

The Namibian National Budget Process

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Presentation Outline

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What is a National Budget?

- The National budget is the most important economic policy tool for the Government.
- It is a government plan that outlines the use of public resources to meet the social and economic priorities of the Nation.
- It translates:
- Government's policies- Vision 2030, NDPs and HPPs
- Political commitments
- Revenue collection
- Expenditure of funds to meet the country's competing needs-education, health and agriculture

The Importance of a National Budget....

- 1. Re-allocation of Resources:
 - ✤ (i) Tax concessions or subsidies:
 - \clubsuit (ii) Directly producing goods and services
- 2. Reducing inequalities in income and wealth
- 3. Economic Stability:
- 4. Management of Public Enterprises
- 5. Economic Growth
- 6. Reducing regional disparities

















The Budget Cycle-Classic case

Key Budget Documents:

Audit reports: Legislative Audit Committee reports

Budget Formulation:

The executive formulates the draft budget.

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Executive's budget proposal; Supporting budget reports

Budget Oversight:

The budget accounts are audited and audit findings are reviewed by the legislature, which requires action to be taken by the executive to correct audit findings.

Budget Approval:

The legislature reviews and amends the budget – and then enacts it into law.

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Key Budget Documents:

In-year reports; Mid-year report; Year-end reports; Supplementary budgets

Budget Execution:

The executive collects revenue and spends money as per the allocations made in the budget law. Key Budget Documents: Budget law; Reports of legislative budget

committees

The Budget Cycle- Namibian modus operandi





Questions!!!

Further Readings

- *Citizen's guide to the National Budget*
- State Finance Act no 31 of 1991
- Treasury instructions

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