

**(NSA Concludes 2025/26 NHIES)**

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **CONCLUSION OF THE 2025/26 NAMIBIA HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (NHIES) DATA COLLECTION PHASE**

1. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) announces the successful conclusion of the data collection phase of the 2025/2026 Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES), which officially ended on 22 April 2026 following 12 months of field operations across all 14 regions of Namibia.
2. The survey covered a representative sample of 11 016 households across 918 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs). The purpose of a 12-month data collection period is to account for seasonal variation in household expenditures and consumption.
3. The Field work was structured into eighteen (18) Survey Rounds. Each Survey Round required a team to complete one (1) PSU, sampling twelve (12) households per PSU, with each Survey Round lasting for 20 days.
4. NHIES employed 153 field staff, of which 51 were Team Supervisors and 102 were Interviewers while Reserves (people who were also trained but were on stand-by for any possible replacement) were 84.
5. The 2025/2026 NHIES data collection built on the successful Pilot Survey conducted from 30 September to 20 October 2024 in eight regions, namely

Erongo, Hardap, Kavango West, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke, Omusati, and Zambezi. The pilot phase was critical in testing systems, methodologies, digital tools, and operational readiness to ensure a smooth rollout of the main survey.

6. As Namibia's **primary source of household income and expenditure data, the NHIES provides essential information for measuring poverty and inequality, understanding living conditions, and supporting economic and policy analysis.** The survey further contributes to the compilation of National Accounts, the rebasing of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and inflation measurement.
7. Through this survey, NSA produces key development indicators that support evidence-based policy making, monitoring and evaluation of national development, and the review of the national basket of goods and services used to measure price changes in the economy.
8. Extensive preparatory work, including recruitment, training of field staff, systems testing, stakeholder engagement, and logistical deployment, ensured quality execution throughout the survey. Field staff collected data using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) on IT tablets, supported by Daily Record Books completed by households over a 14-day recording period. The use of digital data collection tools strengthened quality assurance, improved monitoring, and enabled real-time reporting of field progress and improved data security.
9. The successful completion of the fieldwork demonstrates NSA's growing institutional capacity in executing complex nationwide statistical operations. The NHIES represents a significant national investment in statistical development, with financial resources committed from the pilot phase through to the completion of fieldwork amounting to N\$ 129,410,392 of which N\$ 38.6

million was used for the remuneration of the field staff for 12 months and a four weeks training allowances for the training of the 237 field staff prior to the data collection exercise. A total of N\$ 32 million was also used to purchase 46 vehicles for this 12 months survey instead of renting these 46 vehicles for a period of 12 months. The remaining funds supported the remuneration of office-based project staff (such as Project IT staff for Software development, data processing, etc.); procurement of survey materials and field staff uniforms; printing of survey instruments (Daily Record Books for the capturing of the households' daily consumptions), vehicles running costs, publicity activities including on both TV and radio, and IT infrastructure (hardwares and softwares).

10. With the conclusion of the data collection phase, the NSA hereby informs the public that selected households **should no longer expect visits from NSA field staff for NHIES purposes**. The NSA has now entered the next phase of the project, which includes data processing, validation, and statistical analysis for final outputs. The final report is expected to be published by end of March 2027.
11. Following data analysis and report writing, NSA will implement a structured dissemination program to share the results with the nation through statistical reports, media engagements, stakeholder briefings, publications, and digital platforms, in line with its official dissemination mandate. The public and stakeholders will be informed in advance once the NHIES results are ready for release.
12. The NSA assures all respondents that their information remains strictly confidential and protected under the Statistics Act (Act No. 9 of 2011) and will only be used for statistical purposes as aggregated and anonymized data.
13. Finally, the NSA extends sincere appreciation to all participating households, Regional and Local Authorities, Traditional leaders, stakeholders, the Media, and the nation at large for their cooperation in making the successful completion of the NHIES data collection possible. NSA also applauds and appreciates the

assistance of the Government of the Republic of Namibia for providing sufficient funds to cover this exercise.

14. This achievement demonstrates NSA's continued commitment to producing quality official statistics that assist Namibia to better understand its socio-economic conditions and support evidence-based national decision-making.

I thank you,



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