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Responses for NBC "Vision 2030 in Focus"

Background

We are producing a magazine show called "Vision 2030 in Focus" that deals with the targeted goals of Vision 2030, we track the progress of the target achievements during this period, hence also look into possible challenges and how they are dealt with.

Against this background we would like to engage your ministry to share with us its experiences and achievements with their targeted desired outcomes regarding to the NDP4 goals. Specifically looking into the desired outcome of increased access to water of which the Ministry of Water and Forestry is the custodian.

We herewith are requesting for an interview with the Ministry of Agriculture

1. Why was water an important aspect of the NDP4 goals?

NDP4 was about changing gear towards vision 2030. Vision 2030 on its part is about a prosperous and industrialised Namibia developed by her human resources, enjoying peace and harmony and political stability. Water is a basic human necessity of life be it human or fauna and flora it is also a basic necessity for prosperity and industries.

Therefore availability of water is a concern not only for industry, but also, increasingly, for human consumption: a number of water reservoirs around the country are running low, while dependency on water supply via other countries is not sustainable. Cabinet therefore issued a directive to the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry to ensure security of water. Therefore, a key strategy initiative under the NDP4 will be to put in place innovative, cost-effective ways of providing infrastructure

2. *Were the strategies of achieving the desired outcome of access to water well developed and implemented?*

Strategies of achieving the desired outcome of access to water under NDP4 was to ensure water security for human consumption and industry development through recharging strategic aquifers, recycling and reusing water and by other means, as well as addressing the demand side through water saving technologies. According to our own assessment jointly conducted with stakeholders yes we did achieve the strategy of increased access water for human consumption from 84% to 85% the population as well as sufficient water reserves for industrialisation. .

3. *Can you give us the highlights on what was done thus far pertaining to access to water in all areas of Namibia?*

The following achievements were made during:

- ✓ Project: Implementation of Community Based Management
 - 367 Water points were installed
 - 759 Water Points were rehabilitated
 - 484 Boreholes drilled
 - 16 Water Points were cleaned and pump tested
 - 56 Extension pipelines were constructed
 - 1713 Private Off Takes connected
 - 430 Engines were repaired
 - Construction of seven (7) water points for the displaced communities in Kavango Region was completed

- ✓ Project: Construction of Dams, Traditional Wells and Pans for Livestock Drinking

- 30 earth dams were constructed throughout the country
- ✓ Project: Implementation of Decentralization, Constituency Office Construction
 - Construction of extension offices and accommodation buildings (Kongola Rural Water Extension Center (RWEC) and Sangwali RWEC in the Caprivi Region Mpungu RWEC in the Kavango Region through LUX DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
 - The construction of Mukwe RWEC in the Kavango region completed.
 - Renovation of Omuthiya RWEC offices in the Oshikoto Region.
 - Renovation of the Otjituo RWEC offices in the Otjozondjupa Region
 - The construction of Tses RWEC is ongoing.
 - Renovation of offices was completed in Aminius and Tallismanis in the Omaheke Region
 - Renovation of Ben Hur Offices in the Omaheke Region is ongoing.
 - Renovation of 3 staff houses and 1 office is ongoing in Otjozondjupa Region.
 - Renovations of 3 staff houses, ministerial flats, store and office, and new car park bay construction completed in the Kunene Region
 - The construction of Tses Rural Water Extension Centre is completed
 - The renovation of staff houses and electrical repairs in Kunene Region are completed.
 - The construction of constituency offices in Endombe, Onamishu in Oshana Region
 - The construction of Tses Rural Water Extension Centre Completed
- ✓ Project: Rural and Urban Sanitation Infrastructure Development
 - 3740 sanitation facilities were constructed in 13 regions
- ✓ Project: Construction of Large Dams, Desalination and Provision of Water to larger Settlements
 - Construction of Neckartal Dam in //Karas Region
- ✓ Rural Water Supply Coverage (Rural Secondary Pipeline Construction)
 - Rehabilitation of the Soutputs Water Supply Scheme
 - Construction of Onambutu Water Supply Scheme Phase 6 was completed
 - Construction of Katima Mulilo – Ngoma Water Supply Scheme Phase 2 was completed

- The construction of Katima Mulilo – Kongola Phase 2 Water Supply Scheme in Zambezi Region

4. *How was the journey?*

The journey of implementing the strategies referred to within the water sector was challenging due to several reasons such as budgetary resources, increased demand on water by a growing population especially in coastal areas, urbanisation, industrialisation, livestock number increased demand on agriculture, although we didn't achieve 100% the strategies enables us to achieve 85% we struggle in ensuring water reserves for industrialisation but we are forging ahead with the development of such infrastructure, such as Neckartal dam and underground water which is one of the strategies we will be focusing on during implementation of NDP5.

The support and cooperation provided by all stakeholders enables us to implement projects smoothly and faster hence resulting into the achieved referred to above Comparing with the current situation, making reference to the financial condition, it was rather good resulting in greater success and faster implementation of projects.

5. *Would you say that achieving access to water for urban at 98% and 84% for rural as a success, or is there more to be done?*

The Ministry reached the target as set by itself within the available resources, and therefore regard the targets as successful.

Yours Sincerely,

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