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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **UPGRADING AND FORMALISATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN WINDHOEK, KHOMAS REGION**

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**Windhoek - 11 April 2025:** Following a Stakeholder Consultative Meeting by the Prime Minister, Right Honourable Elijah Tjitunga Ngurare on the Upgrading and Formalization of Informal Settlements in Windhoek, Khomas Region, which was held at the Samora Machel Constituency Office on 31 March 2025, the Office of the Governor was tasked with coordinating the development of an Implementation Plan, pertaining to the upgrading and formalization of Informal settlements in Windhoek, Khomas Region. Furthermore, the Office of the Governor was tasked to prepare and submit an Implementation Plan for the consideration of the Prime Minister, by Friday, 11 April 2025.

As such, the Governor of Khomas Region convened Stakeholder Consultative Meetings for the purpose of collaboration, engagement, transparency and innovative solutions. The stakeholders included the Khomas Regional Council, City of Windhoek, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Land Reform, and Ministry of Urban and Rural Development.

Subsequently, two Stakeholder Consultative Meetings were held to address the transformation of informal settlements into formally recognized settlements, marking a

critical step towards sustainable growth and effective service delivery for all residents. The Stakeholder Consultative Meetings culminated into the development of an Implementation Plan. It should be noted that the process of developing the Implementation Plan on the upgrading and formalisation of informal settlements began in 2023 when the Governor of Khomas Region was previously serving in the Windhoek City Council as the Chairperson of the Management Committee.

**The following are salient points raised in the Implementation Plan:**

The population of Namibia reached 3 million people in 2023, an increase from 2.1 million people in 2011, of which 50% is urbanized. In 2023, Khomas Region accounted for 16.36% (494,605 inhabitants) of the national population and 32% (486,197 inhabitants) of the national urban population. From the given total, 46.9% of the Khomas Region households, representing 231,969.75 inhabitants, lived in improvised housing units or shacks in 2023, which increased from 30.6% (104,695.15 inhabitants) in 2011.

To ensure decent living conditions for all residents living in the informal settlements of declared urban localities in Khomas Region, the government committed to deliver the following projects during the current financial year:

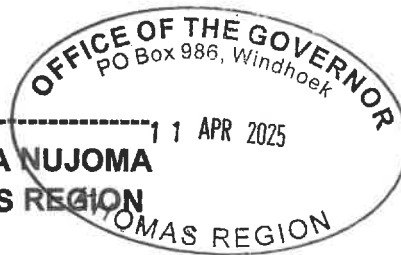
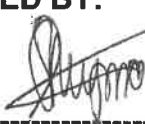
1. Delivery of 5,000 serviced plots in Windhoek, predominantly in the informal settlements.
2. Construction of affordable housing units 5,000 on serviced plots.
3. Rolling out of Flexible Land Tenure (Starter Title Scheme and Land Hold Title Scheme) in qualifying informal settlements to guarantee security of tenure at an affordable level.
4. Opening of major roads in the informal settlements, without adequate access to guaranteed mobility, convenience, and access to opportunities.
5. Installation of High Mast Lights in the informal settlements to secure the safety and dignity of over 135,000 inhabitants, who currently live in the dark.
6. Installation of municipal services (water, sewer and electricity), to eleven (11) Saving Groups, with approved Road Level Designs, to enable the construction of houses. The project will be scaled up to all other Saving Groups.
7. In addition to the above projects, discussions are underway to consider upgrading all gravel roads in various suburbs of Windhoek to tarred road.

The Office of the Governor remains committed to addressing the challenges associated with proliferation of informal settlements to ensure the development of sustainable human settlements in Khomas Region.

In conclusion, the Office of the Governor would like to thank the Right Honourable Dr. Elijah Ngurare, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia; Honourable Natangwe

Paulus Ithete, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry, Mines, and Energy; Honourable Dr. Mac Albert Hengari, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Land Reform; Honourable Sankwasa James Sankwasa, Minister of Urban and Rural Development; Honourable Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele, Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development; Honourable Shaalukeni John Moonde, Chairperson of the Khomas Regional Council, Honourable Nestor Kalola, Regional Councillor of Samora Machel Constituency, Honourable Samuel Angolo, Regional Councillor of Khomasdal Constituency, Honourable Christopher Likuwa, Regional Councillor of Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, Honourable Stefanus Ndengu, Regional Councillor of Moses Garoëb Constituency; Her Worship, Councillor Ndesihafela Larandja, Mayor of the City of Windhoek and all the Local Authority Councillors; Mr Clement Mafwila, Chief Regional Officer and the technical team from the Khomas Regional Council, Mr Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek and his technical team, led by Mr Faniel Maanda, Strategic Executive: Housing, Property Management and Human Settlement; technical personnel from various institutions, as well as all the stakeholders for their commitment and support in addressing the critical issues of informal settlements.

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