reform Advisory Commission (LRAC) consideration. These farms are as follows:

- Portion 16 of the farm Mannheim No. 100
- Farm Goroob No. 295
- Farm Misgun No. 871
- Portion 1 of the Farm Dei Gratia No. 887
- Portion 1 of Farm Leeulaagte No. 889
- Portion 1 of Farm Welverdiend No. 863
- Portion 2 of Farm Philadelphia No. 844

However, none of the farms offered were acquired for resettlement purposes during the period under review.

COMMUNAL LAND ADMINISTRATION

The Oshikoto Communal Land Board held four (4) meetings during the period under review in which they registered the following land rights:

- A total of 1,126 communal land rights have been registered as follows;
 - 1,052 Customary land rights
 - 74 leaseholds
- Printed and issued 8,009 land right certificates in liaison with the Directorate of Regional Programme Implementation (RPI). An awareness meeting was held on illegal fences in communal areas with other relevant stakeholders in Omuthiya on the 04th of September 2019.

With regards to development in communal areas LLPP was concluded and a site profile developed. Ekondjo Farmers' Cooperative was established and registered as a legal entity under the Programme for Communal Land Development (PCLD) focal area in August 2019. This area is earmarked for the development of small scale farms.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT

Solar pumping systems on 16 boreholes at 15 resettlement farming units were installed.

DIVISION: VALUATION AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Facilitated a valuation request of Portion 1 (Kaniklani) of the farm Welverdiend No. 863. Valuation report submitted to MAWLR Head Quarter. A waiver was issued for this farm.

DIRECTORATE OF VETERINARY SERVICES (DVS)

The mission of the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) is to maintain and promote animal health, production and reproduction, and to assure safe and orderly marketing of animals and animal products through animal disease control, import control, veterinary surveillance, epidemiology and extension, diagnostic services and veterinary public health services. The execution of veterinary activities is guided mainly by the following legal frame works: Animal Health Act, 1 of 2011; Stock Brand Act 24 of 1995; Animal Identification Regulation.

The directorate is busy implementing 2 major Capital Projects in the Region, Namely:

- ✓ Construction of Veterinary office, Staff Accommodation and Ablution facilities at Oshivelo gate post at a total cost of **N\$23,076**

391.51, project is on-going but progressing at very slow pace, currently at 85% progress.

- ✓ Construction of Veterinary Office, Staff Accommodation and animals Clinic at Tsintsabis gate post at the total cost of **N\$19,716 290. 00**, the project is progressing at a slow pace, currently at 25% progress.

- Good cooperation with Omuthiya Town Council: Only livestock with clear identifications (Tagged and branded), and moved with Veterinary permits are slaughtered, within municipal area in line of Animal Health Act, 1 of 2011, and NAMLITS requirements.
- Total pet vaccinated from April 2019 to March 2020: **10 192**
- Total cattle tagged from April 2019 to March 2020: **2 961**

DIVISION RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION COORDINATION-

During the period under review, the division has managed to undertake several projects in order to ensure provision of clean water for both human and animal consumption.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR

- Two boreholes in Nehale Lya Mpingana Constituency were rehabilitated at a cost of **N\$400,000.00**.

- 15 boreholes were installed across the region at a cost of **N\$4,381,941.39**.

- 13 boreholes are being drilled at Nehale Lya Mpingana Constituency at the cost of **N\$2,462,529.23**.

- Omuntele – Onandhi Water Projects is now 94% Completed. The contractor is busy with installation of Pump station and construction of Manhole and finalization thereof.

- Other short water pipelines constructed are Oniigwena –Okankete, Uutala-Oshituya and Omutsegompo-Ehengolyondjamba.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

DIVISION ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

UPDATE ON KING NEHALE CONSERVANCY AND GONDWANA COLLECTION JOINT VENTURE

King Nehale Conservancy and Gondwana collection (PTY) LTD Namibia signed a Joint Venture lodge agreement in June 2018 for a period of 25 years. This followed a Traversing Tourism Concession Rights which have been awarded to King Nehale conservancy/ communities by the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism in Etosha National Park in line with a National policy on Tourism and Wildlife Concession on State land of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, 2007. Such awards are equally aimed at mitigating Human Wildlife Conflict, Strengthen Park – Communities neighbourhood, enhance biodiversity management and conservation as well as promote sound sustainable wildlife utilisation. With that background the following transpired during the year under review:

- a) Similarly, to Oshikoto Regional Council, Ondonga Traditional Authority has given consent to the King Nehale community (in writing) for the establishment of the said JV lodge in November 2019, for a 40ha piece of land.

- b) The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism have equally issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate to King Nehale Conservancy JV Partner (Gondwana Collection) in April 2019, clearing to establish the JV lodge.

- c) As per the Head Concession Contract signed between the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and King Nehale Conservancy, a Joint Management Committee (JMC) have been established in April 2019 to ensure a transparent JV partnership. Apart from the two principal parties the committee consist of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (including Etosha National Park and Concession Unit), Oshikoto Regional Council, Ondonga Traditional Authority, Namibia Development Trust among others}.
- d) As a result of this partnership, three youth (2 female and 1 male) are being trained by Gondwana Collection in Tour Guide, Level 2.
- e) As from September 2019 until Feb 2020 a total amount of **N\$237,250.00** as per the signed JV Agreement have been paid by Gondwana Collection to King Nehale conservancy as minimum guarantee fees despite the lodge not being operational.
- f) During construction of the JV lodge, as from Jan 2019, 52 community members from King Nehale conservancy were temporary employed and over **1.5 Million NAD** was paid to them in salaries.
- g) On the 10th June 2020, the 40 Room JV Lodge valued at more than **85 Million NAD** have finally opened its door to the public with local

communities from King Nehale employed at the lodge. Which ironically coincided with the signing of a lucrative Concession Operators Contract between the two parties to guide the community traversing tourism concession rights business as transferred to their JV partner.

HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Human wildlife conflict has been one of the serious challenge faced by some communities in Oshikoto region. Affected areas were Onamutenya, Onanke, Chamcham including some farms at Oshiwambi and Oshamakaka in the Mangetti area. Some elephants have become habituated and always moved closer to crop fields during the rainy season. They raid on various crops on which local crop farmers depend on their livelihood. As a result two elephant bulls were declared problem causing animals at Chamcham and Onanke respectively. These two elephants were destroyed as a mitigating measure to reduce the conflict at the above mentioned areas. Human Wildlife Conflict is a continuous process which needs to be managed from time to time. It should not be left to government alone but it should be the responsibility of everyone involved.

DIRECTORATE OF FORESTRY

The Directorate of Forestry is mandated to manage the sustainable utilisation of forest resources

The following projects were undertaken by the Directorate during 2019/2020 financial year.

The construction of Oshaampula Community Forest Office Omaha Village, Okankolo Constituency was sponsored by UNDP – NAFOLA Project at the total cost of **N\$1,278,727.21**.

Amwaandja and Okadhila Earth Dams were upgraded in width, length and depth to 80m x 80m x 4m respectively. The fund in a form of a grant was secured from Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, through the Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) – Empower to adapt project. The project is aimed at creating climate change resilient livelihoods targeting Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) in Namibia. The grant secured is to cater for four (4) earth dams (2 in Oshaampula Community Forest and 2 in Ohepi Community Forest). The total grant secured for all 4 earth dams is **N\$5,192,998.65** and only **N\$2,219,274.50** was released to cater for two earth dams (Amwaandja & Okadhila) all in Oshaampula Community Forest. The remaining two earth dams in Ohepi Community Forest are still yet to be upgraded once the fund is released. The dams are aimed at helping the

communities in the two community forests to be resilient to the effect of climate change as far as the scarcity of water for livestock and other household use is concerned.

MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY, POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

During 2019/2020 financial year, the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare has supported **seven (7)** Income Generating Activities (AGA) at different Constituencies with the total amount of **N\$186,000.00**. **70%** of the IGA fund was allocated to women while **30%** was allocated to men. The purpose of the funding program is to alleviate poverty and hunger as well as to create job opportunities.

Furthermore, the Ministry has allocated a budget of N\$4,100,000.00 (**4,1 million**) to construct and upgrade ECD Centres at various Constituencies in the Region.

Moreover, Orphans and Vulnerable Children who are receiving grants reached a total number of **32,024** in the Region, and that cost the Government about **N\$800,600.00** per month.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE

Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT) is charged with the responsibility to develop and manage Namibia's economic regulatory framework, promote economic growth and development through the formulation and implementation of appropriate policies with the view to attract investment, increase trade, develop and expand the country's industrial base.

MIT Oshikoto Regional Office remains committed to serve the community, business persons in particular. The office performs functions of all Departments within the Ministry.

➤ ***Business registration, Import Permits, Annual Duties and SME Certification***

During the 2019/2020 financial year, the office facilitated registration of **61** Close Corporations, **32** Sole Proprietor businesses and 39 SME certificated. The office also facilitated 55 **annual duties, issued 30 Imports and Exports permits.**

➤ **Most programmes were defunct due to limited funds.**

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

- As the 2019/20 financial year ended, the MICT-Oshikoto Regional Office managed to achieve some of the significant developments , although not as much as it was desired.
- In terms of the budget, the Office was allocated an amount of **N\$240,312.00** for its operations in the region.

Community Trainings:

- As part of the national ICT summit, the office offered Basic ICT classes, to unemployed youth who have never used a computer before and this is an on-going process. This is an effort to improve livelihoods and especially with the current e-learning that has made computer literacy become the biggest essential need.
- The office held a successful two day workshop, training the Regional Leadership on media. This was necessitated by the fact that some institutions lack or have no clue on how to deal and share information with the media, as well as developing and using available mechanisms to disseminate information. In the same vein, to sensitise the leadership on how to handle media in their multi facets and make them aware of each's responsibility. It was therefore

important for the Ministry of ICT to conduct this training for the smooth operation of information sharing.

- The office also trained learners on journalism at Uukumwe Combined School.
- Assist the communities on how to correctly fill in the government application form and engaged the community on how to ace job interviews.
- It also shared information with the community on how to apply for Namibia Students Financial Assistance fund (NSFAF)

Moreover, the office has participated fully in the Regional events through **attendances** and **media coverage. Amongst them are the following**

- a) Coverage of NHE hand of the 50 Houses to the new owners in Omuthiya town.
- b) Public hearing by the presidential commission of enquiry on the ancestral land claims and restoration in all the eleven constituencies of the region.

- c) Stakeholder's consultative meeting on social protection policy and the decentralisation of the social welfare function under the ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, to the Regional Councils.
- d) Donation of the block of classes at Okangororosa Combined School.
- e) Media coverage for the handing over of the donated School Fence by NAMPOWER at Namutidha Primary school in the Olukonda Constituency.
- f) NamPower-Siemens equipment donation to Onamishu Combined School
- g) His Excellency the President's town hall meetings and visit to the cattle farmers at Omutse gwOndjamba.
- h) Presidential and National Assembly Election coverage- Most broadcasted
- i) The launching of the Oombale Dhiihaka Mobile Exhibition at Onayena
- j) Official Funeral of the Late Omukwaaniilwa Immanuel Eliphaz of Ondonga Traditional Authority

- k) Memorial service for the late Vice President Dr Nicky Iyambo at Onayena
- l) Coverage of donations of food items and other parcels from various institutions and individuals to an abandoned family at Okakango in Okankolo constituency.
- m) Filming of the Namibia Fish Consumption Trust event in Omuthiya.
- n) Commemoration of the national heritage week in Oshikoto
- o) Build It under 13 soccer tournament coverage.
- p) The MICT- Office during the period under review, visited most constituencies in the region, to conduct Information sharing meetings/sessions with regard to the devastating drought experienced, in order to engage the communities on views and opinions based on their livelihood. The office thus produced a video thereof to depict how the dire situation on the ground was and raise awareness.

Short Videos and TV News on:

Due to the work of the ministry, the office was able to extensively cover and report on the socio-economic issues affecting the region, of which some of these reports resulted in positive reactions from members of the community who in return came on board and assisted.

- a) The office has covered the construction of rural sanitation in the region, in collaboration with the Oshikoto Regional Council.
- b) A farmer from Oshivelo donated **N\$400,000.00** towards a borehole to the King Kauluma Combined School in Oshikoto region.
- c) Water shortage at Eengodi and Omuntele constituencies, the plights of the communities were addressed too following extensive coverage on the matter.
- d) An interview with one of the Omugulu Gwombashe survivor, Tate Kavela, a program meant to shed light on past or pre-colonial history.
- e) Impoverished mother of triplets from Onayena, she was able get assistance from the society after her plights were broadcasted in the media.
- f) Last but not least, is a breakthrough report on a rural matriculate from Ohayiyanda village who was languishing at home with no funds or

support to further her studies. But with the intervention of MICT who discovered her undesirable situation she was able to secure placement at institution of higher learning the same day the news was shared with the nation. She is now in her first year doing Engineering at UNAM.

Radio programmes:

As part of its obligation to assist the State Owned Enterprises (parastatals) under the MICT mandate, the office has contributed a lot of news stories and a big number of recordings for the programs at Kati FM radio for information sharing.

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICES

YOUTH ENTERPRISES

A total of eleven (11) constituency youth enterprises were established, registered with Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) and their Business Plan are with Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) for loan consideration, youth enterprises are envisaged from Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP). Expected loan amount is **N\$1,100,000.00**

CHILDREN OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE

- A total of thirty two (32) Children of Liberation Struggle from Oshikoto region were screened and sent for special civic and skills trainings at Berg Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology(NIMT).
- 38 Children of the Liberation Struggle were placed at various institutions for permanent employment.
- 36 are currently at Kai//Kanaxab youth skill training centre for special civics and skills training.

DIVISION VETERANS AFFAIRS –

During the period under review, the office managed to register veterans of the National Liberation struggle for independence who have met the qualifying criteria benefited as follows:

- A total of 5 registered veterans and 12 dependent of war veterans benefited from once-off gratuity of **N\$20,000.00** (Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars) and **N\$50,000.00** (Fifty Thousand Namibian Dollars) lump sum, total amount of **N\$327 187.00** through welfare programs during the period under review.

- A total of 1,620 (one thousand six hundred and twenty) veterans and 230 (two hundred and thirty) dependents benefited from the monthly financial assistance totaling to **N\$48,286,717.00** during the period under review.
- A total of 718 (seven hundred and eighteen) Ex- PLAN Combatant benefitted from the improvement amount of **N\$5000.00**, **N\$4,000.00** and **N\$3,000.00** to the total amount **N\$33,227,000.00** during the period under review.
- A total number of 47 funeral assistance were granted to deceased veterans at a cost of **N\$47,000.00** (forty seven thousand Namibian dollars). May their souls continue resting in eternal peace.
- During the period under review, 55 tombstones were erected to the total amount of **N\$880,000.00**.
- 4 Individual Veterans Projects (IVP) has been approved and an amount of **N\$ 800 000.00** (eight-hundred-thousand Namibian dollars) has been expended to fund those projects. These IVPs are initiated and run by the veterans themselves with the purpose to generate incomes that ensure their integration into the economic mainstream of the country, Improve their livelihoods and that of

their families as well as to contribute to the national economic growth, through employment creation.

- A total of 156 IVPs ha been monitored during the period under review.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

Oshikoto Region only have department of Civil Registration which is responsible for issuing national documents such as birth certificates, identity cards, marriage certificates and death certificates.

During 2019/2020 financial, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration (Oshikoto Region) registered:

- 7292 (Seven thousand two hundred and ninety two) births,
- 2889 (Two thousand eight hundred and eight nine) birth certificate duplicates issued.
- 5752 (Five thousand seven hundred and fifty two) ID cards were printed.
- 5752 (Five thousand two hundred and ninety one) ID cards were collected.
- Regrettably, 1798 (One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight) deaths were registered.

MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY: NAMPOL;

During the period under review NAMPOL demonstrated that they can make a tangible impact in society, in line with their objectives, which are inter alia: the promotion of safety and security as well as the combating of crime.

The ministry managed to complete 2 projects at Oshivelo Police Station such as: Construction of Dog Kennel and the Installation of razor wire on boundary wall.

The following projects are currently underway in the region:

- **Onkumbula B-Class Police Station, Barracks, Cells and Houses for commanders** - This project has been going on since 2015/16 financial year up to date. Commander houses are not yet built, and the water is saline and unfit for human consumption. Contractors are on site, busy with the construction, hence promised to purify the water as well as to speed up the process of building. Construction is currently on 55%.
- **Oshivelo Police Station** - Construction of 2x flats (accommodation for married quarter) and 24 rooms for single members as well as upgrading of Charge Office.

The contractor is on site, currently building the structure that will be used as a temporary charge office while the upgrading of the old one is going on. The temporary Charge office is almost complete at 90%.

- **King Nehale Police Station-** Construction of 2x blocks containing 6x single rooms, 2 x 2 bedroom houses and a Rader. The contractor is on site and busy with the work, currently progress is at 20%.
- **Bravo Police Station** – Construction of 2 x 2 bedroom houses. The contractor is on site and busy with the work, currently progress at 45%.

Notable Achievements during 2019/2020 Financial Year

- A total of 374 Arrests of several Offenses were made.
- 910 fines were given for traffic violation amounting to **N\$1,152 950.00**
- Seizures of several items
- Reduction in crimes has been recorded in comparison to the previous years.

OKASHANA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER focuses on three main focal areas, hospitality, appropriate technology and community outreach and Marketing.

1. **Hospitality-** Over 12,000 visitors visited the Centre during 2019/2020 Financial Year. Most of the visitors utilized the Centre's accommodation facilities and by so doing the Centre managed to generate about **N\$ 1, 9 million**.
2. **Appropriate Technology-** Livestock, food security, environmental and water and sanitation products were manufactured through appropriate technology. (117) One hundred & seventeen products were manufactured these include animal drinking troughs, animal feed crushers, hammer mills, mahangu threshers, marula pressers, rocket stoves, brick moulds, VIP toilets and slabs, pit latrine pots, water tank stands, etc. and about 99 were sold. Over **N\$ 1, 2 million** was generated through the sales of these agro processing products.
3. A total of 42 Students were accorded job attachments/in-service training at the centre.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

Trainings

About 209 people were trained in poultry production while 55 were trained in piggery production. Other 13 community members were trained in crop farming and 7 community members were trained in Project planning.

Egg Hatchery program

30 local poultry farmers have benefited from hatchery program during the period under review.

Chicken revolving plan

Eight (8) farmers from Olukonda Constituency qualified to benefit from this initiative of chicken revolving plan.

Piglet Revolving Program

18 farmers from Oniipa, Eengodi, Okankolo and Omuthiya constituencies benefited under the revolving program..

Community projects supported

Various Gardening, Pig and Chicken Projects were also supported.

DIVISION MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

The objective of the division is to ensure that the Marginalized Communities are fully integrated in the mainstream of our society and economy and thereby ensure that all of focus as Namibians can achieve our vision 2030.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

Education Support

The Education Support Programme remains one of the priority strategic pillars of the Division which takes up more than 50% of the budget. Students are supported with the payment of tuition fees, monthly stipends, and accommodation through this programme.

- About 28 San learners from Farm Ondera and Ombili farm in Guinas constituency are transported to various schools namely Tsintsabis, Tsumkwe, Otjikoto and Etosha Secondary.
- About nine students are enrolled at tertiary institutions.

Number of students	Institutions	Constituency
2 (two)	IUM and UNAM Ongwediva	Omuntele
4 (four)	UNAM and NUST Windhoek	Tsumeb
2 (two)	UNAM Ogongo	Guinas
1 (one)	UNAM Oshakati Campus	Okankolo

- Some student completed their studies and employed.
- 23 learners from Tsintsabis and Farm Ondera registered with NAMCOL at Tsintsabis and Tsumeb to improve their Grade 10 &12 results.
- Bank Windhoek donated blankets and cosmetics to 61 San learners at Amweelo Combined School.
- MVA fund donated school materials to Ondera Primary School namely school uniform, books, cleaning material etc. The company also donated farming equipments at Farm Ondera community.

Livelihood support

- There are 4350 household for the Marginalized Communities and supported by the Division.
- Receive assistances of about 23 550 bags of 10kg maize meal, 15 700 (750ml) bottles of Sunflower cooking oil, and 15700 tinned fish (400g)
- About 61 burials for members from the Marginalized Community have been funded/carried out.

Resettlement

In 2012, about 130 families were resettled at Farm Ondera and the number increased to more than 430 households.

Challenges

- San learners dropping out of school i.e. Farm and Omboto due to the end of the curriculum at local schools.
- Some San learners are unable to further their studies due to lack of funding.
- Some learners do not wish to continue schooling far from their parents i.e. accommodated in hostels.
- The majority of San communities do not own land and hence they are unable to cultivate and produce their own food.
- Insufficient food that distributed by the Regional Council. They are requesting the Marginalized Feeding Program to commence again.
- Many San community do not have Identity Documents, therefore not benefitting from social grants.

NORED ELECTRICITY (PTY) LTD

Nored, the electricity distributor in the north was engaged in the following activities and projects.

ELECTRIFICATION: CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS: 2019/2020

Project Description	Constituency	Project Status	Project Amount N\$
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Electrification of Okalevona (Oniipa Town)	Oniipa	Project completed. Official commissioning and handover to be scheduled.	803,096.97
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OTHER SUPPORT: 2019/2020

Project Description	Actual provision	Status	Support value N\$
Oshikoto Region Education Directorate	Support towards Regional Education Development Fund	Event held on 10 March 2020 in Ondangwa. Payment effected.	20,000.00
2x NORED Bursary Holder	Bursary for two (2) student pursuing Electrical Engineering at UNAM	Annual Payment effected.	200,000.00
1x NORED Bursary Holder	Bursary for a student pursuing Finance and Accounting at	Annual Payment effected.	80,000.00

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TOTAL			300,000.00

CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

Project	Description	Starting Date	Completion Date	Project Status	Project Amount N\$
Omuthiya 22/11kV 2.5 MVA Station	Bulk supply station dedicated to Omuthiya Town	18-June 19	09-Jul 19	100% complete d	1,500,000.00

CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED

- ✓ Prolonged transferred of Capital Projects funds from MURD after submission of invoices by Regional Council.
- ✓ Midterm budget cuts (limited Funding).
- ✓ Vastness and remoteness of region results in higher project's costs.

- ✓ Depletion of Decentralized Build Together Programme (DBTP)
Loan allocation to beneficiaries by MURD for the construction of houses due to the price escalation of building materials
- ✓ Insufficient allocation of funds to execute capital projects.
- ✓ Insufficient Compensation Funds allocation (A valuation for the homestead has been carried out, however no compensation funds is available). There is a need to expedite the compensation policy review.
- ✓ Transport shortage to execute the extension programs/activities. Few available vehicles are very old and not serviced or repaired due to budgetary constraints.
- ✓ High demand of Government tractors services.
- ✓ Shortage of technical staff (the Region has four Agricultural Development Centers (Onankali, Olukupa, Onyuulaye and Okapya) without Agricultural Technicians (ATs). Low number of Agricultural Technicians (ATs) to farmers' (Ratio 1 at: 3000).
- ✓ Shortage of Technical staffs (Ratio: 1:6000 farmers). No technical staffs at King Kauluma, Olukupa, Onayena, Omuntele ADCs), and Un able to fill the Region – Chief Animal Health Technician due to budgetary Constraints
- ✓ Lack of resources hampers the progress of Communal Land Rights Registration activities.
- ✓ Delays in the Procurement Management Unit (MAWLR) in the implementation of the Annual Procurement Plans to ensure that production input purchases for the resettlement is done on time.

- ✓ Time by time sighting of Buffalos at bordering region (Ohangwena):
This pose a serious concern to DVS, since African Buffalo are the main source of FMD outbreak
- ✓ Disease problems/Risks:Malignant Catarrhal Fever (problem cattle grazing together with Wildebeest in King Nehale conservancy), Rabies, Dermatophilosis; Elephant skin Disease; Amblyomma tick species (Animals returning from grazing in Angola at times come with these problems), No CBPP & FMD vaccination campaign took place last year (2019)
- ✓ No control over the Cash flow (Centralisation of all Directorate Cash flow)
- ✓ Suspension of major DVS activities: Community visits,
- ✓ Under reporting from farmers of animals died due to drought in 2019. This hampers planning (e.g. buying vaccine for next campaign) depends on animals available, etc). **1 863** cattle reported died due to drought in 2019 in Oshikoto
- ✓ High rate of late birth registration but mostly home deliveries.
- ✓ No Immigration officer in Oshikoto Region.
- ✓ Oshikoto Region is populated by Angolan Nationals without National Documents.
- ✓ Long distance to Registration point (Hard-to-Reach and Marginalized Populations)

- ✓ Non decentralization/delegation of functions to the Region Council make it difficulties for the region to deliver services in efficiency and effectively.
- ✓ Lack of accommodations at some stations/ dilapidated
- ✓ Lack of roadblock equipment
- ✓ Lack of Communication equipment
- ✓ Overcrowding in the jail cells
- ✓ Unavailability of space to keep Pol 7 exhibits (livestock), currently Traditional Authorities were reluctant to assist in keeping the animals
- ✓ Limited resources shared across NORED's entire area of operation remain a challenge to realize all stakeholders needs and thus calling for possible collaborations to achieve more through collective efforts.
- ✓ Illegal connections and vandalism of infrastructures remain a challenge in the region which requires concerted efforts and intervention by stakeholders.
- ✓ Delays in account payment by various stakeholders in the region remain a challenge in NORED meeting its financial obligations towards the service providers to ensure service continuity to all customers in line with its mandate.

- ✓ Significant delays were encountered in the approval of land-use planning documents and transfer of land transactions due to the lost Certificate of Registered Title Deed (CRT)
- ✓ There was some lack of cooperation encountered with some members of the community – refusing to pave way for the development of the town.
- ✓ Lack of awareness of investment opportunities in the Oniipa Town by prospective investors was observed.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PER SECTOR

- Intensified Unemployment Rate
- Declining of local economic growth
- Increment of Council due to none-payment
- Higher expenditures incurred due to Covid-19
- COVID 19 had a negative impact on projects that were executed in 2019/20 financial year. The projects were stopped during the lock down as a result most projects were not completed on time. The projects that are currently still ongoing are now faced with delays in supplying of materials that are acquired beyond our borders.
- Due to health measures put in place to curb the spread of COVID 19, meant that not all areas previously identified for informal trading could be utilised, consequently most of the informal traders

had to be relocated to the approved trading facilities. As a result, not all informal traders are accommodated and their trading operations were affected.

- Tsumeb Municipality incurred a total cost of **N\$699,583.80** during the period of 19 March to 10 May 2020, in providing water as per the directive from the Line Ministry as a measure to curb the spread of Corona virus.
- Tsumeb Municipality is experiencing a 50% decline in its normal monthly income.
- All educational activities severely affected (formal & adult)
- Adherence to Social distancing is a challenge
- Insufficient Personal Protective Equipment
- Postponement of activities
- Unmet targets as planned (Communal land rights, mandatory meetings), etc.
- Interrupted service delivery
- Low farmers turn-up during mini rabies vaccination campaign done during May/June 2020, resulting in fewer pets vaccinated in comparison to previous year over the same period.
- Poltronnement/delay of some important activities, especially during the first stage of Covid, e.g auctions ; Rabies awareness and education campaign (planned to be done via posters/videos/presentation to teachers/learners during school

days) and shifting more activities to the third/fourth quarter of the year plan

- No Home Affairs Mobile Services since the outbreak of Covid – 19
- Low turn up - Clients not coming to the office as usual and this affects the office daily, weekly and monthly statistic.
- Covid – 19 has reduce the office daily work since some section like finger prints and Id is suspended , which lead to clients going back without assistance.
- Staff members are no more comfortable to interact with clients since they are panicking and fearing for Covid – 19.
- Covid – 19 affected the sector negatively, targets could not be achieve as set
- COVID-19 has negatively impacted the social sectors of which the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Services in particular the regional office.
- Both operational and development budget have been diverted to fight COVID-19. Limitation of gathering during the state of emergency due to COVID-19 made it possible to conduct most of our operation
- The Namibian Police Force just like any other institutions is hard hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is in terms of dividing the limited resources available in order to avail manpower at check points

and ensuring that some members remain at police stations to prevent crime, similarly, sharing resources such as transport, food, equipment and etc.

- Furthermore, the police were facing resistance from some community members with regard to obeying the COVID-19 Regulations, hence, a necessity to embark on public sensitization by stakeholders.
- Oniipa Town Council level of revenue collection in respect of municipal services and land sales and lease have also decreased significantly – risking the cash flow of the institution, hence its sustainability.

Finally,

Honorable Chairperson

Honorable Members

Ladies and Gentlemen

As a Governor, I am pleased to announce the total budget allocation amounting to **N\$280,200,000.00** for 2020/2021 Capital Projects' implementation. The Estimates of Expenditure is available for detailed information per sector. I should also express my gratitude to the Government for approving the Construction of Guinas Constituency Office at Tsintsabis. The communities have been demanding for the office over a number of years. All stakeholders are requested to ensure speedy execution of projects in order to enhance the much needed public services. Let us forge ahead in unison and handle issues professionally. Communication is key to solving problems.

Long Live Oshikoto, Long Live the Republic of Namibia.

I thank you.