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The Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) has paid more than N\$696 million to livestock producers between November 2025 and January 2026 and says all producer payments are fully up to date, with no outstanding arrears.

Meatco said more than N\$580 million was paid to producers who marketed livestock directly to the corporation during the period.

A further N\$52 million was paid to

Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement dates:**
 - * 18 February 2026
 - * 22 April 2026
 - * 17 June 2026
 - * 12 August 2026
 - * 21 October 2026
 - * 02 December 2026
- **Namibia Oil and Gas Conference 18–21 August 2026 in Windhoek**

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producers marketing through permit days, while N\$64 million was paid to producers in the Northern Communal Areas (NCA).

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For the 2025/26 financial year, which commenced in February, Meatco has planned a total throughput of 63,000 cattle, including about 13,000 head from the NCA. The corporation said this underscores its focus on inclusive market access for both commercial and communal producers.

Meatco said it continues to play a stabilising role in Namibia's red meat industry by

offering competitive and consistent pricing, helping to reduce market volatility and support sustainable producer incomes, particularly in rural areas.

As an export abattoir, Meatco said it is currently offering producer prices for the February to April 2026 period ranging from N\$68 to N\$78 per kilogram for AB 1–4 grades, which it said provides producers with certainty when planning their marketing decisions.

The corporation said it remains committed to strengthening the livestock value chain, supporting producers and safeguarding the long-term sustainability of Namibia's red meat industry.

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Impact Property Fund lists on NSX as capital pool company

Impact Property Fund Ltd has listed on the Namibian Securities Exchange (NSX) as a Capital Pool Company, creating a publicly traded vehicle to pursue property-backed and service-enabled acquisitions in Namibia.

The fund, which trades under the ticker IFP, made its debut on 30 January 2026.

Impact said the listing establishes a regulated platform to consolidate assets with an operating track record and proven execution capability.

Impact said it has access to an identified pipeline of viable assets and developments which, subject to the necessary approvals, are intended to be reversed into the listed entity as part of its qualifying acquisition strategy.

According to the fund, its strategic focus includes assets and operating platforms that support national delivery requirements, particularly services linked to government-owned and state-controlled property portfolios, oil and gas operators and contractors where local content participation is required, and institutional and commercial property owners seeking scalable and reliable execution.

Impact said a central element of its model is the integration of local small and medium-sized enterprises into its delivery platforms.

The fund said it intends to support this through structured participation frameworks, including access to working-capital and contract-linked funding mechanisms, to enable compliant SMEs to participate in larger projects while maintaining governance and risk controls.

The fund said it is structured to act as a local content partner in areas where execution depth, operating continuity and governance



are critical. It added that its approach prioritises functioning assets and platforms, with a focus on scaling existing operations rather than speculative development.

Following the listing, Impact said it plans to undertake a capital raise targeted for 26 March 2026, subject to regulatory approvals and market conditions.

In line with CPC requirements, the fund said capital will be protected and deployed only after qualifying acquisitions have been approved by the board, sponsor, shareholders where applicable, and the exchange.

Impact is chaired by Kallie van der Merwe, who is also Chief Executive of Safland Property Group and a co-founder of Droombos Boutique Hotel and Simanya River Lodge.



Maris expands national footprint through Kazang deal

...adoption sees Maris user numbers exceed 500,000

MTC Maris has signed an agreement with Kazang to expand the reach of its mobile money services across Namibia, targeting underserved and hard-to-reach communities.

The partnership will leverage Kazang's national footprint of more than 5,500 agents, giving Maris immediate access to high-density urban areas, informal settlements and remote rural communities.

MTC Maris Executive Director Kayembe

Ilunga said the agreement represents a significant step towards the platform's goal of achieving universal financial inclusion.

"Through this partnership, we will drive and accelerate our core mandate of ensuring that every Namibian, regardless of location or economic status, can access essential financial services through a trusted local agent," Ilunga said.

He said Kazang's established distribution network would reduce travel time and costs

for customers who need cash-in, cash-out and wallet services, while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

“Kazang has vast established distribution points, allowing us to deepen financial inclusion by reducing travel time and cost for customers needing cash-in, cash-out or wallet services,” Ilunga said.

“It enables us to provide secure and regulated e-money channels that are aligned with Namibia’s anti-money laundering framework and the requirements of the Bank of Namibia.”

Ilunga said uptake of the Maris platform has continued to grow since its launch, with more than 500,000 customers registered since January 2026.

While describing the Kazang partnership as a major milestone, he said further work remains to strengthen the platform as its footprint expands.

“We continue to mature our operational,

technical and agent-support capabilities, ensuring that as the network grows, service quality grows with it,” Ilunga said. “We are investing in field support, training, compliance and customer-centred offerings.”

He said the agreement supports Maris’s broader objective of building an inclusive digital payments ecosystem across the country.

“With this agreement, we are decisively building a financial ecosystem where every Namibian household can access digital payments, remittances and e-money services safely and conveniently, from Katima Mulilo to Opuwo, from urban taxi ranks to the most remote rural communities,” Ilunga said.

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ICASA's data rollover ruling: Why Namibia must rethink consumer protection in the digital economy

By Lot Ndamanomhata

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa's (ICASA) decision to compel mobile network operators to roll over unused prepaid data, voice and SMS bundles is more than a regulatory adjustment.

It is a clear policy statement: access to digital communication is a social and economic necessity, not a disposable luxury.

As Namibia accelerates its digital transformation agenda, ICASA's intervention offers an important moment for reflection. The question for Namibia is no longer whether such reforms are desirable, but whether the country can afford not to pursue them.

Why the ICASA Decision Matters for Namibia

Namibia shares many structural similarities with South Africa's telecommunications market. Prepaid mobile services dominate usage, particularly among low-income households, rural communities, young people and informal sector workers.

Yet, like South Africa before ICASA's intervention, Namibia continues to allow paid-for data and airtime to expire, effectively penalising those least able to absorb such losses. In practice, data expiry functions as a silent wealth transfer from consumers to operators. It undermines affordability, entrenches the digital divide, and contradicts national development goals that depend on universal access to information, education, and digital services. ICASA's ruling reframes the issue correctly: data does not perish, and consumers should not lose value for services they have already paid for.



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The Developmental Case for Reform in Namibia

Namibia's Vision 2030, the Harambee Prosperity Plan, and national digital transformation strategies all emphasise inclusivity, access, and economic participation. Yet these ambitions cannot be realised if connectivity remains structurally extractive.

Expired data affects:

1. Learners accessing online educational content,
2. Job seekers applying for opportunities,
3. Entrepreneurs operating digitally,
4. Citizens engaging with e-government platforms.

In this sense, mobile data policy is no longer a narrow technical matter — it is a developmental issue.

What Namibia Can Learn from ICASA

South Africa's experience offers four key lessons:

First, consumer protection must be proactive. ICASA did not wait for voluntary industry reform; it used regulatory authority

decisively.

Second, affordability is multidimensional. Even where headline data prices fall, unfair usage rules can still impose disproportionate costs on the poor.

Third, regulatory independence matters. ICASA's ability to act, despite resistance from parts of the industry, reinforces the importance of strong, well-capacitated regulators.

Fourth, parliamentary oversight and public pressure play a critical role in shaping outcomes without undermining regulatory independence.

Policy Recommendations for Namibia

1. Recommendations to CRAN (Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia)

CRAN should initiate a comprehensive review of End-User and Subscriber Regulations with the following reforms:

- Mandatory automatic rollover of unused prepaid data, voice and SMS bundles, at no additional cost.
- Prioritisation of older bundles before newer ones to prevent artificial forfeiture.
- Minimum rollover periods that reflect realistic consumer usage patterns.
- Mandatory usage notifications at 50%, 80% and 100% consumption thresholds.
- Prohibition of out-of-bundle charges unless users explicitly opt in.

CRAN should also conduct a public inquiry into the socio-economic impact of data expiry practices, with specific attention to rural and low-income users.

2. Recommendations to Parliament

Parliament, through its relevant portfolio committees, should:

- Exercise active oversight over mobile pricing, bundle expiry practices, and consumer protection enforcement.
- Require regular reporting from CRAN on affordability, access and market conduct.
- Consider whether access to digital communication should be explicitly recognised as a public interest obligation within existing legislation.

As seen in South Africa, sustained parliamentary engagement can accelerate reform while strengthening institutional accountability.

3. Recommendations to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT)

The Ministry should provide clear policy direction by:

- Aligning communications regulation with national development and inclusion objectives, not only market efficiency.
- Issuing a policy directive on digital affordability, explicitly addressing prepaid data practices.
- Coordinating with CRAN, education authorities and other ministries to ensure connectivity supports national priorities such as education, employment and e-government.

MICT has a critical role in ensuring that Namibia's digital transition does not replicate existing social inequalities in a new technological form.

Towards a Fair Digital Economy

ICASA's ruling signals a shift towards a developmental approach to digital regulation — one that recognises that markets alone do not guarantee fairness or inclusion.

For Namibia, adopting similar reforms would not represent regulatory overreach. On the contrary, it would reflect a mature understanding that digital connectivity is foundational infrastructure, much like water, electricity and transport.

The choice is clear: either Namibia continues to allow silent extraction through data expiry, or it asserts a regulatory framework that protects consumers, promotes equity, and ensures that digital progress serves national development.

ICASA has shown what is possible. The responsibility now lies with Namibia's regulators, policymakers and lawmakers to act with equal clarity and courage.

**Lot Ndamanomhata is from Ekoka. This article reflects his views and writes entirely in his personal capacity.*



President raises concern over parliament's slow legislative performance

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has expressed concern about the pace and effectiveness of Parliament's work, noting that only two of the nine bills considered over the past year were passed, despite rising public expectations.

Speaking at the official opening of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament on Tuesday, Nandi-Ndaitwah said several key bills were tabled and debated, yet only two budget-related bills were ultimately enacted.

She described the outcome as

disappointing given the urgency of Namibia's socio-economic challenges, adding that weak legislative output undermines service delivery and erodes public confidence in elected institutions.

Over the past year, Parliament considered legislation including the Appropriation Bill, the Land Bill, the Mental Health Bill, the Regional Councils Amendment Bill and the Public Enterprises Governance Amendment Bill, among others.

"Of all these nine bills, only two budget-

related bills went through, which is very disappointing, because the people of Namibia deserve better services from their elected representatives,” the President said.

She said she expects the situation to improve in the second year of the Eighth Parliament, noting that citizens look to Parliament to fulfil its constitutional responsibility of lawmaking.

While acknowledging that robust debate is a cornerstone of democracy, Nandi-Ndaitwah warned that it should not become an obstacle to progress. She said most Namibians want Parliament to pass laws that address real needs rather than engage in partisan point-scoring.

“Some parliamentarians may be attempting to score political points, but the majority of our people want to see Parliament performing its fundamental duty of making laws that address the actual needs of citizens,” she said.

The President urged lawmakers to conduct themselves with dignity and

to restore confidence in the institution through constructive engagement and timely outcomes, noting that the quality of parliamentary work has a direct impact on the quality of life of Namibians.

“Let this Parliament be remembered for constructive engagement, principled leadership and tangible outcomes that improve the lives of our people,” she said.

Nandi-Ndaitwah also called for closer cooperation among the three arms of government, saying sustainable development requires effective coordination between the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary.

Looking ahead, she said she expects improved parliamentary performance in 2026, driven by urgency, accountability and leadership.

“Our people expect debates that lead to solutions, laws that improve lives and oversight that strengthens governance, and I look forward to productive parliamentary results in 2026,” the President said.

Conversation with Martha Nangombe and James Chapman

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Daniel flags oversight failures after MEFT underspends development budget

Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism Indileni Daniel has said the ministry's low capital expenditure across nine programmes and 38 projects reflects weaknesses in planning and oversight, warning that such shortcomings will not be tolerated going forward.

Speaking during her Ministerial Annual Staff Address, Daniel said the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) spent only N\$31.1 million of its N\$70 million development budget in the 2025/26 financial year, representing an execution rate of just 45%.

She described the level of spending as "very concerning", noting that limited challenges had been escalated to her office despite the low rate of implementation.

"During the 2025/26 financial year, the ministry was allocated a development budget of N\$70 million across nine programmes and 38 capital projects. As at the reporting period, total expenditure amounted to N\$31.1 million, representing 45%, which is very concerning," Daniel said.

She said the low execution rate pointed to deficiencies in planning, coordination and oversight within the ministry, adding that stronger accountability would be enforced to improve performance.

Daniel noted that several projects were completed during the period, including infrastructure developments at Ngoma, Namutoni, Mukwe, K1 and K2, Hobas, the Fish River Canyon water pipeline, the Swakopmund office and the Okahandja Forestry Office. Progress was also recorded on the Tourist Road Upgrade project in



Etosha.

Despite these advances, she acknowledged that the ministry continues to face challenges such as budget constraints, procurement delays, transport limitations, capacity shortages and operational difficulties in remote areas.

Daniel said management has responded by refocusing activities on priority outputs, strengthening coordination with procurement and finance units, and improving internal monitoring and reporting.

She added that the ministry's annual and operational plans remain central to guiding implementation, with performance indicators reviewed quarterly to support accountability and evidence-based decision-making.

Rising Above: A Year of Resilience, Growth & Shared Success

By **Marthinuz Fabianus, Managing Director – RFS Fund Administrators**

Each year brings new challenges, milestones, and moments of reflection. Looking back on 2025, I am reminded once again that resilience and teamwork remain at the heart of RFS Fund Administrators.

Despite expecting the long-anticipated introduction of the Financial Intermediaries and Markets Act (FIMA), it remains on the horizon, and we stand ready to embrace it when the time comes. Equally, our migration to the new Everest administration system tested our patience and determination, but it has also strengthened our foundation for the future.

TURNING CHALLENGES INTO MOMENTUM

Through continued investment in technology, systems, and people, we strengthened the very foundations that make RFS synonymous with reliability and trust.

Our new Everest administration system has enhanced efficiency and speed, allowing us to complete member value updates within just one month, an industry-leading benchmark.

We also finalised all annual financial statements for our stand-alone funds, submitted them to NAMFISA, and issued all ITAS tax certificates seamlessly. These achievements reflect not only our operational excellence but also our unwavering commitment to our clients and members.

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Behind every milestone is a team that makes it possible. In September, we successfully upgraded all our servers and disaster recovery systems without a single disruption. This flawless transition reflects both our IT excellence and the strong partnerships we've built over time.

Equally noteworthy has been our growing digital and brand presence.

Across platforms, RFS Fund Administrators and Benchmark Retirement Fund now engage over 8,000 followers, while our youngest brand, RFS Financial Advisors, continues to gain momentum with every post and client conversation.

QUIET IMPACT, MEANINGFUL CHANGE

While we seldom boast about it, our corporate social responsibility remains close to our hearts. Each executive director contributes personally to causes that uplift others, from NAMCOL learners and the Onkanti Foundation, to Project Lilie's teacher recognition and youth sports sponsorships. We give not for recognition, but because it's the right thing to do.

EARNING TRUST, ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME

Our clients' loyalty continues to inspire us. The reappointment and

the extension of our service relationship with all our clients where reviews were due during 2025, are affirmations of the trust we've built. The Benchmark Retirement Fund, our flagship, continues to grow in both membership and reputation, proof that our service excellence speaks louder than words.

OUR TEAM: THE HEART OF RFS

With over 80 dedicated employees, an average service tenure of 10.8 years and a staff turnover rate of only 6%, our culture of stability and commitment stands out in the industry. The many long-service milestones and professional achievements, such as Annemarie Nel's recognition as a Certified Financial Planner, are testaments to a team that continuously strives for excellence.

LOOKING AHEAD

The road ahead will continue to challenge and inspire us. Yet, as 2025 has shown, no climb is too steep when you travel together.

To our staff, clients, trustees, and partners; thank you for your faith, patience, and unwavering support! Together, we've proven that resilience builds progress, and progress builds trust.

Here's to another year of growth, innovation, and shared success.

Artificial Intelligence and the Quiet Erosion of Our Voice

By Juda Maya Kotungondo

There was a time when writing an email was just writing an email. You opened a blank screen, typed your thoughts, reread them once or twice or maybe three times or perhaps you would consult a colleague or a friend for a second eye, and then you would hit send with a reasonable amount of confidence in that small act.

Now, something else happens, before the email goes out, there is a pause, a moment of doubt, a hesitation that feels almost automatic.

And then, almost instinctively, comes a consultation not with a colleague, not even with a trusted friend, but with an AI tool.

You paste your carefully crafted message into a machine and ask questions that would have seemed absurd not too long ago: Does this sound okay? Is this professional enough? Too harsh? Too soft? Could you improve it? What once was a simple act of communication has quietly transformed into something that feels more like a psychological feedback loop, a ritual of self-questioning amplified by algorithms.

And here's the part that has been troubling me the most lately: even as I write these thoughts down right now, thoughts I believe in, thoughts I can articulate clearly, I still feel the urge to have AI approve them and get that validation and maybe I did or maybe I truly tried my utmost best not to.



Now, something else happens, before the email goes out, there is a pause, a moment of doubt, a hesitation that feels almost automatic.

But that AI assurance that what I'm saying makes sense, that it lands the way I intend, that it is "good enough." It is a strange feeling, almost unsettling, and yet it is familiar. I think, if we are honest with ourselves, many of us can relate.

We do not lack the ideas or the skills; we do not struggle to articulate ourselves or to trust our grammar, punctuation, or phrasing. But we find ourselves leaning, almost reflexively, on the judgment of an AI tool.

Calling this "laziness" would, I think, be too simplistic. Laziness implies a lack of effort or care, and what is happening here is something far more nuanced. If anything, we care more now than ever before.

We care more about how we are perceived, more about the subtle tone of our words, more about whether our message lands "correctly." AI has transformed a once-private act of expression into a mediated exercise in approval-seeking, where it becomes both editor and silent judge.

Sometimes AI has its own ideas, and

those can be amusing. I remember writing a quick email to a client last week to suggest a “coffee meeting next week” and asked AI to polish it. The tool turned my simple, friendly line into: “I propose a caffeinated symposium to discuss our mutual strategic objectives in the upcoming temporal window.” I had to laugh part of me appreciated the creativity, but the other part realized: this is exactly the kind of voice that isn’t mine.

There is no denying that AI is incredibly useful. It saves time, it truly does. It helps non-native speakers craft messages that are more polished, more easily understood, and more socially acceptable.

It assists busy professionals in keeping up with the relentless pace of modern communication. It is a tool that, in countless ways, has genuinely made life easier, and for that, we should be grateful. This is not, in any sense, an argument against Artificial Intelligence.

My concern lies elsewhere: it lies in the subtle way we are outsourcing our voice without even realizing it.

When every message is refined, optimized, neutralized, and “improved,” something delicate and vital is lost. The slightly imperfect phrasing that carries personality and authenticity the little quirks that make your writing sound like you gets erased. We start to sound more

polished, yes, but also more alike.

There is also a quiet dependency forming, one that I feel every day in the small decisions I make before hitting “send.” The more we rely on AI to validate our words, the less we trust our own instincts. Perhaps the deeper concern is not laziness, but comfort.

I am not complaining about comfort; I appreciate it from time to time. AI does make it easy to avoid the discomfort of uncertainty, easy to avoid fully owning our words, easy to hide behind something that feels safer, smarter, more socially acceptable.

But communication, at its core, was never meant to be flawless. It was meant to be human. There is immense value in sending an email as you wrote it, in letting your tone stand out, or even in letting it be imperfect at times.

Maybe the challenge for our generation isn’t learning how to use AI we have already mastered that. Maybe the challenge is knowing when to close the tab, take a deep breath, sit with the discomfort, and finally say:

This is my voice and it is enough. Because ultimately, the quiet erosion of our voice is not inevitable but only if we remember to speak, type, and express ourselves before asking the machine to approve it.

The graphic is a light blue background with faint icons of various symbols like a lightbulb, a gear, and a person. It features a central QR code with the text "SCAN HERE" in large blue letters to its left. Above the QR code is a blue circle with a white icon of a bar chart and a dollar sign, labeled "Finance". Below the QR code is a blue circle with a white icon of a bar chart and a dollar sign, labeled "Business". To the right of the QR code is a blue circle with a white icon of a speech bubble, labeled "for Daily Namibian News". In the top right corner, the text "THE BRIEF" is written in large blue letters, with "News Worth Knowing" in smaller text below it. In the bottom right corner, the text "TO FOLLOW OUR WHATSAPP CHANNEL" is written in large blue letters. In the bottom left corner, there is a red Adobe PDF icon with the text "Daily PDF version sent via email" and four social media icons (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram) with their respective handles: @thebrieflive, @thebrieflive.nam, @TheBriefLive, and @thebrieflive.

Namibia's Mining Renaissance: Building Financial Architecture for Sustainable Growth

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As delegates gather for Mining Indaba 2026, Namibia stands at an inflection point. The recent oil discoveries off our coast have captured global imagination, but our mining story is far more nuanced. Marked by uranium's resurgence, gold's steady ascent, and diamonds' uncertain future. The question isn't whether we have resources, but whether we can build the financial architecture to navigate this complexity.

At RMB Namibia, we've been financing the mining sector through cycles of boom and uncertainty. We understand that mining excellence isn't just about what lies beneath the ground it's about the capital structures, risk frameworks, and strategic partnerships that turn geological potential into economic reality.

Navigating Sectoral Divergence

Namibia's mining landscape today reflects broader global shifts. Our diamond sector, long the cornerstone of our mining economy, faces headwinds that demand candid assessment. Synthetic diamonds, changing consumer preferences, and market oversupply have compressed prices and margins. Debmarine Namibia and Namdeb's operations that once guaranteed stable returns now require careful portfolio management and operational optimization.

This uncertainty makes robust financial planning essential. Companies must stress-test assumptions, maintain liquidity buffers, and potentially pivot business models.

For financiers, it means more sophisticated risk assessment and flexible covenant structures that acknowledge market realities while protecting stakeholder interests.

Conversely, uranium presents extraordinary opportunity. Global recognition that nuclear power is essential for energy transition has transformed market dynamics. Namibia's position as Africa's largest uranium producer gains strategic significance as countries worldwide recommit to nuclear energy.

This is exemplified by developments at Swakop Uranium and Rossing Uranium. New projects are advancing, and existing operations are expanding all requiring substantial capital deployment. We look forward with great excitement for the developments at Bannerman, Langer Heinrich and Deep Yellow.

Meanwhile, our gold sector demonstrates consistent growth momentum. Rising gold prices, coupled with successful exploration programs like WIA Gold and mine expansions like B2Gold and QKR Navachab, position this sector as an increasingly important contributor to our mining economy. Projects that seemed marginal years ago now attract serious investment interest.

The Financing Challenge

This sectoral divergence creates unique financing challenges. Traditional mining finance models assumed relative homogeneity within commodity classes. Today, we're structuring facilities that account for diamond price volatility while capitalizing on uranium's multi-decade demand visibility. We're supporting gold operators balancing expansion ambitions against operational discipline.

Blended finance structures, ESG-linked facilities, and innovative partnerships between development finance institutions and commercial banks become crucial tools. Our role extends beyond providing capital, we architect solutions aligning investor requirements with project realities, understanding that every deposit and every commodity cycle has unique characteristics requiring bespoke financial engineering.

Sustainability as Competitive Advantage

The global transition to renewable energy has elevated Namibia's strategic importance. Our uranium fuels the baseload power essential for reliable grids. Our emerging critical minerals lithium, rare earths, copper support renewable infrastructure. But this opportunity comes with heightened scrutiny around ESG credentials, transparent governance, and measurable community impact.

Companies demonstrating genuine sustainability commitment access cheaper capital and build social license protecting long-term operations. RMB Namibia has integrated ESG considerations into credit assessment not as obstacles but as indicators of operational excellence and long-term viability.

Infrastructure as Enabler

Namibia's mining potential remains constrained by infrastructure gaps port capacity, rail networks, water security, and energy reliability. These aren't insurmountable barriers; they're opportunities for creative public-private collaboration that shares risks and rewards appropriately. Every ton of additional port capacity or megawatt of reliable power multiplies the value of our mineral endowments.

Looking Forward

The next decade will define whether Namibia translates resources into broad-based development. Success requires stronger policies building genuine capability, transparent revenue management ensuring mining proceeds benefit all Namibians, and skills development creating careers.

As financial intermediaries, we bear responsibility for directing capital toward projects exemplifying these principles. Mining Indaba 2026 offers opportunity for honest conversation about challenges ahead. Namibia's mining renaissance won't happen by accident it will be built deal by deal, project by project, partnership by partnership and RMB Namibia will be there with you to make this happen.

RMB Namibia remains committed to this vision: a diversified mining sector that creates wealth, protects environments, empowers communities, and positions Namibia as Africa's mining destination of choice.





Namibia to establish national cancer control programme by June 2026

Namibia will finalise a comprehensive National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) by June 2026, as the country moves to strengthen early detection and prevention of cancer, Minister of Health and Social Services Esperance Luvindao has said.

Luvindao said the NCCP will mark a shift in national cancer strategy, with greater emphasis on prevention and early diagnosis.

She noted that many Namibians are currently diagnosed at advanced stages, often at Stage 3 or 4, when treatment options are largely palliative.

The ministry aims to detect cancer cases at Stage 1 or earlier, which she said would significantly improve survival outcomes while also reducing long-term treatment costs for the state.

“Key risk factors include tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and unhealthy body weight, all of which are contributing to rising cancer incidence,” Luvindao said. “At the centre of our response is the development of a comprehensive National Cancer Control Programme, which we aim to finalise by June 2026.”

She said the ministry has identified

Key risk factors include tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and unhealthy body weight, all of which are contributing to rising cancer incidence.

several immediate priorities to transform cancer care in the public health system. A major focus is the decentralisation of oncology services, including the establishment of oncology departments at Oshakati Intermediate Hospital to better serve the densely populated northern regions.

Luvindao said the expansion of services would be accompanied by efforts to significantly reduce waiting times for cancer treatment, with the ministry targeting a maximum waiting period of six weeks. On the infrastructure side, she said the ministry is modernising cancer treatment capacity through the procurement of a new brachytherapy machine for cervical cancer, as well as upgrades to radiotherapy and molecular imaging equipment.

“The most effective approach to reducing cancer incidence and mortality in Namibia, and globally, is through strengthened

awareness, prevention and early detection,” Luvindao said. “We must intensify cancer prevention efforts through dietary education, the promotion of physical activity and healthier lifestyle choices.”

She added that the ministry is also expanding screening programmes for breast, prostate, cervical and colorectal cancers, alongside other priority cancers.

Luvindao acknowledged a critical shortage of specialist expertise in the public sector, noting that Namibia currently has only one specialist oncologist. To address this, she said the ministry is investing in human capital, with four oncology specialists currently undergoing training abroad.

Three of the specialists are expected to be deployed to the planned northern oncology facilities, a move aimed at ensuring sustainable and long-term cancer care services across the country.

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