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(NSA to conduct 2025/2026 NHIES)

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NSA TO CONDUCT 2025/2026 NAMIBIA HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE SURVEY (NHIES)

1. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is hereby informing the nation that it will embark upon the 2025/2026 Namibia Household Income & Expenditure Survey (NHIES). This is a twelve -months exercise to allow for seasonal variations which will start with a Pilot Survey that will run from 30 September until 18 October 2024. The main field work for the NHIES will run from 17 March 2025 until 17 March 2026.
2. The Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES) 2025/2026 is the primary source of information on income and expenditure in Namibia. This comprehensive survey is instrumental in calculating poverty indicators at both household and individual levels. Additionally, the NHIES also serves as a crucial statistical framework for compiling the national basket items for the compilation of price indices used in the calculation of inflation, a key economic indicator. It forms the basis for updating prices and rebasing of both national accounts and Consumer Price Index .
3. Through the NHIES we will be able to describe the living conditions of Namibians using actual patterns of consumption and income as well as a range of other socio-economic indicators. The specific survey objectives include among others:
 - To provide information for poverty indicators and profiles.
 - To provide data on income distribution and differentials (including the Gini coefficient – the Income inequality).
 - To inform monitoring and evaluation of developmental programs and processes.
 - To obtain consumption and expenditure patterns and other data for the construction of a revised basket and weights for consumer price indices.
 - To provide data to be used for the compilation of the National Accounts, as well as for international reporting of statistics.
 - To provide basic information on the transformations of the economy following trends and shifts in the consumption patterns of the population.
 - To provide basic labour force indicators.

- To provide information on health and education.
4. The 2025/26 Household Income and Expenditure Survey is a household-based survey designed to collect data on incomes and expenditure patterns of households. The survey will cover the 14 regions and is expected to yield estimates/indicators at regional level, urban/rural and selected socio-economic groups. A representative sample of 10,368 households will be selected through a two-stage sampling procedure. To allow for seasonal variations, the survey will be conducted over a period of twelve months and each Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) will be covered for a period of 21 days, which is often referred to as a survey round.
 5. Therefore, the main objective of the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES) is to provide socio-economic indicators to support planning, policy formulation, decision making as well as research and development for a knowledge-based economy in order to eradicate poverty and income inequalities in Namibia.
 6. NSA will be using tablets to collect data from sampled households using Computer Assisted Personal Interviews also known as CAPI and which will be on these tablets. The use of these portable devices brings an advantage to the data collection process since it strengthens data quality control on interview level and shorten the lengthy stages of data collection, data capturing and processing and , thus minimizing the time it takes to release the final report.
 7. Two instruments (questionnaires) of the survey will be used to record information on consumption and income. The first instrument is the questionnaire captured in CAPI, which will be used to record demographic information and transactions of frequent and infrequent nature like purchases of durable goods as well as other information from other modules such as labour force, wealth, health and education.
 8. The second instrument is the Daily Record Book (DRB) printed on hard a copy and given to the households to complete themselves. These DRBs will be used to capture information of daily transactions such as food, beverages and tobacco. The completed DRB will then be captured in CAPI by the Team Supervisor. Households will be shown how to record daily transactions in the DRB, however, where there are no literate persons in the households, interviewers will visit them daily to help with the recordings.
 9. The NHIES 2025/2026 is the fifth of this type of survey to be conducted in an independent Namibia, and the second to be carried out by the NSA under its strategic priorities and objectives as stipulated in the Business Plan for 2022/2023 to 2026/2027. The 2025/2026 NHIES is conducted under the jurisdiction of the NSA with the government as the main sponsor. The overall responsibility for NSA is to ensure that the survey delivers quality

results that contribute to NSA strategic objective of delivering relevant, quality and timely statistics that is fit for the purpose.

10. For the 2024/2025 financial year N\$ 43,184,910.50 is made available for the pilot survey, logistics, training and other related costs. For the 2025 / 2026; 2026/ 2027 financial years an amount N\$50,859,729.50 will be sourced from the Namibian Government for the NSA to undertake the 2025/26 Namibia Household Income & Expenditure Survey (NHIES).
11. To successfully undertake the NHIES, the NSA will recruit around 171 temporary staff that includes team supervisors and enumerators for the main fieldwork. For the pilot survey, NSA will recruit a total of 24 field staff this year. For next year a total of 147 field workers will be recruited for 12 months.
12. All NHIES positions will be advertised in all media platforms including the NSA website, and regional and local authority offices. Job applications will be done through an online recruitment system. Applications can be done via any device that has internet access such as a smart phone, tablet, or a computer. Applications are open to all Namibians and the Agency hopes to give employment opportunities to the unemployed. It is against that background that NSA intends to recruit individuals within their respective regions. The nation will be informed when the application process starts.
13. For this survey NSA will not hire vehicles as the sample is much smaller and the modus operandi is different to what we did for the 2023 population & housing census.
14. It goes without saying that the NSA truly appreciates the assistance rendered by all households in Namibia for our past surveys, censuses and mapping exercises. It is only through the cooperation of our fellow Namibian citizens that we can collect data and provide statistics for national development. It is against that background that the NSA humbly request all citizens, households and those that find themselves within the boundaries of Namibia during the upcoming NHIES period, to cooperate with our enumerators and ensure that they provide accurate data on household income and expenditure.
15. To the media: we always recognise and value your significant role of spreading the messages to the entire nation. Please continue to amplify the messages of this national project to all the corners of the country.

I thank you.



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