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## MAIN STORY



## DemshiTelco signs Botswana fibre deal to connect 40,000 homes in Francistown

Namibian telecommunications company DemshiTelco has launched its Botswana expansion by signing infrastructure-sharing agreements with Paratus Botswana and Abaricom Botswana, paving the way for fibre broadband services to more than 40,000 homes in Francistown.

The agreements, signed in Gaborone,

### Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement dates:**
  - \* 12 August 2026
  - \* 29 October 2026
  - \* 10 December 2026
- **Namibia Oil and Gas Conference 18–21 August 2026 in Windhoek**

allow the two internet service providers to access DemshiTelco's open access fibre network to deliver broadband services to residential and business customers.

DemshiTelco Managing Director Werner Shilunga said Francistown was selected as the company's first rollout location as it begins building its Botswana footprint.

"Francistown has over 40,000 homes and DemshiTelco intends to roll out fibre across the entire city," Shilunga said.

He said the company's network is already operational and ready to connect customers, while recruitment is underway to establish a local team to support the expansion.

"DemshiTelco's network went live and is ready to connect homes. We are busy putting a team together that will drive the growth of DemshiTelco in Botswana," he said.

The company has also secured wayleave approvals in Maun, Tlokweng and Phakalane, positioning it for further expansion across Botswana.

Shilunga said negotiations with additional internet service providers were progressing, with further Master Service Agreements expected to be concluded in the coming weeks.

"We are in advanced talks with other ISPs in Botswana and are hopeful that in the coming weeks we will finalise MSAs with one or two more ISPs," he said.

The Botswana rollout forms part of DemshiTelco's broader regional growth

strategy. The company plans to invest between N\$1.5 billion and N\$2 billion in the first phase of its expansion, targeting operations in five to seven Southern African countries by 2030.

"Our regional expansion will see DemshiTelco operate in at least five to seven Southern African countries by 2030," Shilunga said.

The regional strategy includes expansion into Tanzania, Zambia, Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, targeting a combined market of more than 100 million people.

Shilunga said partnerships between infrastructure owners and internet service providers would accelerate broadband connectivity across the region while enabling Namibian companies to become pan-African businesses.

"This is the type of collaboration that will ensure Namibia builds Pan-African companies. We hope financial institutions will follow suit to support Namibian companies to expand and scale across Africa," he said.

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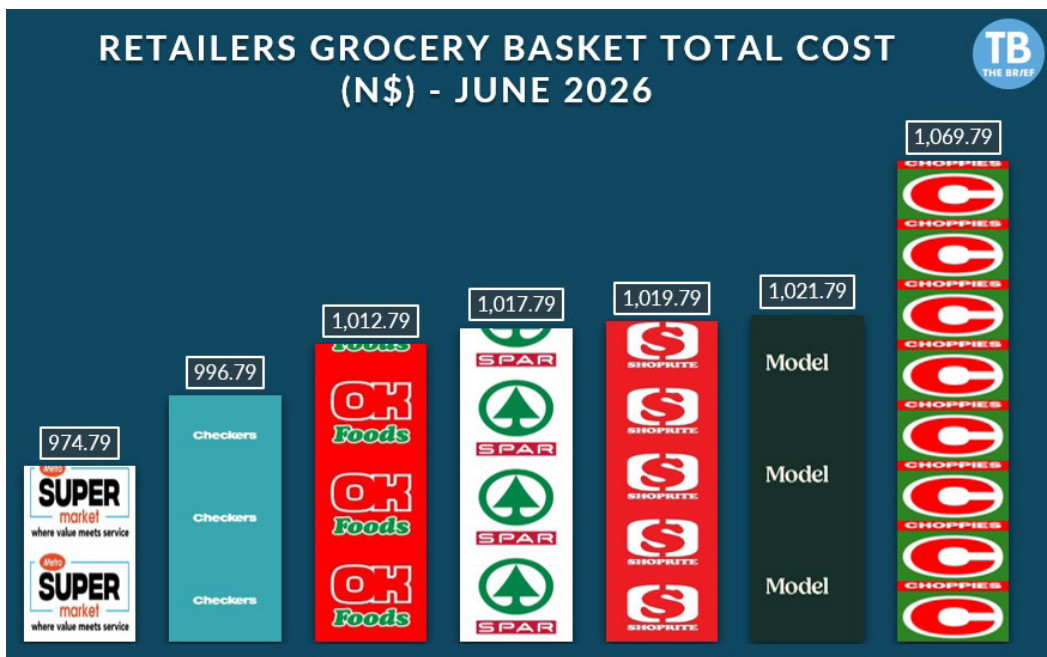
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## Metro (Eros) offers the lowest retail grocery basket in June 2026

The June 2026 retail grocery basket comparison indicates that Metro (Eros) remained the most affordable retailer, offering the lowest overall grocery basket among the seven retailers surveyed.

The basket, comprising 21 essential household items, cost N\$974.79 at Metro (Eros), followed by Checkers (The Grove Mall) at N\$996.79 and OK Foods (Independence) at N\$1,012.79.

At the other end of the comparison, Choppies (Otjomuise) recorded the highest overall grocery basket cost at N\$1,069.79, followed by Model (Wernhil) at N\$1,021.79 and Shoprite (Independence) at N\$1,019.79. Consumers purchasing the full basket at Metro (Eros) instead of Choppies (Otjomuise) would have saved N\$95.00, representing a

saving of approximately 8.9%.

### Key Category Insights

- \* Staples and Carbohydrates
  - \* White Bread (Loaf): Price matching is heavily evident here, with Metro, Model, Choppies, and Checkers all setting their baseline price at a competitive N\$13.99.
  - \* Top Score Maize Meal (5kg): Spar (Westlane) offers the best value for this essential staple at N\$65.99, while Choppies charges the highest at N\$73.99.
  - \* Tastic Rice (2kg): Spar (Westlane) undercuts the rest of the market drastically at N\$32.99, compared to N\$44.99 at OK Foods.
2. Proteins and Dairy
- \* Chicken (Cheapest, 1.5kg): Choppies (Otjomuise) provides relief here with the lowest price at N\$86.99, offsetting some of

its higher costs in other categories. Checkers is the most expensive at N\$99.99.

\* Mince (1kg): Checkers (Grove Mall) dominates this category with a significantly lower price of N\$99.99, while Choppies highlights the upper bound at N\$129.99.

\* Long Life Full Cream Milk (Nammilk, 1L): A fixed promotional price of N\$21.99 is shared jointly by OK Foods, Shoprite, Model, and Choppies.

### 3. Fresh Produce

Price variations across fresh produce remain highly volatile:

\* Onions (1kg): Shared low points are found at OK Foods, Spar, and Checkers at N\$24.99.

\* Potatoes (1kg): Shoprite and Model tied for the lowest cost at N\$24.99.

\* Tomatoes (1kg): Metro (Eros) wins the category at N\$32.99, while Spar peaks at N\$39.99.

### 4. Household & Personal Care

\* Toilet Paper (cheapest 9 Rolls (350 Sheets)): Model prices 2 Ply Toilet Paper at a market low N\$65.99, whereas Choppies charges a massive N\$104.99.

\* Sunlight Washing Powder (2kg): Spar aggressively undercuts the market here at N\$56.99, compared to the N68.99-N\$72.99 standard found at Metro, OK Foods, and Choppies.

### Conclusion & Consumer Takeaway

While Metro (Eros) delivers the best overall value for a single-trip grocery run, smart shoppers can leverage specific store promotions to optimize their spending. For instance, combining a trip to Checkers for meats (mince and pasta) with a trip to Spar for pantry staples (rice and maize meal) could yield even steeper cumulative savings.

### Items in the basket:

White Bread, Cooking Oil (2L), Top Score Maize Meal (5kg), White Sugar (2.5kg), Tastic Rice (2kg), Polona Macaroni Pasta (3kg), Chicken (1.5kg), Mince (1kg), Long Life Milk (1L), Rama Butter (500g), Canned Pilchards (400g), Corned Meat (300g), Onions (1kg), Potatoes (1kg), Tomatoes (1kg), 2 Ply Toilet Paper (9 rolls), Sunlight Washing Powder (2kg), Sunlight Dishwashing Liquid (750ml), Soap (175g), Aquafresh Toothpaste (100ml).

## Namibia Grocery Basket Price Comparison: June 2026 Analysis

### RETAILER RANKINGS (TOTAL BASKET COST)

**N\$ 974.79 - The Winning Price**

Lowest total for the 21-item essential basket.

**Metro (Eros) N\$ 974.79**

**Checkers (The Grove Mall) N\$ 996.79**

#### The Top 3 Value Leaders

**OK Foods (Independence) N\$ 1,012.79**

**Shoprite (Independence) N\$ 1,019.79**

**Model (Wernhil) N\$ 1,021.79**

**Choppies (Otjomuise) N\$ 1,069.79**

The Higher End: Choppies recorded the highest cost



### CATEGORY "VALUE CHAMPIONS"



**Spar (Westlane): The Pantry Specialist**

Tastic Rice (2kg)

**N\$ 32.99**

vs N\$ 44.99 elsewhere



Maize Meal

**N\$ 65.99**



#### Protein Price Split

**Choppies:**

Cheapest Chicken

**N\$ 86.99**

**Checkers:**

Dominates Mince

**N\$ 99.99**

(N\$ 30 cheaper than highest competitor)



#### Household Care Disparity

**Model:** 9 rolls of toilet paper

**N\$ 65.99**

**vs. Choppies**

**N\$ 104.99**

(Massive Difference)

### PRICE VOLATILITY VS. PRICE MATCHING



White Bread

**N\$ 13.99**



Long Life Milk

**N\$ 21.99**

#### 26% Gap in Rice Prices

**Spar**

**N\$ 32.99**

**OK Foods**

**N\$ 44.99**

Tastic Rice (2kg)



**Metro: Tomatoes**

**N\$ 32.99**

vs. higher price competitors



**Shoprite & Model:**

**N\$ 24.99**

Potatoes



## OL completes N\$260m redevelopment of Mokuti Etosha

**O**L Leisure has completed the N\$260 million redevelopment of Mokuti Etosha as the hospitality group continues to bet heavily on the recovery and long-term growth of Namibia's tourism sector.

The redevelopment, which began in 2022, transformed the lodge into a premium tourism destination featuring renovated guest rooms, new restaurants, upgraded public spaces, the Ombala Presidential Suite and the elevated SkyBoma dining experience.

The investment has increased Mokuti Etosha's permanent workforce from 120

to 136 employees, with a further 13 fixed-term positions expected to be created during the current financial year.

According to OL Leisure, the redevelopment also created 115 construction jobs, of which 111 were filled by Namibians, while approximately 15 local suppliers benefited from the project.

The investment comes after OL Leisure expanded its hospitality portfolio last year through the acquisition of Le Mirage Resort & Spa in the Sossusvlei area and Divava Okavango Resort & Spa on the Kavango River.

Prime Minister Dr Elijah Ngurare

officially marked the completion of the project on Thursday evening by unveiling a commemorative plaque at the lodge's new SkyBoma on behalf of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

OL Group Executive Chairman Sven Thieme said the investment reflects the group's long-term confidence in Namibia's tourism sector despite the challenges the industry faced following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The total investment in Mokuti is one of OL Leisure's clearest statements of our belief in the future of Namibian tourism. We made this commitment in the aftermath of a global pandemic that devastated the hospitality industry.

We made it because we take a long view and because this is our home. We made it because we believe, with every conviction at our disposal, that Namibia is a premier global destination and that premier destinations deserve world-class products. Mokuti is that product," he said.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of President Nandi-Ndaitwah, Ngurare praised the investment, saying it demonstrates confidence in Namibia's tourism industry.

"Thank you for choosing to build here, invest here and stay here. We see your work and we are grateful for it," he said.

Ngurare said tourism contributes

approximately 6.9% to Namibia's gross domestic product, generating around N\$14.3 billion in economic activity and supporting more than 57,000 direct jobs.

"These are livelihoods, businesses and communities that depend on a thriving tourism sector," he said.

While Namibia recorded a strong recovery in tourist arrivals in 2024, Ngurare noted that arrivals declined in 2025, underscoring the need for continued investment to keep the country competitive.

"Tourism cannot be taken for granted. It requires continuous investment, effective marketing, quality service and supportive policy to remain competitive," he said.

He described the completed redevelopment as an example of the standard required to position Namibia as a leading tourism destination.

"What I see here tonight is what Namibian investment in Namibian tourism can look like at its very best,"

Ngurare said.

The redevelopment included the reconstruction of the main lodge building, kitchen and supporting infrastructure, together with upgraded reception facilities, restaurants, swimming pools and guest accommodation.

Mokuti Etosha forms part of OL Leisure's portfolio of six hospitality properties across Namibia.



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## Nangula Uaandja appointed to Bank Windhoek board

**B**ank Windhoek has appointed Nangula Nelulu-Uaandja as an Independent Non-Executive Director. According to the bank, Uaandja holds a Bachelor of Accounting Science degree and a Master's degree in Business Leadership.

The bank said she brings extensive leadership experience, having held senior positions focused on institutional governance, strategic transformation and Namibia's economic development.

Bank Windhoek Board Chairperson Johan Swanepoel said Uaandja's appointment would strengthen the board's oversight and strategic

direction.

"We are pleased to welcome Nangula Uaandja to the Bank Windhoek Board. Her proven leadership, strategic insight and strong understanding of governance, investment and financial services will further enrich the Board's deliberations as we continue to advance Bank Windhoek's purpose and long-term objectives," Swanepoel said.

According to Bank Windhoek, Uaandja's appointment reinforces the bank's commitment to strong corporate governance and strategic leadership as it continues to pursue its long-term growth objectives.

# HYPERMARKETS TOTAL BASKET COST (N\$) - JUNE 2026



Metro (Kleine Kuppe)

Woermann Brock(Otjomuise)

## Metro offers the cheapest grocery basket among hypermarkets in June 2026

The June 2026 hypermarket grocery basket comparison indicates that Metro (Kleine Kuppe) remained the most affordable hypermarket, offering the lowest overall grocery basket among

the two hypermarkets surveyed.

### Key Highlights

- Cheapest grocery basket: Metro (Kleine Kuppe) – N\$877.81
- Most expensive grocery basket:

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Woermann Brock (Otjomuise) – N\$912.81

- Potential savings: N\$35.00 (3.8%)
- Metro offered the lowest price on 12 of the 19 products surveyed.
- Woermann Brock offered the lowest price on 4 products, while 3 products were priced equally at both retailers.

Metro offered the lowest prices for 12 of the 19 items surveyed. These included white bread, 2L cooking oil, 5kg Top Score maize meal, 2.5kg white sugar, 1.5kg chicken, 3kg Polana Macaroni Pasta, 1L Nammilk Full Cream Long Life Milk, 9-roll 2-ply toilet paper, 500g Rama Butter, 18 medium eggs, 1kg onions, and 1kg tomatoes. The retailer also matched Woermann Brock's prices on Wellington's Tomato Sauce (750ml), 2kg Sunlight Washing Powder, and a bar of soap, further contributing to its competitive overall basket price.

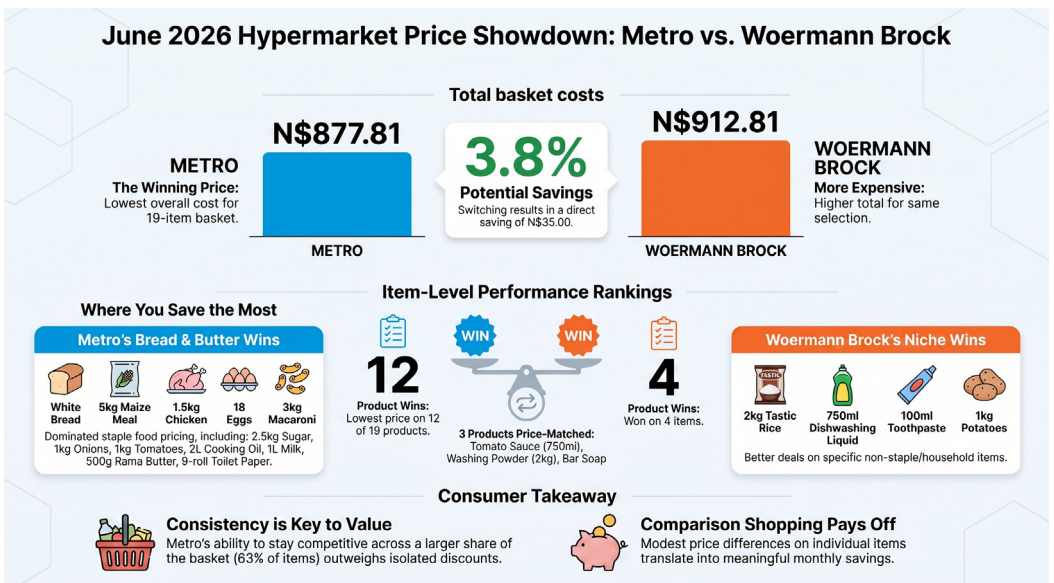
Woermann Brock recorded the lowest prices for four products, namely 2kg Tastic Rice, 750ml Sunlight Dishwashing

Liquid, 100ml Aquafresh Toothpaste and 1kg of potatoes. While the retailer remained competitive on these items, higher prices across several staple food products resulted in a higher overall basket cost.

**Conclusion & Consumer Takeaway**

Overall, the findings indicate that Metro continued to provide the best overall value for consumers purchasing a basket of essential grocery items. Although Woermann Brock offered lower prices on selected household products, Metro's consistently competitive pricing across a larger share of the basket enabled it to maintain the lowest overall grocery basket cost for the month.

This comparison reinforces the importance of comparing prices across retailers, as even modest differences on individual items can translate into meaningful savings on the overall grocery basket.



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## Partnerships as the new infrastructure for development

By Nashilongo Gervasius

As nations navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world, it is clear that development can no longer be driven by governments or institutions acting alone.

Today's challenges, from economic resilience and technological transformation to skills development and innovation, require collaboration across sectors.

In the knowledge economy, partnerships are no longer merely complementary to development. They are development infrastructure.

For universities, this shift presents an important opportunity. Institutions of higher learning are increasingly moving beyond their traditional roles of teaching and research to become platforms where government, industry, civil society, the media and international partners come together to co-create solutions that address national priorities.

This is the essence of meaningful internationalisation. It should not be measured by the number of agreements signed or global partnerships established, but by the local impact those collaborations deliver. International partnerships should strengthen institutions, develop local talent, facilitate knowledge exchange and create opportunities that contribute to national development.

### Universities as catalysts for national development

Modern universities are uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between knowledge and practice. Through strategic partnerships, they can accelerate innovation, support entrepreneurship, influence public policy and contribute directly to national development goals.

At the Namibia University of Science and



**In the knowledge economy, partnerships are no longer merely complementary to development.**

Technology (NUST), corporate engagement and internationalisation are viewed through this lens.

Partnerships are not pursued for their own sake but because they create opportunities for collaborative research, student and staff development, industry engagement and international knowledge exchange.

Equally important is the recognition that development is strengthened through collaboration across what has traditionally been known as the "Triple Helix" of universities, industry and government.

Today, however, there is a compelling case for recognising the media as a fourth pillar. Without informed journalism, innovation receives little visibility, investment opportunities remain underreported and public accountability is weakened.

A well-informed media sector plays a vital role in translating complex issues into accessible information that empowers citizens and strengthens democratic governance.

### Better information builds stronger economies

Development depends not only on the knowledge we generate but also on the quality of information available to society.

Strong institutions thrive when citizens, policymakers and investors have access to

credible, accurate and insightful reporting.

Financial journalism plays a critical role in helping the public understand national budgets, taxation, investment, entrepreneurship, public debt and broader economic trends. Transparent reporting also enhances accountability and investor confidence. In this regard, programmes such as the Bloomberg Media Initiative Africa Financial Journalism Training Programme, which NUST is co-implementing in Namibia this year, illustrate the transformative potential of strategic partnerships.

For NUST, investing in professional capacity is also an investment in stronger institutions, more informed public discourse and greater economic resilience.

There is also a broader lesson for Africa. For too long, the continent's economic narrative has often been shaped externally. In the true pursuit of decolonisation, Africa's development story should be informed by African researchers, African universities and African journalists using African data.

As Namibia pursues its development ambitions, there is a greater need than ever to invest in partnerships that create lasting value.

The most successful collaborations are those rooted in mutual respect, shared expertise and long-term institutional strengthening.

Their success should be measured by the capabilities they leave behind, the institutions they strengthen and the opportunities they create for future generations.

Namibia's future competitiveness depends on how effectively we collaborate

to generate, apply and communicate knowledge for the benefit of society.

If development is to be inclusive and sustainable, partnerships must become more than strategic aspirations. They must become the foundation upon which stronger institutions, informed citizens and resilient economies are built.

***\*Nashilongo Gervasius is Director of Corporate Engagement and Internationalisation at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and a Technology Policy Researcher.***



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## Bank Windhoek appoints Ian Erlank as Chief Treasurer



**B**ank Windhoek has appointed Ian Erlank as its new Chief Treasurer, effective 1 July 2026.

The appointment marks Erlank's return to Bank Windhoek, where he began his career as a Dealer in Specialised Investments before joining Capricorn Asset Management, where he served as Chief Operating Officer and later Chief Executive for Investment Management.

Most recently, Erlank was Head of Global Markets at Rand Merchant Bank Namibia, where he oversaw foreign exchange, cross-border payments, financial risk management and strategic market initiatives.

Erlank replaces Claire Hobbs, who is retiring.

Bank Windhoek Managing Director James Chapman said the treasury function remains central to the bank's financial strength and long-term growth.

"Treasury plays a central role in safeguarding the Bank's financial strength and supporting our ability to serve clients with confidence.

Ian Erlank brings exceptional market knowledge, proven leadership and a strong understanding of the Namibian financial landscape. We are pleased to welcome him back to Bank Windhoek and are confident that his contribution will further strengthen our resilience, competitiveness and long-term growth."

Erlank holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies from the University of Stellenbosch Business School, a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics from the University of Pretoria, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

He also holds a Certificate in FinTech from Harvard University and an ACI Dealing Certificate awarded by the ACI Financial Markets Association.

According to the bank, Erlank's appointment will strengthen its focus on financial discipline, prudent risk management and sustainable growth as it responds to evolving market conditions.



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## Standard Bank targets public transport users with new Windhoek partnership

**S**tandard Bank Namibia has expanded its partnership with the City of Windhoek by rolling out branding across the capital's public transport network as the bank strengthens its presence in everyday commuter services.

The bank has branded 10 municipal buses and the Wernhil Taxi Rank, building on its recent collaboration with the municipality to enable commuters to top up bus cards through the PayPulse app.

According to the bank, the initiative marks another step in Standard Bank's strategy to integrate its banking services into public transport while increasing the visibility of its retail banking products.

Standard Bank said the campaign is designed to promote its lifestyle banking

offering, including the recently launched URewards programme, while reaching thousands of commuters who use the city's public transport system every day.

Executive Officer for Marketing and Brand, Elzita Beukes, said the partnership extends beyond marketing.

"Our partnership with the City of Windhoek is about more than creating a strong brand presence across the city. It is about meeting customers where they are and connecting with them through experiences that are relevant to their everyday lives," she said.

According to the bank, the campaign is expected to generate significant daily exposure while reinforcing its focus on customer convenience and digital banking.

Our partnership with the City of Windhoek is about more than creating a strong brand presence across the city.

Standard Bank Manager for Everyday Banking, Felicia Jooste, said the campaign reflects the bank's broader customer engagement strategy.

"This is far more than a traditional branding exercise. The creative reflects the ambitions, aspirations and lifestyles of our customers. It showcases how Standard Bank supports them not only through financial solutions, but through experiences, rewards and innovations that help simplify everyday life."

She said the campaign also demonstrates the bank's commitment to delivering banking solutions that fit seamlessly into customers' daily lives.

"Breaking through the clutter requires more than visibility. It requires relevance. This campaign is dynamic, impossible to miss and designed to leave a lasting impression. More importantly, it

demonstrates our commitment to creating meaningful connections with our customers while delivering solutions that support the way Namibians live, travel and transact."

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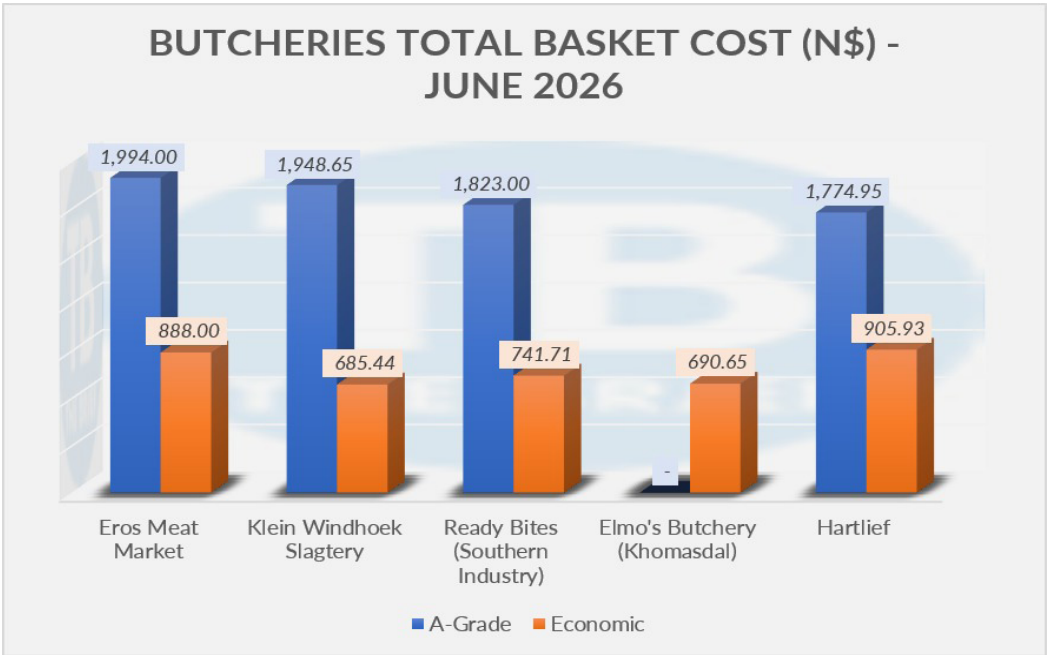
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## June 2026 Butchery price comparison: Who offered the best value?

The June 2026 butchery comparison showed that the cost of purchasing a standard basket of meat products varied across retailers.

Hartliet offered the lowest-priced A-grade basket, while Klein Windhoek Slaughterery recorded the lowest total cost for the economic meat basket, narrowly outperforming Elmo's Butchery.

### A-Grade Meat Cuts

For the basket of nine A-grade meat cuts, Hartliet recorded the lowest total basket price at N\$1,774.95, followed by Ready Bites (Southern Industry) at N\$1,823.00, Klein Windhoek Slaughterery at N\$1,948.65, and Eros Meat Market at N\$1,994.00.

- Hartliet offered the most competitive prices for T-bone steak (N\$199.99/kg), beef

- fillet (N\$293.99/kg), silverside (N\$140.99/kg), and oxtail (N\$159.99/kg).

- Meanwhile, Ready Bites recorded the lowest prices for lamb carcass (N\$ 125.00/kg), lean mince (N\$ 89.00/kg), and sirloin steak (N\$ 153.00/kg).

- Eros Meat Market offered the lowest price for Rump Steak and rib-eye steak (N\$215.00/kg), matching Ready Bites for this cut.

- None of the individual meat cuts surveyed were priced lowest at Klein Windhoek Slaughterery. Price differences remained significant for certain premium cuts. For example, sirloin steak ranged from N\$153.00/kg at Ready Bites to N\$284.64/kg at Klein Windhoek Slaughterery, while rump steak ranged from N\$225.00/kg at Eros Meat Market to N\$289.03/kg at Hartliet.

These differences highlight the potential savings available to consumers who compare prices across retailers.

### Economic Meat Cuts

For the basket of seven economic meat cuts, Klein Windhoek Slaughter recorded the lowest total basket price at N\$685.44, closely followed by Elmo's Butchery at N\$690.65, Ready Bites (Southern Industry) at N\$741.71, Eros Meat Market at N\$888.00, and Hartlief at N\$905.93.

- Klein Windhoek Slaughter offered the most competitive prices for homemade boerewors (N\$66.00/kg) and Brisket (N\$94.89/kg).

- Elmo's Butchery provided the lowest prices for beef stew (N\$87.95/kg), budget beef cuts (N\$96.95/kg), and pork loin chops (N\$114.95/kg).

- Ready Bites offered the lowest price for ground beef mince (N\$89.00/kg) and matched Klein Windhoek Slaughter for the most competitively priced liver.

Compared to the premium basket, economic cuts displayed smaller price differences across retailers, although

substantial variation remained for selected products.

### What is in the Baskets?

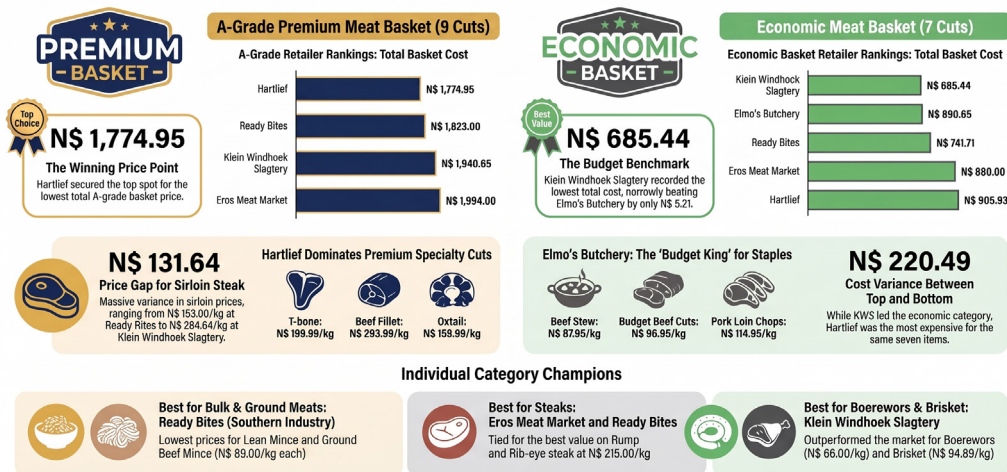
- The A-grade basket consists of nine premium meat cuts, namely T-bone steak, rib-eye steak, whole lamb carcass, lean mince, rump steak, beef fillet, sirloin steak, silverside, and oxtail.

- The economic basket comprises seven lower-cost meat products, including liver, beef stew, ground beef mince, homemade boerewors, brisket, budget beef cuts, and pork loin chops.

### Conclusion & Consumer Takeaway

Overall, the June 2026 comparison suggests that consumers seeking premium meat cuts would have achieved the greatest savings by shopping at Hartlief, while Klein Windhoek Slaughter remained the most affordable option for economic meat cuts, closely followed by Elmo's Butchery. The findings continue to demonstrate that comparing prices across butcherries can result in meaningful savings, particularly for higher-value cuts where price differences remain pronounced.

## Namibia Butchery Price Comparison Report: June 2026





## Over 150 Namibian businesses court Chinese investors at Shanghai forum

**M**ore than 150 Namibian business representatives participated in the Namibia–China (Shanghai) Business Forum, where the government pitched Namibia as a gateway to Southern Africa and sought to attract Chinese investment into energy, mining, logistics, manufacturing and value addition.

The forum formed part of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah's State Visit to China and is aimed at strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership between the two countries while expanding trade and investment between Namibian and Chinese businesses.

Minister of International Relations and Trade Selma Ashipala-Musavyi said the large Namibian business delegation reflected growing interest in securing market access, attracting investment and forming joint ventures with Chinese companies.

"When you invest in Namibia, you are not investing in a market of over three million people. You are investing in a market of more than 300 million consumers across the SADC region and 1.2 billion people in the wider African market," Ashipala-Musavyi said.

She said Namibia offers investors strategic access to regional markets through the Port of Walvis Bay, supported by ongoing

investments in transport infrastructure and trade corridors.

"The Port of Walvis Bay is not just a port; it is the gateway to the Southern African Development Community (SADC), a market of more than 300 million consumers," she said.

Energy and mining featured prominently during the investment forum, with the government promoting opportunities in green hydrogen, offshore oil and gas, critical minerals and mineral beneficiation.

Ashipala-Musavyi said renewable energy resources and recent hydrocarbon discoveries position the country as a key investment destination for the global energy transition.

"We have the highest levels of solar radiation and some of the strongest winds on the planet. Our flagship Tsau //Khaeb Green Hydrogen Project is not a pipe dream; it is a reality that is attracting billions of dollars in investment," she said.

She also urged Chinese companies to invest in downstream mineral processing rather than exporting raw materials.

"Let us process our lithium into battery precursors. Let us smelt our copper into wire. Let us create value where the ore is mined," Ashipala-Musavyi said.

The minister said Namibia is implementing reforms to improve the ease of doing business, including streamlined administrative

processes, digital visa systems, easier access to industrial land and a regulatory framework designed to strengthen investor confidence.

"Namibia is governed by the rule of law, with a robust judiciary, a free press and a transparent financial system," she said.

The forum concluded with calls for stronger partnerships between Namibian and Chinese businesses across agriculture, infrastructure, energy, logistics, education, manufacturing and e-commerce as both countries seek to deepen economic cooperation.

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## Nedbank steps in as Namibia battles graduate workplace skills gap

**N**edbank Namibia has expanded its Graduate Training and Internship Programme as employers increasingly move to bridge the gap between academic qualifications and workplace readiness amid persistent youth unemployment.

The initiative comes as the government intensifies efforts to improve graduate employability through the National Programme for Employment Creation and the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6), which place greater emphasis on

apprenticeships, internships and work-integrated learning.

Nedbank's latest intake comprises 15 graduates and interns deployed across critical business functions, including Finance, Treasury, Corporate and Investment Banking, Information and Communication Technology, Human Capital, Operational Risk Management, Marketing, Valuations, Bancassurance and Data and Innovation.

The participants were recruited from the University of Namibia (UNAM),

the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and the International University of Management (IUM), with qualifications spanning accounting, data science, quantitative finance, industrial psychology, mining engineering, media studies and property studies.

According to the bank, one in three participants is a former bursary recipient, linking its education funding directly to workplace skills development.

Nedbank Executive for Human Capital Bianca Muller said academic qualifications alone are no longer enough to prepare young people for the workplace.

"Young Namibians are increasingly educated, and that is encouraging. The next step is to help them translate education into workplace confidence, values-led decision-making and client-centred contribution. For Nedbank Namibia, this is part of building money experts who do good."

The programme aligns with Namibia's National Work Integrated Learning Policy 2025–2030, which aims to strengthen

graduate employability by integrating structured workplace experience into higher education and technical and vocational education and training.

Graduate participant Kaziva de Klerk said the programme had broadened her understanding of banking and insurance, while Kris Cristiano said his placement in Corporate and Investment Banking had provided valuable insight into how banks finance large investment and infrastructure projects.

According to Afrobarometer, 83% of young Namibians have completed at least secondary education, while 23% hold post-secondary qualifications, highlighting the growing challenge of converting educational attainment into meaningful employment.

Nedbank said it will continue investing in its Graduate Training and Internship Programme and bursary scheme as part of its long-term strategy to build a pipeline of skilled professionals for Namibia's financial sector.



## PREMIUM STORES TOTAL BASKET COST (N\$) - JUNE 2026



## Checkers Maerua Mall leads the Premium Stores pack in June 2026

Checkers (Maerua Mall) emerged as the most cost-effective premium shopping destination for the month of June, recording a total basket cost of N\$1,616.79.

Followed by Superspar (Grove Mall) at N\$1,668.76, Food Lovers (Hilltop) at N\$1,671.79, Woermann Fresh (Klein Windhoek) at N\$1,697.79, and Model (Auas Valley) at N\$1,742.79 making it N\$126.00 more expensive than Checkers for the identical selection of goods.

### Item-by-Item Comparison

Checkers (Maerua Mall) offered the lowest prices for seven of the 21 products surveyed, namely:

- Long-life full cream milk (1L) – N\$21.99
- Cucumber (each) – N\$22.99
- Onions (1kg) – N\$23.99
- Chicken breasts (per kg) – N\$122.99
- Sirloin steak (per kg) – N\$182.99
- Dishwashing liquid (750ml) – N\$29.99
- Sunlight Auto Washing Powder (2kg) – N\$67.99

- Tangy Mayonnaise (750g) – N\$46.99 (joint lowest with Food Lovers)

Food Lovers (Hilltop) offered the lowest prices for:

- Lettuce (each) – N\$29.99
- Apples (1kg) – N\$25.99
- Olive oil (1L) – N\$199.99
- Tangy Mayonnaise (750g) – N\$46.99 (joint lowest with Checkers)
- Toilet paper (18 rolls, 2-ply) – N\$172.99 (joint lowest with Woermann Fresh)

Woermann Fresh (Klein Windhoek) offered the lowest prices for:

- Tomatoes (1kg) – N\$39.99
- Basmati rice (1kg) – N\$89.99
- Salted butter (500g) – N\$97.99
- Knorr salad dressing (340ml) – N\$39.99
- Toilet paper (18 rolls, 2-ply) – N\$172.99 (joint lowest with Food Lovers)

Superspar (Grove Mall) offered the lowest prices for:

- Cheddar cheese (400g) – N\$139.99

- Potatoes (1kg) – N\$24.99 (joint lowest with Food Lovers)

- Macaroni pasta (500g) – N\$14.99 Model (Auas Valley) offered the lowest prices for:

- White bread (loaf) – N\$13.99
- White sugar (2kg) – N\$39.99

### Conclusion & Consumer Takeaway

For shoppers intending to purchase the full basket from a single retailer, Checkers (Maerua Mall) offered the best overall value in June 2026, with a basket that was N\$126.00 (approximately 7.2%) cheaper than the most expensive basket recorded.

However, consumers with the flexibility to shop across multiple retailers may achieve even greater savings by taking advantage of each store's pricing strengths. Comparing prices before shopping remains an effective way to reduce grocery expenditure, especially on higher-value items where price differences between retailers can be substantial.

## Namibia Grocery Price Index: June 2026 Premium Store Comparison

Statistical breakdown of standardized 21-item basket costs across major premium retailers in Windhoek.



### The June 2026 Leaderboard: Total Basket Cost

CHECKERS (Maerua Mall)	N\$1,616.79
SUPERSPAR (Grove Mall)	N\$1,668.76
FOOD LOVERS (Hilltop)	N\$1,671.79
WOERMANN FRESH (Klein Windhoek)	N\$1,697.79
MODEL (Auas Valley)	N\$1,742.79

**THE N\$126.00 PREMIUM GAP**

7.2% Price Difference between the cheapest and most expensive basket.

Potential savings of **N\$126.00.**

Item-Level Price Leaders: Every retailer held lowest prices for at least two specific products.

**Checkers Wins on High-Value Proteins and Staples**

Chicken Breasts (N\$122.99/kg)

Sirloin Steak (N\$182.99/kg)

Long-life Milk (N\$21.99)

**Checkers** ✓ lowest prices on 7 of 21 items

**Food Lovers & Woermann Fresh Lead in Fresh Produce and Household**

Apples (N\$25.99/kg)

Olive Oil (N\$199.99)

Tomatoes (N\$39.99/kg)

Basmati Rice (N\$89.99)

**Specialized Savings at Superspar and Model**

Macaroni (N\$14.99)

Cheddar (N\$139.99)

White Bread (N\$13.99)

White Sugar (N\$39.99)

**Strategic Shopping Takeaways**

# 7.2%

**Potential Savings**

Shoppers can save approximately 7.2% just by choosing the right single retailer for their monthly shop.

**The Multi-Store Advantage**

Consumers with the flexibility to shop across multiple retailers can achieve savings greater than 7.2% by targeting each store's specific price strengths.

## Sustainability needs a stronger legal backbone

By Des-Rose Engelbrecht

**W**orld Environment Day 2026 was centred on the theme of climate action, highlighting the urgent need for collective global efforts to confront climate change and advance a more sustainable future.

While this theme placed particular emphasis on climate action, I think it's important to reflect and push a broader environmental and legal mandate that extends beyond climate resilience alone.

Namibia is celebrated for its expansive, largely untouched landscapes, remarkable natural beauty, and diverse biodiversity, and this has, in a sense, become our country's global imprint.

From its world-famous deserts to its distinctive coastline, the country supports a wide range of endemic species and delicate ecosystems that hold both national and international significance.

Particularly noteworthy is Namibia's entire coastline, which is legally protected through a network of national parks. This type of protection is vital for the conservation of biodiversity, the preservation of sensitive ecosystems, and the safeguarding of habitats and species that form part of the country's invaluable natural heritage.

In the context of Africa Day, commemorated on 25 May, and Genocide Remembrance Day, observed on 28 May, the natural environment may also be understood as a space of historical memory and collective belonging, further underscoring the importance of its protection.

In Namibia, environmental law serves as a regulatory framework, but also as a fundamental instrument for protecting the



**Namibia's renewable future will be most credible and sustainable if it is built on a legal foundation that protects biodiversity.**

nation's exceptional ecological resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Namibia has a distinguished history of protecting its vulnerable and sensitive environments and remains one of the few countries globally to recognise environmental protection in its Constitution.

To maintain and give full effect to this constitutional status, it is essential that environmental laws and regulatory measures be implemented in a proactive manner, that existing criteria be continuously monitored and evaluated, and that they be amended where necessary to respond effectively to evolving environmental risks and governance demands.

All Government institutions, companies, other organisations and individuals that are involved in planning or undertaking any listed activities must apply the principles outlined in the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007, before starting any operations that might likely cause a significant effect on the environment.

When considering our national renewable energy goals, Namibia should prioritise the strengthening, refinement and effective

implementation of environmental laws that ensure renewable energy development proceeds in a sustainable, lawful and ecologically responsible manner

In this regard, some of the most important laws requiring continued review and improvement are the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012, the Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013, and the Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975, as amended by the Nature Conservation Amendment Act 3 of 2017.

These laws collectively govern environmental clearance, impact assessment, water use, pollution control, biodiversity conservation and protected-area management, all of which are directly implicated in the expansion of renewable energy infrastructure in Namibia.

We should not focus only on energy-sector reform, but must also strengthen the environmental legal framework that governs where, how and under what conditions renewable energy projects may proceed.

Namibia's renewable future will be most credible and sustainable if it is built on a legal foundation that protects biodiversity, safeguards water resources, ensures rigorous environmental assessment, and gives proper effect to constitutional principles of sustainable development.

The global commitment to the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlights the urgent need to tackle societal, economic, and environmental challenges through 17 interlinked goals. Despite its critical role, the importance of legal framework in achieving these sustainable

development goals is often overlooked.

In July 2025, the International Court of Justice issued a landmark ruling: countries have legal obligations to act on climate change.

The case was brought by Vanuatu – a Pacific island state – and supported by over 130 nations, including many African and Caribbean governments – marked a significant step forward in defining accountability at a global level. It was unprecedented in international law.

However, nearly one year after this ruling, the gap between legal obligation and real-world action remains stark. Governments collectively pledged US\$750 million to address climate damages.

Less than US\$190 million has been delivered to date.

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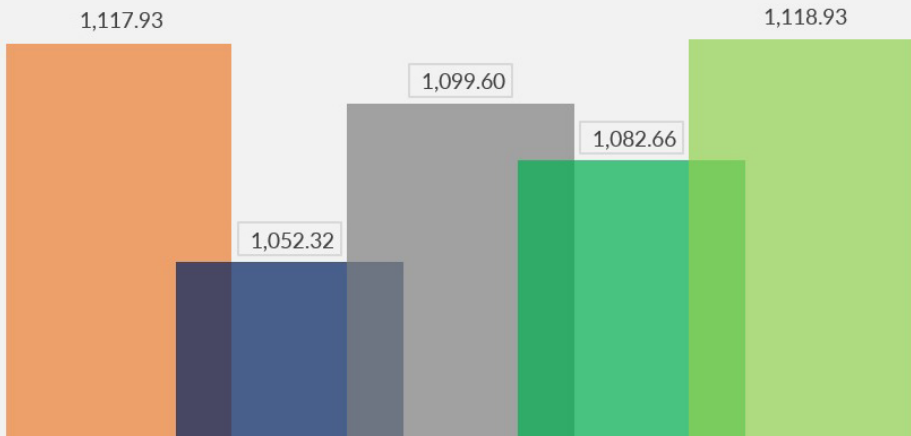
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## WHOLESALERS TOTAL BASKET COST (N\$) - JUNE 2026



■ Metro 
 ■ Windhoek C & C 
 ■ Wecke & Voigts 
 ■ NAMICA 
 ■ Agra



## Windhoek Cash & Carry records the lowest grocery basket cost in June 2026

Windhoek Cash & Carry retained its position as the most competitively priced wholesaler for the second consecutive month, with the total grocery basket costing N\$1,052.32.

This was followed by NAMICA at N\$1,082.66 and Wecke & Voigts at N\$1,099.60. Metro and Agra recorded the highest basket costs at N\$1,117.93 and N\$1,118.93, respectively.

The difference between the least expensive basket and the most expensive basket amounted to N\$66.61, representing a potential saving of approximately 6.0% for consumers purchasing the same basket of goods at the most affordable wholesaler.

- At an individual product level, Windhoek Cash & Carry offered the lowest prices for four of the seven grocery items surveyed, namely 5-litre

cooking oil (N\$166.95), 10kg Top Score maize meal (N\$117.50), 10kg Tastic rice (N\$174.99), and 10kg Vetkoek wheat flour (N\$137.95). These competitive prices largely contributed to its position as the lowest-cost wholesaler overall.

- Metro recorded the lowest prices for the remaining three products, namely 10kg white sugar (N\$186.99), 5kg Polana Macaroni Pasta (N\$126.99), and the 6-pack of Nammilk Full Cream Long Life Milk (N\$128.99). However, comparatively higher prices for cooking oil and rice increased Metro's overall basket cost, placing it fourth in the overall ranking.

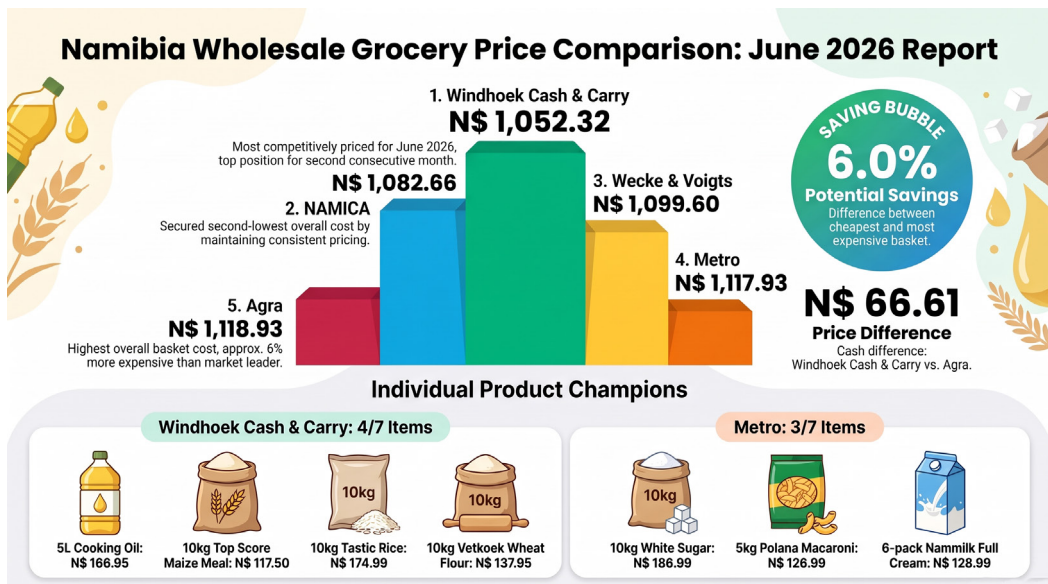
- Although NAMICA did not offer the lowest price for any individual item, it maintained relatively competitive pricing across the basket, resulting in the second-lowest overall basket cost. Likewise, Wecke & Voigts recorded mid-range prices across most items, placing third overall despite not being the cheapest for any individual product.

- Agra recorded the highest overall basket cost during the month. While its prices remained broadly comparable with those of other wholesalers, it did not offer the lowest price for any of the products surveyed, resulting in the highest total basket value.

### Conclusion & Consumer Takeaway

Overall, the June 2026 comparison indicates that Windhoek Cash & Carry continues to provide the best overall value for consumers purchasing staple grocery items in bulk. While individual products may occasionally be cheaper at competing wholesalers, consumers purchasing an entire grocery basket would have realised the greatest savings by shopping at Windhoek Cash & Carry.

The findings also reinforce the importance of comparing prices across retailers, as relatively small price differences on individual products can accumulate into meaningful savings on the total grocery bill.





## MTC backs SMEs with N\$382,000 investment in Ongwediva Trade Fair

**M**TC has invested more than N\$382,000 in the 2026 Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair as the telecommunications company steps up its support for entrepreneurship and small business development in Namibia.

The investment comprises N\$350,000 in sponsorship, more than N\$12,000 worth of airtime for the organising committee and branded merchandise valued at over N\$20,000 for trade fair personnel.

The funding will support the 25th edition of the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair, one of Namibia's largest platforms for SMEs, established businesses and investors to showcase products, build networks and secure new business opportunities.

MTC Chief Brand, Marketing, Communications and Sustainability Officer Tim Ekandjo said the company views the trade fair as a catalyst for economic growth and enterprise development.

"The Ongwediva Annual Trade

Fair continues to demonstrate the transformative power of partnerships in driving economic growth and creating opportunities for Namibian businesses. At MTC, we believe that investing in showcases like the OATF is an investment in entrepreneurs, innovation and the communities they serve."

Ongwediva Mayor Naemi Amuthenu said the event has become a key driver of business activity in northern Namibia.

"The Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair is our economic heartbeat. These sponsorships are an investment in business development, entrepreneurship, job creation, innovation and the future prosperity of our town and our country."

Held under the theme "A Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Economy," this year's trade fair will mark its 25th anniversary, bringing together businesses, entrepreneurs, government institutions and investors from across Namibia.

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