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Namibia's Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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Status of selected Thematic Areas

Shared Prosperity through Inclusive Growth:

- **Reduce Inequality** (decreased from 0.58 to 0.56 over the last five years)
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable **economic growth** (averaged at 3.7 percent annually over the last 10 years)
- End **poverty** in all its forms everywhere (reduced to 17.4 from 28.8 percent over last ten years)

Status of selected Thematic Areas

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- **Political representation** (in Parliament, 43 percent are women, increasing from 25 percent in 2010)
- **Employment and upward mobility** (43 percent of managers in public service are women).
- **Governance** (22 Ministers and deputies are women, presenting 40 percent of the National Executive).

Status of selected Thematic Area

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education:

- **Universal access to primary education** (all targets met under MDGs)
- **Gender parity** in access to education at all levels (more girls than boys at all levels)

Status of selected Thematic Area

Ensure healthy lives and promote the wellbeing of all

- Life expectancy (rose from 58 to 65 years)
- HIV/AIDS pandemic stabilized and new infections significantly reduced
- Maternal mortality (reduced but still high)
- Child mortality (reduced but still high)

Status of selected Thematic Area

Water, Sanitation and Energy

- **Clean Drinking water** target in urban centers had been met whilst rural access to water is yet to be met;
- In terms of access to **electricity**, at 50.4 percent access, Namibia is only half way through, however our resolve to move face and forward is unyielding...We continue to invest in non-renewable sources of energy.
- In terms of **sanitation**, at only 54 percent of our nationals enjoying access to improved sanitation, we are challenged to do more.

Status of selected Thematic Area

Promote and build effective, accountable and inclusive public institutions for efficient governance and public service delivery

➤ Governance architecture

- ❑ **Multi-party Democracy** (regular and credible elections; proportional representation to ensure inclusivity)
- ❑ International ranking on **governance**. (5th in Africa by Mo Ibrahim Index)
- ❑ International ranking for **transparency** (3rd most transparent in Africa by Transparency International).

Status of selected Thematic Area

Promote sustainable use of terrestrial systems and halt desertification, land degradation and biodiversity loss

- Management of biodiversity and terrestrial ecosystems (**conservancies** cover 54 percent of all communal lands and directly benefit communities who owns and manage these conservancies)
- Climate change and **recurrent droughts and floods** (we have a national disaster risk management Policy and Strategy promoting both prevention and response aspects)

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

Poverty and Inequality Remains High, strategies are:

- Increase coverage and value of **Social Protection Grants**
 - ❖ (covers: old age, orphans, war-veterans, school children, disabled and other vulnerable)
- Implementation of **Growth at Home Strategy** to induce wider participation in the economy...unemployment still high.
 - ❖ Value-addition and diversification of economy,
- Enforce **Affirmative Action Policy** to facilitate access to productive assets by the formerly disadvantaged majority
- Rolling out of **Women Empowerment Initiatives**
- **Free Education** to facilitate access by all from marginalized communities

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

Quality of education outcomes remains worrisome , strategies are:

- **Education Reform** (Improvement of curriculum and continues training of educators)

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

Maternal and Child Mortality remains high, strategies are:

- Implementation of the **Maternal and Child Mortality Reduction Roadmap** which amongst others seeks to ensure that **all births are in health facilities, attended to by skilled professionals** and further calls for the construction of **maternal waiting homes** and expansion of **antenatal services**.

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

Slow provision of serviced land and housing, strategies are:

- Accelerate implementation of **provision of serviced land and housing** through:
 - Private-Private Partnerships,
 - Built-together Housing Program &
 - Mass Housing Program

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

- As regards sanitation, lack of ablution facilities remains a concern and so our strategies amongst other things include:
 - Increase investments in sanitation infrastructure and enhance coordination of the sector.
 - Promote behavioral change and hygiene

Challenges and Corresponding Strategies

Given her climatic conditions and vulnerability to climate change, Namibia is adversely affected by recurrent droughts and floods, and is thus committed to building resilience to climate change through enhancing its responsiveness to natural disasters.

Conclusion

- Fully committed to Agenda 2030, domestic resources compounded by a robust international and local partnership continue to be mobilized for effective implementation of national developmental programmes which, for Namibia, inherently translates to progress made towards the attainment of SDGs.



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