

The Budget 2011/2012

By Jay Palm

Before we even attempt to discuss the budget Hon Kuugongelwa-Amadhila tabled in parliament, let us have a look at the most important facets of that budget:

Highlights

N\$37,7 billion Estimated total Government spending for 2011/12
Estimated Revenue for the year N\$28 billion, up 24 percent from 2010/
11 9,8 percent deficit for 2011/12

Government to spend N\$14,7 billion in job creation activities over next three years

Over 180,000 new jobs to be created by 2013/14

Development budget to reach N\$23,8 billion over next three years

Government debt reaches 27,4 percent of the Gross Domestic Product

Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila presented a budget totalling a massive N\$38 billion.. This is 17 time greater, in fact, than the first budget tabled by the first minister of finance, Dr Otto Herrigel for the 1991/1992 budget.

A major part of additional expenses goes towards the development budget with the specific aim of slashing the current unemploy-

ment rate by about 30 percent over the next three years.

Over the next three years, Government will inject specific amounts of money, about N\$9 billion, into agriculture, tourism, transport and housing sectors with the specific purpose of creating 104,000 new jobs.

An additional 82,000 new job opportunities would be realised



Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila

through public works programmes with a budget of N\$5,5 billion.

This would bring the total number of jobs created to 186,523 at an overall cost of N\$14,6 billion over the next three years.

With that, the Minister of Finance Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila has introduced the 'Targeted Intervention Programme for Employment and Economic

Growth' or TIPEEG, a programme aimed "specifically at addressing economic growth sectors."

"This time around, we expand the budget yet again to consolidate the economic recovery, create jobs and improve welfare conditions, while safeguarding macroeconomic sustainability," said Kuugongelwa-Amadhila when introducing the 2011/12 national budget, and the three-year rolling budget until 2014.

The bold spending is coming at a cost: inflicting a 9,8 percent deficit on the country's purse during 2011/12, with an estimated N\$28 billion in revenue.

This year's expenditures in-

crease by 10 billion over last year's N\$27,7 billion.

State revenue is expected to go up over the next three years, reaching N\$37,3 billion by the 2013/14 financial year.

The increase is due to "better than anticipated SACU receipts and improved domestic revenue outlook on account of positive economic outlook".

Public debt increases by 27,4 percent for the year.

Government, she said was also going to "explore alternative revenue sources to ensure that a favourable fiscal position is maintained".

Reactions to the budget were immediate and fairly uncomplimentary.

The Namibian had this to say: 'REVOLUTIONARY' and 'aggressive' were economists' first

impressions of the 2011-12 Budget last night, with most admitting that Finance Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila had caught them completely off guard with her N\$37,7 billion spending spree.

"It's as if Government decided it's all or nothing," economist Emile van Zyl of Simonis Storm Securities said, describing the Budget as "revolutionary and almost panicky", as if Namibia realised that something drastic needs to be done now to start giving jobs to the hundreds of thousands without work.

"Not doing anything wasn't an option," John Steytler, economist of Bank Windhoek, said. Both economists agree that the massive capital injection into the Development Budget might be a

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Republic of Namibia

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Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of fiscal decentralization

Provides advice to the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development on decentralization. Provides secretariat services to the Decentralization policy implementation Committee.

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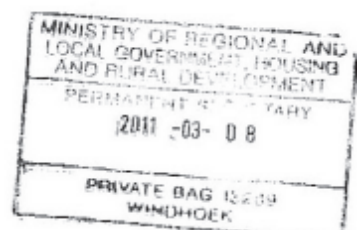
- In charge of day to day administration of the division.
- Ensure the facilitation of adequate shelter and basic services particularly for low and ultra low income families in collaboration with the regional and local authorities.
- Liaises with the Ministry of works concerning housing provision for civil servants.
- Provide briefing to international visitors, national groups and individuals who have interest in social housing provision on the country.
- Facilitate training for staff of regional and local authorities on Decentralized social Housing programs and projects.
- Liaise with line Ministries and other stake holders and attend committee meetings related to shelter issues.
- Monitors, evaluates and analyse progress reports from regional and local authorities on decentralized housing Junctions.
- Execute delegated functions and officiate for the directorate and Ministry.
- Analyse housing needs and initiates squatter or informal settlements projects on recommendation of local and regional committee

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