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- Honourable Matengu Simushi, Chairperson of the Regional Council
- His Worship the Mayor of Katima Mulilo Town
- Regional and Local Authority Councilors
- Distinguished Traditional Leaders
- The Chief Regional Officer
- The Regional Commander, NAMPOL
- Commander of NDF Battalion
- Chief Executive Officer, Katima Mulilo Town Council
- Chief Executive Officer, Bukalo Village Council
- Regional Head of Ministries
- Invited Guests
- Members of the Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen

INTRODUCTION

With this distinct honour, let me officially welcome you all to the year of **Resilience** as declared by the Head of State. As ushered by the Honourable Chairperson in line with the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, I stand to present the State of Region Address. Activities for the 2021/22 financial year have already begun, but before we drive much further, it is yearly allotted for civil and public servants to take stock and accountability of the planned activities of the previous financial year, taking into account the achievements, challenges and way forward in the sphere of the economy of the country.

Past is the year that was declared a year of **Introspection**, a year that was coupled with challenges which hindered the proper implementation of other activities. The COVID-19 pandemic taught us to work towards a workable economy, as we have seen how lock-downs can affect the systems within a very short period.

Despite all circumstances, we meet here to appreciate government provisions by reporting back on the achievements and challenges faced during 2020/21FY. Therefore notable for record, Offices, Ministries and Agencies have worked and continue working tirelessly to ensure sustainable economic development and good governance through different means provided by Government.

Hon. Chairperson

Hon. Members,

This report will cover areas of economic, infrastructure and human capital development as well as social progression without leaving out activities related to poverty reduction.

ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL

- The Regional Council under Micro-Finance and Food Security Programmes, implemented 16 projects in all Constituencies to the tune of N\$138 000.00 and N\$2.4 million for Constituency Development fund in all constituencies.
- The construction of the following infrastructures continues and to be completed during the 2021/22 FY, the New Magistrate Office in Katima Mulilo; Kamenga Police Station, Police Barracks and Staff houses in Kongola Constituency. The renovation of the Old Legislative Hall funded by Zambezi Regional Council is ongoing and scheduled to be completed during 2021/22FY. The construction of MICT office in Katima Mulilo has been completed.
- **Under settlement development**, compensation for those in critical path at Kongola settlement was done to allow for development to begin. A Consultant who will supervise the construction of the services at the settlement has been appointed. We have also acquired the services of a consultant to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment for the construction of landfill and oxidation pond at the settlement. The planning for Lusese and Sangwali settlements is underway and the surveying of Chichimane and Sibbinda is also ongoing.

- The up-earthing of platforms for Nankuntwe, Muzii and Mpukano has commenced. A clearance certificate was obtained from the Environmental Commissioner to commence with actual work and the consultant was appointed to supervise the project throughout its construction phases. The consultant managed to come out with Geotechnical Layouts and actual construction will commence soon as water subsides in those areas.

Rural Electrification

- The following villages were electrified and have access to electricity, Siseme, Zilitene, Mbalasinte and Kasika respectively. The electrification of Lizauli, Kamenga, Kayuwo, Nfooma, Malundu, Mahundu and Ibbu is ongoing.
- Extension to the mandatory responsibility of NamPower and the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the following projects were executed under the auspices of NORED's Corporate Social Responsibility during the 2019/2020 – 2020/21 FY. Town ship and villages such as, Cowboy ext 19, Zacharia ext 1,2, and 3, Malihela ext 1, 2 & 3, Kakona, Mambali 1 and Kalubi 1, 2 & 3 were electrified.
- NORED further supported 1 student at NUST with a bursary and 6 intern students attached at NORED centre.

Water and Sanitation

- Forty-eight boreholes were rehabilitated in all constituencies at the cost of N\$19.8 million, while nineteen boreholes were drilled in five constituencies namely Judea Lyaboloma, Kabbe North, Kabbe South, Linyanti and Katima Rural. Twenty-three water points were installed in

all constituencies and water supply equipment were installed in seventeen schools through COVID-19 funding program.

KATIMA MULILO TOWN COUNCIL

- Construction of municipal water infrastructure services in Choto, Lwayaha and Cowboy commenced well.
- The setting out of water pipe line points by the surveyor was accomplished; setting out of beacons for house connections, and fire hydrants was set in demarcated points. The connections of saddle pipe clamps for erf connection were realized. The contractor was summoned to do extra work of installing GMS lockable stoppers on all erven connections and has been completed. The contractor is yet to connect a 160 mm PVC pipe to the Namwater bulk supply and arrangements are at an advanced stage.
- Construction of Katima Mulilo sewer re-routing of the existing sewer rising mains is in progress.
- **Land Delivery** - To resolve the issue of illegal occupation of land in town Katima Mulilo Town Council has allocated ervens to various beneficiaries in different localities:
 - **NOVA Location** was identified and about 1201 beneficiaries have been allocated. Council is in the process to implement necessary statutory procedures required to grant the occupants with security of tenure under the flexible land tenure during the 2021/22 FY.
 - **Katima Mulilo Extension 30**, containing 324 residential ervens was advertised to the general public through expression and all the 324 ervens were successfully allocated.

- **Business and General Residential Ervens**, Council approved the sale of 53 Business and General Residential ervens in various suburbs to the general public. These ervens were advertised and successfully allocated.
- **Housing Delivery by Public Private Partnership (PPP)**, Council entered into PPP agreement with Kayunyi Investment PTY (Katima Mulilo Extension 34) which comprises of 192 residential ervens and Shikuh Investment (Katima Mulilo Extension 21), Comprises of 187 residential ervens.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ART AND CULTURE

- The Education Directorate received the amount of N\$ 2 612 000.00 for renovations and an amount of N\$ 2 390 000.00 for the construction of Basic Education facilities. Addition to that, an amount of N\$ 2.7 million was received from European Union for the construction of Pre-Primary classrooms. Twenty Two (22) classrooms have been constructed in four (4) schools which benefited over 1000 learners. Renovations in some schools and hostel were carried out and distributions done as follow: 10 classrooms at Tobias Hainyeko Combined School, 2 classrooms at Sachona, 5 classrooms at Kanono, 5 classrooms at Sibbinda and 6 hostels in schools such as as Linyanti SS, Sachona SS, Sesheke SS, Ibbu SS, Ngoro Memorial and Schuckmansburg. 20 ablution blocks were constructed at various primary and secondary schools. A Primary School was established at Nova to cater for learners in the vicinity of the newly established settlement and the nearby villages such as Chantuhu.

- Caprivi Senior Secondary School is under final stages of renovation under the African Development Bank programme to an amount of approximately N\$67 million.
- **Covid-19 Projects** - An amount of N\$43 million was received through the Ministry of Education to provide infrastructure facilities such as flashing ablution blocks, kitchen, dining hall and hostels.
- Eight schools received kitchen and dining hall facilities at the cost of N\$14, 5 million. Forty four (44) schools received flashing ablution facilities while others received different facilities depending on the size of the school in terms of enrolments.
- In terms of academic performance in 2020, the region achieved 90.5% pass rate in Primary level and 70.2% at Secondary level. 21.8% of grade 12 learners achieved the 25 points required for tertiary institutions. 1336 learners sat for NSSCO examinations for the first time in 2020 and only 238 qualified to proceed to grade 12. However only 130 learners were registered for grade 12 in 2021. A total number of 250 learners met requirements for admission to vocational institutions while 409 learners repeated grade 11.
- With the technical assistance from the World Food Programme (WFP), an amount of N\$ 5 538 441.00 was budgeted for the provision of School Feeding Programme as a social protection safety net aimed at ending hunger and improve nutrition. 26,094 learners in all Primary and Combined schools benefitted from this programme.

- The Directorate further received technical and financial support from UNICEF by introducing School Led Total Sanitation (SLTS) in Primary and Combined Schools as a way of improving sanitation and ensures that the region becomes Open Defecation Free.

ZAMBEZI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

- The centre had no capital project approved for the past 2 years including the year under review but had completed one internal project and TVET expansion project running from October 2020 to October 2022. Through the Namibia Training Authority, ZVTC constructed 12 additional guest rooms at the value of N\$3,500,000.00 to supplement the Hospitality and Tourism Training and was officially opened on 21 September 2020.
- Renovations and upgrade of ZVTC (i.e. Culinary Arts Workshop, Bricklaying & Plastering workshop, Multi-purpose Hall etc) funded by the African Development Bank through the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is progressing well.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- The COVID-19 pandemic directly affected the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the Ministry managed to secure and upgraded facilities to combat outbreaks. The amount of N\$ 12 million was spent to construct an isolation facility for disease outbreaks which has been completed and currently in use and the conversion of Ward 1 into a Neo-natal Unit was completed.

- The region received medical equipment such as ventilators, ultrasound machines, monitors, ECG machines and consumable for use to minimize the spread of Covid-19 and treat severe cases.
- Renovations of Sibbinda and Bukalo Primary Health Care and nurses home have been completed as well as the Katima Mulilo Primary Health Care Clinic. The decommissioning of the old incinerator and construction of the new one has been completed.
- During the period under review ten (10) COVID-19 related deaths were recorded and 8 patients died due to complicated malaria, but to this end, 52 COVID-19 related deaths have been recorded. The interruption of the transmission of malaria posed a huge challenge to the region due to lack of logistics like vehicles and human resources. 428 represent total number of staff on staff establishment of 741 translating into 57%.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Customs and Excise

- The global impact on trade caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have had its own visible impact on operations at the two main Borders in the Region. The border posts experienced a **26% decrease** in revenue collection due to the movement restrictions on informal cross border trade emanating from COVID-19 pandemic. The Agency collected revenue of N\$ 65,000,000 (sixty-five million Namibian dollars) compared to N\$ 88,000,000 indicating a significant reduction.
- Imports and Exports declarations have however increased to fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (**15,889**) and sixteen thousand

and ten **(16,010)** respectively compared to 13,321 and 14,375 imports and exports recorded in the previous financial year.

- The joint law enforcement teams conducted thirty-four (34) operations, roadblocks, and border and river patrols to curb illegal activities and to ensure regulatory compliance. During the operations, penalties to the value of N\$ 225 000 were collected for the State. There were also **detentions** numbering fifty-nine **(59)**, valued at N\$ 330 000 and seventy-three **seizures (73)** with an approximate value of N\$48,000.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

- With the diverse effects of the pandemic a decrease on income generated by conservancies was experienced. An amount of N\$ 14,491,732.00 was generated by the conservancies compared to N\$ 25,000,000 generated in 2019/20 and no tangible projects were implemented. Ten (10) new jobs were created in Zambezi Conservancies including Kyaramacan Association, and the job categories ranged from fish guards, game guards, and secretaries.
- As a social response to the community a total of 194,024 kg of meat from conservation hunting was distributed to communities within conservancies.
- Three (3) park management plans of Mudumu, Nkasa-Rupara and Bwabwata National Parks were revised and approved, and currently in the implementation phase. Operational guide lines on how to implement the management plans and the action plan were developed and are now being implemented.

Forestry

- Trade in forest products from Community forests generated N\$ 200,000. Community Forests Offices received donation of furniture and IT equipment to the value of N\$ 272,150.00 after the completion of constructed offices. Sikanjabuka Community Forest received N\$ 4,500,000 from the Environmental Investment Fund to support climate change resilience through agroforestry initiatives and nursery establishment.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER & LAND REFORM

(Agricultural Production, Extension and Engineering Services)

- An amount of N\$1.3 Million was received under the National Horticulture Support Program and ten (10) farmers benefited from the subsidy.
- **Under the Small Stock Distribution and Development in Communal Areas**, the selection of 20 beneficiaries was done and training was conducted. Fencing Material and veterinary tool kits were procured and distributed to beneficiaries who received 20 does and 2 bucks each.
- **Poultry Value Chain**, an amount of 300 thousand was budgeted for and 35 farmers benefited.
- **Climate Resilient Agriculture in the Vulnerable Extreme Regions (CRAVE)**, three (3) demo sites were identified and established in the region at Makanga, Muyako & Saili and 32 ha ripped for horticulture whereby 20 farmers benefited. A total number of 160 farmers benefited from horticultural seeds, garden tools and irrigation equipment while 160 farmers were trained under horticulture. 837 ha ripped under dry-land, and same beneficiaries received maize and legume free seeds.

60 lead farmers trained in conservation agriculture and 19 gardens supported with solar energy technology, benefiting 67 farmers.

- **NAMSIP** (Namibia Agricultural Mechanisation and Seed Improvement Project)
75 farmers were certified and trained to plough mahangu and maize seeds in the region.

Land availability for Green Scheme

Traditional Authorities have availed the below listed portions of land for green scheme development. Occupation of these pieces of land will see the realization of job creation and boost food security.

- 5000 hectares at Singalamwe in Kongola Constituency and 890 hectares at Kongola, 500m from Kwandu River.
- 2000 hectares at Lyanshulu in Judea Lyabboloma Constituency and the area is just adjacent to Kwandu River.
- 5000 hectares at Sachona in Judea Lyabboloma Constituency.
- 1000 hectares of land at Muyako in Katima Mulilo Rural Constituency.
- 10 000 hectares at Lusesse and Nankonde in the flood prone areas of Kabbe North /South Constituencies.

Kalimbeza Rice Project

- The total fenced off area is 229 hectares but the irrigable land at the project is 150 hectares while the rest is patches of sand soils that cannot be planted with rice. The levelling of the paddies contributed significantly to the delay in planting of rice, and only 40 hectares was planted out of 50 hectares that was planned to be planted with the short variety. The project have so far harvested 73 tons of rice and expecting more tones from the remaining rice fields not yet harvested.

Horticulture Projects

- Small scale farmers have engaged in food production through horticulture projects. The Zambezi Horticulture Producers Association (ZAHOPA) is a regional based association of horticulture farmers under the Namibian Agronomic Board. Types of farming engaged at Kopano ranges from crop farming, fruits and tree nurseries, poultry farming and fish farming.

Katima Mulilo Abattoir

- Government awarded Zambezi Meat Corporation (ZAMCO) the rights to operate the abattoir after the closure of MEATCO in 2015. In order to capacitate the Corporation, the abattoir is currently under MEATCO operations. This follows the MOU signed between MEATCO NCA (Pty) and ZAMCO being the leaseholder of the abattoir. The first intake and slaughter scheduled for May and June 2021 respectively was successful and relieved livestock farmers who have been stranded with their cattle.

MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH & NATIONAL SERVICE

- The Multipurpose Youth Resource Centre has embarked on skills training by providing short Computer and tailoring Courses to the out of school youth and unemployed youth mostly those who do not meet the basic requirements into conventional vocational training centre. Thirty (30) young people were trained in computer and tailoring skills. From this number others were able to enroll for further training at Zambezi Vocational Training Centre.

- A project in horticulture initiated and funded by the National Youth Council of Namibia in collaboration with the National Youth Service and the Ministry was launched. The project was aimed at training the youth in horticulture and employ them to work for the project for a period of one year thereafter be expected carry out community/individual owned horticulture projects.
- The Namibia Youth Credit Scheme have the youth at the core, targeting youth between the age of 18-35 years by providing financial support to those that cannot afford loans from mainstream banking system. The loans offered by the scheme ranges from N\$2000 – N\$ 50 000. Four (4) Youth qualified for high loan to the tune of N\$ 105,000.00 during the year under review.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TRADE

- The Ministry of Industrialization and Trade administered COVID-19 relief grants during the period under review. With the support from the German Government, a COVID-19 Start-Up Survival Grant worth N\$15 000.00 to each MSMEs country wide was provided and fourteen (14) businesses from Zambezi benefited from the two-round of application.
- Four (4) successful applicant from Zambezi region benefited from the first phase (**Window 1**) of the Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility grant (SGDIF) valued at N\$ 129 000. There is still opportunity for MSMEs to benefit from the upcoming Window 2 & 3 respectively.
- **SADC Trade Related facility** – There is One (1) successful applicant from Zambezi region under the Industrial Upgrading and Modernization Programme (IUMP)'s Industry grant scheme, an agenda aimed at improving production and supply capacity, efficiency and competitiveness of Namibian owned manufacturing firms.

- **Public Facemask Production:** In an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 global health pandemic, about 27 200 face masks valued at **N\$ 538 000.00** was produced by Zambezi based SMEs. These were procured and distributed to the identified vulnerable categories of pensioners and marginalized children as well as hospital inpatients.
- **Training** - as part of entrepreneurship development and promotion, EMPRETEC Namibia in collaboration with the Directorate of Industrial Development is currently carrying out a training on Gemstone Cutting and Polishing in Karibib and one (1) youth from the region is among the 26 trainees undergoing the training.
- **Business Support Services** – The formalization of business registration and licensing, SMEs Certification, advisory services and Import and Export amongst others are being offered through Katima Mulilo office. Close to 200 MSMEs certificates were issued. In addition to that fourteen (14) Import permit applications were submitted for approval. The youth are encouraged to register their SMEs with the Business & Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) for them to benefit from availed resources which are aimed for development.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL RELATION & EMPLOYMENT CREATION

- The office received 149 complaints and managed to resolve 139 cases while 10 cases are still pending and in the process of being resolved. A total number of 134 routine labour inspections in the following sectors were conducted: Retail, Energy, Security, Transport, State Owned, Enterprises (SOEs), Professional, Hospitality, Farming,

Construction, Domestic and Informal Sectors. Four (4) Compliances Orders were issued in Retails and Security Sectors respectively and 6 Arbitration Awards were enforced in the Security Sector.

- A total number of 256 jobseekers and 5 employers were registered on the Namibia Integrated Employment Information System (NIEIS) and placed 12 jobseekers into the job market.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION SAFETY & SECURITY

➤ Civil Registration

- A sub-regional office for birth registrations only was opened at Chetto. A total number of 1932 birth certificates were issued for timely birth registration while 1147 were issued for late birth registration. 1747 identity applications and 888 duplicate identity cards were received and processed. 3713 identity cards were produced and 2697 identity cards were collected by the applicants. In the same manner, 675 deaths were recorded and death certificates issued.

➤ Safety and Security

- The security situation within our borders remains calm. The incidence of the Botswana Defence Force shootings and wanton killings on the Nchindo Brothers on 05 November 2020 and other 37 Namibian lives lost since independence remain a serious challenge with our neighbour Botswana. Our residents living along the Chobe, Linyanti and Kwandu rivers are living under constant threats, harassment, fear, intimidation and killings and such activities are condemned and not acceptable.

- As from 31 December 2020, the Namibian Defence Force troops were deployed at Kasika, Ngoma, Kapani, Mbilajwe and Mbambazi areas. They were supposed to be deployed at areas given by Traditional Authorities, but due to wet lands during rainy season which could not be navigated by their heavy trucks, they went to deploy in areas not identified by the Traditional Leaders.
- Law and order maintained through Joint Crime Prevention & Police led operation, “Namib Desert”, National Lock-down Covid-19 Operation, Interpol Operation “Thunder 2020”. These operations led to the arrest of illegal migrants, confiscation of illegal products and drugs smuggled into the country.
- The crime in the region is controllable; this is as a result of intensified crime prevention, operations, community meeting and investigation. However, crime such as House Breaking and theft, Rape, illegal poaching, assault of all types, dealing and possession of cannabis, stock theft, reckless and negligent driving, domestic violence, theft of all types and smuggling of goods through ungazetted points are among the top 10 prevalent crimes. Incidences of armed robbery, murder and suicide do occur but not often.
- Statistics shows that in 2020/21 crime rate increased from 3488 cases to 5424 cases. According to the clearance rate data, 2018/19 clearance rate was 32%, whereas for 2019/2020 was 23%, clearance rate reduced by 9%. The clearance rate for 2020/2021 dropped to 16.37%, which shows a reduction of 6.63% as compared to 2019/2020 financial year.

ROAD NETWORKS

- The continuation of the construction of DR3508 from Isize to Luhonono for the remaining 16 kilometers progresses. The Namalubi-Isizwe-Luhonono road is expected to be finished at the end of July 2021. The shoulder repair works on MR125 from Lizauli to Linyanti is ongoing. The Re-gravelling of sections damaged by rain on DR3507 and all access roads to schools along this road, including Isuswa School, Mutikitila School, Ibbu School and Mahundu School.

CHALLENGES

Though not limited to these, the following challenges were experienced during the period under review and in most cases the COVID-19 pandemic hindered progress.

- Resistance from community members in the settlements to pave way for development particularly at Chinchimane, Sibbinda, Lusese and Sangwali.
- Implementation of Constituency Development Funded (CDF) projects is quite slow due to the local suppliers who do not meet procurement requirements of the Procurement Act of 2015.
- Flood impact in the Kabbe North, South and Katima Mulilo Rural Constituencies slows the implementation of projects.
- Due to inadequate resources, dockets operations could not materialise, which contributed to low clearance rate.

- The region lacks Resource School (Special school) with Hostel accommodation. A number of 1989 learners with impairment have been registered but there is no special school in the region. There are currently 3563 enrolled Grade 10 learners against 64 classrooms, resulting in an average of 41 learners in a classroom.
- The porousness of our border line remains a major contributing factor to revenue leakage and importation of illicit goods. Even while the COVID-19 regulation was in force, both Namibian and foreign nationals continued to smuggle goods across the local rivers leading to numerous arrests and seizures of goods.
- Late registrations of birth have been experienced and this is the result of parents not having national identity documents. Uncollected Identity documents remains a challenge as applicants do not turn up for collection especially duplicate IDs.
- The health sector faces challenges unavailability of suitable candidates in other job categories, filling of positions caused by lack of funds and the shortage of personnel due to high staff turnover which resulted to over expenditure in overtime payments. Recruitments delayed due to lack of funds.
- The region lacks Agro-Dealers to supply horticultural inputs and shortage of poultry suppliers in the Region hampers production. Locust outbreak in the region caused serious losses to crop farmers.
- Lack of youth hostel in the region limits the inclusion of youth from all eight constituencies to partake programs offered by the government.

- Illegal connections and vandalism of infrastructures remain a challenge in the region which requires concerted efforts and intervention by stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Constituency offices to continue educating communities and hold stakeholder engagements on the establishment of settlements to smoothen the process of implementation as this will reduce resistance from the communities. The Regional Council to embark on developing Settlements of Kongola, Ngoma, Sangwali, Sibbinda and Lusese to Village Councils. Planned projects for the flood prone areas to be given more focus and implemented speedily during the dry season when it's accessible.
- The roads in the informal settlements to be upgraded and storm water drainage to be developed and to revamp the oxidation ponds in order to contain the present population of the town.
- The expeditious construction of a modern border post at Katima Mulilo Border post and implementation of the One-Stop-Border Post (OSBP) concept. To ensure that law enforcement agencies jointly patrol the porous border line to curb illegal movements and smuggling of goods.
- The region aims to reduce crime drastically during 2021/22 financial year.

Honourable Chairperson,

Hon. Members,

I would like to conclude by noting that, Government is working tirelessly through economic and social development programs like Harambe Prosperity Plan II, Vision 2030 and National Development Plans (NDPs) to ensure decency to all its citizens. Offices, Ministries and Agencies are the drivers of these developmental programs. I therefore encourage those in position to drive the train of development through good governance.

We are in the second month of the second quarter. Community, constituencies, regional and National development is not a one man's show. Failure to regional development is failure to all of us. We are assigned in our capacities to drive the economic trend of this region and the nation at large, let us utilise the limited available resources to fight against hunger and poverty in Namibia.

Last but not least, the increasing number of COVID-19 related deaths is worrisome, therefore, health measures as set should be a number one priority in order to strive and continue serving. I urge all stakeholders to take a lead in disseminating information about the pandemic across the region. Let us not be ignorant but rather take precautionary measures to curb the spread of the corona virus as government has provided means of controlling the spread of the virus.

I therefore call upon residents of Zambezi Region to get the COVID-19 vaccine for a healthy productive Namibia.

I thank you