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COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2025/2026 NAMIBIA HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (NHIES).

1. The NSA would like to inform the nation that NSA is embarking upon the next data collection statistical exercise, known as the **2025/2026 Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES).** As part of the NSA's efforts to provide current data to enhance development planning, this will be the 5th Namibia Household Income & Expenditure Survey (NHIES), which is the primary source of information on Namibia's income and expenditure which are instrumental in calculating poverty and inequality indicators.

2. The NHIES is usually conducted after every five years and its main objectives are to collect data necessary for understanding Namibia's household income and expenditure patterns, as well as measure poverty and inequality conditions. These indicators are used for planning and monitoring of development and other national and regional projects.

3. It is important to note that, unlike the population and housing census, the NHIES is a sample-based survey of which 11,016 private households are randomly selected through probability sampling. Therefore, only these selected private households which are distributed across the regions will be part of this survey.

4. The 2025/2026 NHIES was initially planned to commence in March 2025, however, this date was revised to the 28th of April 2025 to ensure that all preparations are in place and to ensure that this large project is implemented efficiently in all 14 administrative regions.

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5. The Pilot NHIES Survey was successfully conducted last year (2024) in 8 regions to test the readiness for this important statistical data collection exercise. These regions were the NHIES Pilot took place were Erongo, Hardap, Kavango West, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke, Omusati and Zambezi regions, from 30 September – 20 October 2024. **The 2025/2026 NHIES will now be conducted from 28 April 2025 until 22 April 2026, throughout the entire country in selected private households.**

6. The NHIES field staff (Interviewers) will be deployed on 28 April 2025 in all regions after signing ceremonies of the Oath of Secrecy for all field staff. The Oath of Secrecy for all staff echoes the NSA's commitment to uphold the privacy of all respondent's information and adhere to all legal provisions, as outlined by the Statistics Act No 9 of 2011.

7. In preparation for the NHIES Survey, the NSA so far completed the following:

7.1 Training of Trainers: 20 January – 14 February 2025: NSA trainers presented the modules, establishing the necessary skills to train the interviewers.

7.2 NHIES Main Training: 24 February – 19 March 2025: 237 NHIES interviewers (inclusive of 84 reserves) were trained and 153, will be recruited as field staff in the capacity of team supervisors and interviewers. The trainees were also being equipped with knowledge to understand the survey questions as per the developed questionnaires of this survey, the proper use of digital tools, as well as the techniques for engaging with participants respectfully and effectively, hence enabling them to successfully gather accurate data.

8. A refresher training is being conducted for all trained field staff from 23 – 25 April 2025 throughout the country at the NSA regional offices. The training aims to strengthen the field staff's understanding of the methodologies and techniques of the NHIES, prior to commencement of field work on the 28 April 2025.

9. The modus operandi of the NHIES will be such that selected private households will be given Daily Record Books (DRB) which households will be requested to self-administer and record daily their household incomes and expenditures for 14 days. This includes recording everything that money was spent on, and all incomes received by selected households. NSA trained interviewers will provide clarity and assist with daily recordings where the need arises.

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10. To ensure widespread awareness and participation, awareness activities will be targeted to mass media as well as targeted awareness creation throughout the country for the remainder of the survey period of the financial year (2025/2026).

11. The NSA appreciates past assistance and cooperation from the public and wishes to urge the nation to fully participate and provide the necessary information, so that Namibia can have updated statistics for development planning and monitoring.

12. The selected households should remember that, just like the 2023 Population and Housing Census and other previous surveys and censuses, the NSA also guarantees confidentiality of the information to be collected during the NHIES survey.

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