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Namibian telecommunications company DemshiTelco is planning a major regional expansion requiring between N\$1.5 billion and N\$2 billion in first-phase investment, with Botswana serving as the launch pad for its ambition to operate in seven Southern African countries by 2030, according to Managing Director Werner Shilunga.

Shilunga said the company's regional rollout strategy extends beyond its operations in Namibia and Botswana to include Tanzania, Zambia, Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, targeting a combined market of more than 100 million people.

"Our regional rollout plan targets Tanzania, Zambia, Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe in addition to Namibia and Botswana. This will require a massive investment of between N\$1.5 billion and N\$2 billion during the first phase of the rollout," Shilunga said.

The expansion comes as DemshiTelco accelerates the deployment of its open-access fibre network in Francistown, Botswana, where construction began at the start of June 2026.

According to Shilunga, the first phase of the project is targeting 3,000 homes passed, primarily focused on the city's central business district, with completion expected by the end of August.



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ince inception, the fund has mobilised significant capital into Namibia's property sector, with more than N\$650 million committed by GIFP.

Despite the ongoing construction, Shilunga said the network would begin serving customers earlier because the company's point of presence, located at the Mascom Wireless data centre in Francistown's CBD, is already operational.

"Clients will be connected from the beginning of July while we continue to deploy the network to cover the 3,000 homes passed," he said.

DemshiTelco is also in advanced discussions with several internet service providers to conclude master service agreements that would allow them to use the company's open-access fibre infrastructure to deliver broadband services to end-users.

For the remainder of 2026 and into mid-2027, the company intends to focus on expanding coverage throughout Francistown before entering additional markets.

"Francistown has well over 40,000 homes, and our plan is to deploy fibre across the entire city," Shilunga said.

Beyond Francistown, DemshiTelco has already secured wayleave approvals in Maun, Phakalane and Tlokweng, which are expected to become its next expansion destinations should demand for fibre


infrastructure remain strong.

Shilunga said the Botswana operation is conducted through Demshi Telco (Pty) Ltd, which obtained a telecommunications licence from the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) in 2025 and operates from offices in Gaborone.

The company is also building its local workforce in Botswana by recruiting fibre technicians, network technicians and senior executives to support future growth.

"We are currently employing local staff and assembling a team consisting of fibre technicians, network technicians and an experienced executive to drive the growth of DemshiTelco in Botswana," he said.

The managing director described the Botswana rollout as part of the company's broader strategy to establish a regional telecommunications footprint, with the long-term objective of operating across seven Southern African countries by 2030.



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CRAN rejects 624 appeals over rejection of Starlink's Namibia licence

The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) has dismissed all requests for reconsideration of its decision to reject licence applications submitted by Starlink Internet Services Namibia (Pty) Ltd, reaffirming that the company remains non-compliant with Namibia's telecommunications laws.

According to CRAN Chief Executive Officer Emilia Nghikembua, the regulator received 624 reconsideration requests from members of the public following its decision of 23 March 2026 to deny Starlink a telecommunications licence.

According to the regulator, 622 of the

requests failed to meet the procedural and jurisdictional requirements necessary for a valid reconsideration process. Nghikembua said the submissions did not clearly identify the decision being challenged, provide specific grounds for reconsideration, or contain sufficient information to support a lawful reassessment.

"The Authority received 624 reconsideration requests from members of the public. Of these, 622 did not meet the procedural and jurisdictional requirements necessary to trigger a valid reconsideration process, as they failed to clearly identify the decision challenged, set out specific

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grounds, or provide sufficient information for lawful reassessment," she said.

She further explained that the remaining two requests were evaluated on their merits but were also dismissed. CRAN found that they presented no new facts and failed to demonstrate any material error in the original decision.

Nghikembua reiterated that while Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite technologies can contribute to improved national connectivity, all operators must comply with Namibia's legal and regulatory framework.

She said Starlink's application remained non-compliant with the ownership and control requirements contained in Section 46 of the Communications Act.

CRAN further clarified that any exemptions to these requirements fall under the authority of the Minister of Information and Communication Technology and cannot be granted through a reconsideration process. "Starlink's application remained non-compliant with the ownership and control requirements under Section 46 of the Communications Act, No. 8 of

2009. Exemptions under Section 46(2) fall within the competence of the Minister of Information and Communication Technology and are not matters that CRAN may determine through a reconsideration process," she said.

The regulator also rejected a separate reconsideration application submitted by Starlink Internet Services Namibia (Pty) Ltd. It found that the application had been filed after the statutory deadline and that neither the Communications Act nor the applicable regulations provide for the condonation of late submissions.

In addition, Nghikembua said a public petition submitted on 17 June 2026 requesting a review of the decision could not be considered because it was lodged after the deadline for reconsideration applications, which expired on 23 April 2026.



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Old Mutual Investment Group invests N\$3bn in housing, energy and infrastructure over 21 years

Old Mutual Investment Group Namibia (OMIGNAM) has announced that its alternative investment platform has mobilised N\$3.022 billion over the past 21 years, reinforcing its role in driving Namibia's economic development through housing, infrastructure, energy, healthcare and education projects.

Speaking at the Tunga Real Estate Fund handover ceremony at the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) headquarters OMIGNAM Invests N\$3 Billion in Housing, Energy and Infrastructure Over 21 Years, Managing Director Sepo Haihambo highlighted the scale and impact of OMIGNAM's investments.

"Since the launch of Old Mutual Investment Group's first Alternative Investments Fund 21 years ago, we have invested N\$3.022 billion across various funds, exited 31 investments and currently hold 26 active positions. These investments have facilitated the servicing of 3,000 erven, the construction of 2,000 houses, the development of 110MW of renewable energy capacity, and the establishment of two healthcare facilities and three education facilities," Haihambo said.

She said OMIGNAM's role is to channel long-term savings and capital into productive investments that strengthen the real economy while generating sustainable returns for investors.

"Alternative investments are inherently long-term and require both skill and strong governance to ensure the viability of those investments and their alignment with, and contribution to, national development priorities. It is precisely this combination of discipline and expertise that enables us to deploy capital with intent and impact," Haihambo said.



According to Haihambo, OMIGNAM's investment approach is grounded in disciplined origination, rigorous due diligence, active asset management and clear exit strategies, allowing the firm to convert complex opportunities into investments that deliver sustainable returns.

"Our platform continues to demonstrate progress in capital deployment, portfolio management and exits, with measurable distributions that reinforce confidence in unlisted investments in the country," she said.

Haihambo credited GIPF's long-term commitment and partnership as a key factor in enabling the platform's impact, noting that pension capital has played a critical role in supporting Namibia's infrastructure and housing pipeline.

"GIPF's long-term commitment and



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partnership have been central to enabling this impact, with pension capital playing a vital role in supporting Namibia's infrastructure and housing pipeline," she said.

Tunga Real Estate Fund Chairperson Sara Katiti said the fund's achievements form part of OMIGNAM's broader alternative investment strategy, which has mobilised N\$3.022 billion over the past two decades.

She said the partnership between GIPF and OMIGNAM demonstrates how disciplined investment can deliver both financial returns and measurable socio-economic benefits.

"These are not abstract investments. They are spaces where people shop, work and live. They support local businesses, create jobs and contribute to economic activity in a meaningful way," Katiti said.

GIPF Chief Executive Officer Martin Inkumbi commended Old Mutual Investment Group Namibia for its disciplined and responsible management of the Tunga Real Estate Fund and acknowledged the contribution of all stakeholders involved in its success.

"The fund's continued performance demonstrates what can be achieved through strong partnerships, disciplined execution and a shared commitment to national development," Inkumbi said.

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The 3.4x Question

By Willem Kanyondi

What the New State-Hospital Tariff Costs the Private Funding Pool

MHSS has tripled the cost of admitting a private patient to a state facility. The funders who were not named in the announcement are now carrying the risk — and the questions worth asking next are about design, not blame.

For most of the past two decades, the conversation about cross-subsidisation in Namibian healthcare ran in one direction.

The private sector argued — with reasonable evidence — that medical aid funds were carrying part of the cost of the state system, because public facilities under-billed private patients and the gap was made up by general taxation.

The State's reply was that public tariffs sat below cost by design, and that this was the social contract.

On 3 June 2026, the Ministry of Health and Social Services moved the cost recovery for a private patient admitted to a state facility from approximately N\$600 per night to N\$2,030 per night.

The Ministry's media release framed this as a "long-overdue tariff realignment." It is overdue — the previous tariffs had not been comprehensively reviewed for eleven years. It is also a 238% increase — a 3.4x multiplier — and the release did not quantify what that multiplier costs the funders who pay it.

That is the question worth working through, because the answer determines whether this is a routine tariff adjustment or a structural shift in the financing of



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Namibian healthcare.

Who actually pays

The Ministry's release was carefully scoped. It reassured PSEMAS members that their tariffs remain within scheme funding levels and that they will not face out-of-pocket costs.

This is true for PSEMAS principal members and their dependants — they sit inside a fund whose tariffs are set by Treasury and whose budget can absorb the increase as a matter of intergovernmental accounting.

The release was silent on every other funder. NMC, NHP, Renaissance, Prosperity Health, the MVA Fund and the rest of the private medical aid landscape are not mentioned. Their members are also admitted to state facilities — particularly in regions where state hospitals are the closest, the only, or the most appropriate provider for a particular service.

Those funds have just absorbed a 3.4x cost increase per admission day, with no consultation visible in the document, no transition period, and no negotiated framework.

That cost does not vanish into a Treasury budget. It surfaces in three places: higher contribution rates at the next benefit-review cycle, tighter benefit caps, or claims scrutiny pushed downstream onto providers — and in practice, in some combination of all three.

The risk has been transferred from the State’s balance sheet to the private medical aid pool. That is the structural shift the release did not quantify.

The competitive geometry

The second consequence is one of pricing relative to private hospitals. Per the Ministry’s own illustration, a private hospital admission reimburses at approximately N\$2,900 per night versus a public-facility admission now at N\$2,030.

The premium that a private medical aid pays to send a member private has dropped from nearly 5x to roughly 1.4x in a single announcement.

Private hospitals remain the higher-quality option for many procedures, and that is the defensible margin. But the pricing argument — the one funders have used for years to justify routing patients toward private facilities — has weakened materially.

Expect funder-level utilisation reviews to begin asking, procedure by procedure, whether the clinical case for a private admission justifies a 40% cost premium where the clinical answer is “yes for some, no for others.”

Toward a design conversation

None of this is an argument against tariff reform. The previous tariff structure was unsustainable, and a state system that cannot recover the cost of treating private patients is one that defers infrastructure investment indefinitely.

The question is not whether to adjust, but how to land the adjustment without creating systemic risk in the financing pool

the country still relies on. A few design moves are worth considering.

A phased transition for non-PSEMAS funders. The PSEMAS tariff was adjusted inside a budget framework that the Ministry of Finance had already approved. Non-PSEMAS funds did not have that lead time.

A 24-to-36 month phased introduction — stepped, for example, at 50%, 75% and 100% of the new tariff — would allow these funds to adjust contribution structures and benefit designs without the shock landing in a single benefit-review cycle.

A phased introduction

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would allow non-PSEMAS funds the same adjustment runway that PSEMAS effectively received through the Cabinet budget framework

A negotiated framework agreement. Treasury or Ministry of Finance negotiates the PSEMAS tariff with MHSS as a matter of internal government coordination. Nothing prevents an equivalent framework between MHSS and the wider funder community, mediated by NAMFISA in its new role as the FIMA regulator of medical aid funds. A standing tariff negotiation forum would replace ad-hoc adjustments with predictable, multi-year cycles which is what every mature health-financing system eventually builds.

A joint cost-data working group. The tariff debate is currently conducted with one party — the Ministry — holding the cost data, and another party — the funds — holding the claims data. Neither side has the full picture. A NAMFISA-convened working group with audited cost inputs from state facilities and audited utilisation inputs from funds would put the next tariff conversation on an evidence base rather than a press-release base.

Reinvestment accountability. The release stated that the increased revenue will enable “reinvestment into infrastructure, equipment, and service quality.” This is the right intent, and it is also the easiest claim to make and the hardest to verify.

Publishing an annual reinvestment report — showing, per facility, what the additional revenue funded — would convert a promise into a measurable commitment. It would also strengthen the Ministry’s position when the next tariff cycle arrives.

Modernised utilisation management. The cost pressure on funds will eventually force changes in pre-authorisation and admission-review processes. Done badly, this means more rejections and more friction

for patients and providers.

Done well, it means clearer clinical criteria, faster decisions, and lower administrative burden. The funder community would benefit from a shared utilisation-criteria framework — currently each fund builds its own — to reduce documentation overhead on providers.

The bottom line

The Cabinet tariff decision is being reported as a price increase. It is more accurately a transfer— of cost, and therefore of risk, from the State to the private funding pool. That transfer is defensible. The system needs the cost recovery, and a state hospital cannot remain in service without it. But the design of the transfer matters as much as the principle, and the design is, at the moment, incomplete.

The question for the rest of 2026 is whether the Ministry, NAMFISA and the funder community will build the negotiation, transparency and transition mechanisms that turn this tariff correction into a sustainable financing architecture — or whether the next cycle will arrive as another single-document announcement.

The first path leads toward Universal Health Coverage. The second leads toward contribution shocks, benefit erosion, and the slow unravelling of the funding pool the country needs to keep intact.

The arithmetic is on the table. The design conversation is the one still to be had.

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Chinese vehicle brands on track for 20% of Namibia market share

Chinese vehicle manufacturers are on course to capture 20% of Namibia's automotive market by the end of 2026, marking a structural shift in the country's vehicle landscape as brands such as Jetour, Haval and Chery continue to gain ground.

According to Simonis Storm economist Almandro Jansen, Chinese brands accounted for 16.3% of vehicle sales in May, maintaining the record share achieved in April and demonstrating that their rapid growth is not a temporary phenomenon.

"The Chinese brand share is on a credible

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glide path towards 20% by year-end, and the principal questions for incumbent manufacturers concern pricing discipline and product positioning rather than volume defence," Jansen said.

He noted that the expanding presence of Chinese manufacturers across passenger, light commercial and heavy vehicle segments confirms a broad-based transformation of the market rather than the success of a single brand.

Jetour led the Chinese cohort with 53 units sold in May, its strongest monthly performance to date, followed by Haval with 31 units, JAC with 26, GWM with 15 and Chery with 14.

"The breadth of the Chinese presence across at least eight nameplates and four vehicle segments confirms that this is a category-wide structural shift, not a single-brand phenomenon," Jansen said.

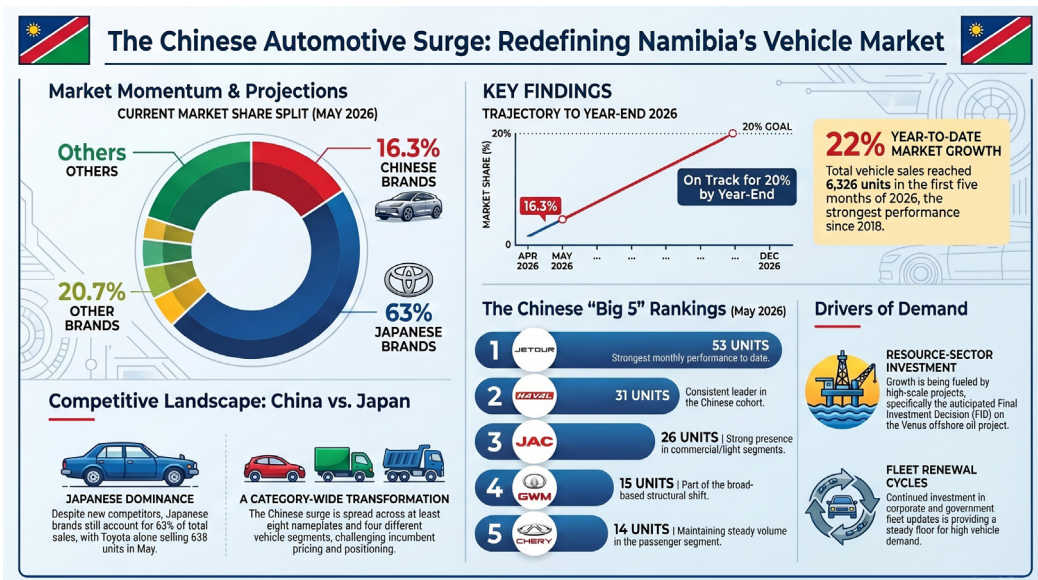
Despite the rise of Chinese manufacturers, Japanese brands continue to dominate Namibia's vehicle market, collectively accounting for 63% of total sales in May.

Toyota led the segment with 638 vehicles sold, representing more than half of all vehicle sales recorded nationally during the month. Overall, Namibia's vehicle market remains on a strong footing. Cumulative sales reached 6,326 units during the first five months of 2026, more than 22% higher than the 5,181 units recorded over the same period in 2025 and the strongest year-to-date performance since 2018.

Although May sales eased to 1,171 units from April's 1,320, they were still 14.8% higher than a year earlier.

Jansen said the moderation reflected a normal correction following March's exceptionally strong sales rather than weakening demand.

"The underlying direction of travel is firmly positive," he said, adding that continued fleet renewal, resource-sector investment and the anticipated Final Investment Decision (FID) on the Venus offshore oil project are expected to provide further support for vehicle demand through the remainder of the year.





Micro lenders reject debt crisis blame, point to N\$118 billion owed to banks

Registered micro lenders have pushed back against claims that they are driving Namibia's debt crisis, arguing that the sector accounts for only a small fraction of total household debt and placing the blame squarely on commercial banks.

According to the Micro Lenders Association (MLA), registered cash loan providers account for just N\$7.5 billion of the nearly N\$130 billion owed by Namibians, while commercial banks are responsible for the overwhelming majority of household debt.

Presenting before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economy and Industry, Public Administration and Planning, MLA representative Charles Visser rejected assertions that micro lenders are the main contributors to the country's growing

debt burden.

According to figures presented by the association, Namibians currently owe approximately N\$130 billion, of which around N\$118 billion is owed to commercial banks, while registered cash loan providers account for about N\$7.5 billion.

"Statistics that I have been able to obtain, and which we have also included in our submission, indicate that Namibians currently owe close to N\$130 billion. Of this amount, approximately N\$118 billion is owed to banks, while N\$7.5 billion is owed to registered cash loan providers," Visser said.

The MLA said microfinance loans account for only 6% of national debt and argued that broader socio-economic challenges, including unemployment, inequality, weak

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economic growth, rising living costs, medical expenses and education costs, are the primary drivers of increased borrowing.

The association also challenged perceptions surrounding payroll deduction codes, which have come under increasing scrutiny from policymakers.

According to Visser, fewer than 10 of Namibia's 958 registered micro lenders have access to payroll deduction codes, while the vast majority collect repayments through the national payment system using debit orders.

Data presented by the MLA shows that 730,000 microfinance loans were disbursed during 2025, with 88% processed as payday loans through the national payment system and only 12% linked to payroll deduction codes.

"Out of 958 registered micro lenders, fewer than 10 have access to deduction codes. Of the 730,000 loans disbursed in 2025, 88% were payday loans processed through the national payment system, which is a regulated statutory system," Visser said.

He further argued that payroll deduction codes, which have been in operation for more than two decades, were introduced and administered by government and are utilised by a wide range of institutions, including banks, insurers, medical aid funds and trade

unions, not solely micro lenders.

The MLA called for a comprehensive national household debt assessment to establish the full extent and composition of consumer indebtedness in Namibia.

The proposed review would examine all major sources of debt, including bank loans, retail credit, maintenance orders, payroll deductions and informal lending arrangements.

The association also urged government to fast-track the Consumer Credit Bill, which is intended to strengthen oversight and create a unified regulatory framework for the country's credit industry.

"This should include accelerating the Consumer Credit Bill through proper consultation and implementation, designing any successor payroll deduction system with real-time affordability validation, open access and proper oversight, strengthening enforcement against unregistered and informal lenders operating outside the law, and finalising and implementing a national policy on financial education as a matter of urgency," Visser said. The presentation comes amid growing debate over household indebtedness and proposals to reform payroll deduction mechanisms as policymakers seek solutions to rising consumer debt levels and financial vulnerability.



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Productivity in the creative industry: Why creativity alone is not enough for Namibia's growth

By Ndeu Naukushu

Namibia is home to extraordinary creative talent. From musicians who (half) fill stadiums and produce songs that resonate across generations, to filmmakers telling authentic African stories, fashion designers showcasing local identity, visual artists preserving culture, and young digital creators building audiences on social media, creativity is abundant in our country.

Creativity has always been celebrated as the spark that drives innovation and human progress. It inspires, entertains, challenges perspectives, and reflects who we are as a people.

Yet there is another ingredient that receives far less attention but ultimately determines whether creativity becomes a sustainable source of economic growth: productivity.

However, the world's most successful creative economies have shown that while creativity generates ideas, productivity transforms those ideas into value.

Innovation then commercializes that value, and economic growth scales it to benefit society. Without productivity, creativity often remains unrealized potential. This is why productivity is a universal principle that explains success in virtually every field, including the creative industries.

In many cases, productivity is the missing link that separates talented individuals



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A talented artist who structures production, leverages platforms, protects IP, and diversifies revenue builds a lasting business, not just a catalogue of great songs. The same principle applies across other creative sectors.

A fashion designer may demonstrate creativity by designing beautiful garments but only with efficient supply chains, scaled production and regional and international market reach can they create economic impact.

Likewise, a filmmaker with a compelling story possesses creative ability but with strong processes, funding, and distribution, they can build an industry. A content creator with strategy, analytics, and monetization turns creativity into a sustainable enterprise.

In each case, productivity converts creative expression into economic opportunity.

This challenges the common misconception that creativity and productivity compete with one another. In

reality, they complement each other.

Productivity enables the imagination to flourish consistently. Systems, planning, collaboration, strategic execution, and continuous improvement provide creators with the structure needed to transform inspiration into lasting impact.

The world's leading creative organizations understand this well. They combine artistic excellence with operational excellence. They align talent, technology, finance, and markets through systems thinking. They remove waste, improve efficiency, and continuously refine their methods. They measure success not only by artistic achievement but also by audience reach, commercial sustainability, international competitiveness, and long-term value creation.

Namibia's creative industry has enormous potential to contribute meaningfully

to economic diversification, youth employment, tourism, and exports. As the country seeks to reduce dependence on traditional sectors and build a knowledge-driven economy, the creative sector can become an important pillar of growth.

However, this takes more than supporting artistic talent. It will require building productive ecosystems that include skills development, digital infrastructure, business incubation, intellectual property protection, access to finance, market development, and commercialization support.

Government, financial institutions, educational institutions, and the private sector all have a role to play in creating an environment where creative ideas can grow into sustainable businesses.

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despite having similar resources. It explains why some countries with limited natural wealth become global economic leaders.

Productivity is the reason why some creative ecosystems evolve into export industries while others remain collections of talented but isolated individuals.

For Namibia, this presents an important opportunity. Rather than viewing the creative economy purely through the lens of arts and culture, we should begin to see it as a productivity sector capable of

generating jobs, stimulating innovation, strengthening national identity, and contributing significantly to economic growth. While supporting creativity is important, supporting creative productivity is transformational.

Ultimately, the question remains:

“How effectively are we transforming ideas, talent, and resources into measurable value?”

The answer to that question determines our competitiveness as organizations and

as a nation. Perhaps this is why productivity deserves a far more prominent place in Namibia's national conversation.

It is the invisible force behind innovation, competitiveness, and sustainable development. Productivity is the bridge between aspiration and achievement, between imagination and implementation.

We have to consistently convert creativity into economic value through productive systems, disciplined execution, innovation, and continuous improvement.

And for Namibia, that may be one of the most important lessons for building a more competitive and inclusive economy.

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Namibia airport traffic tops 102,000 passengers as April volumes rise 12.8%

Namibia recorded 102,237 passenger movements across its airports in April 2026, representing an increase from the 90,658 movements recorded in March, although traffic remained marginally below levels recorded a year earlier.

According to the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA), the Passenger Movement Composite Index, which measures international, regional and domestic passenger arrivals and departures, increased by 12.8% month-on-month in April.

However, the increase was slower than the 31.1% growth recorded in March and reflected a 0.2% decline compared to April 2025. "In volume terms, total passenger movements reached 102,237 during the month, compared to 90,658 in March 2026 and 102,449 recorded in April 2025," the NSA said.

The agency reported that Hosea Kutako

International Airport remained the country's primary aviation gateway, accounting for 79.6% of all passenger traffic during the review period.

Walvis Bay Airport accounted for 10.3% of total passenger movements, while Eros Airport contributed 6.3%. The remaining airports collectively accounted for between 1.8% and 0.03% of passenger traffic.

At Hosea Kutako International Airport, arrivals increased by 7.8% month-on-month to 41,635 passengers in April, up from 38,616 in March. Despite the increase, arrivals were 5.1% lower than the 43,869 passengers recorded in April 2025.

Departures through Hosea Kutako rose by 17.8% during the month to 39,783 passengers, up from 33,766 in March and slightly above the 39,035 departures recorded a year earlier.

Walvis Bay Airport recorded weaker monthly performance, with arrivals declining

by 5.9% to 5,342 passengers from 5,677 in March. Despite the decline, arrivals remained 13.1% higher than the 4,724 passengers recorded in April 2025.

"Departures through Walvis Bay Airport also fell by 5.6% month-on-month to 5,209 passengers. However, the figure remained above the 4,875 departures recorded during the corresponding month last year," the NSA said.

Eros Airport continued to record growth

in passenger activity during April. Arrivals increased by 15.7% to 2,372 passengers from 2,050 in March, although the figure remained below the 2,719 arrivals recorded in April 2025. "Departures through Eros Airport nearly doubled during the month, rising by 99.2% to 4,034 passengers compared to 2,025 in March. The airport also recorded a 45% increase in departures compared to the 2,782 passengers recorded in April last year," the NSA noted.

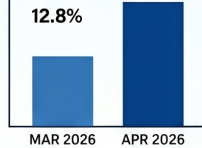
Namibia Aviation Performance: April 2026 Passenger Traffic Analysis



NATIONAL TRAFFIC OVERVIEW



12.8% MONTH-ON-MONTH GROWTH



GROWTH MOMENTUM SLOWING

The 12.8% increase in April follows a much sharper 31.1% growth rate recorded in March 2026.

While growth was significant in April, total volumes remained a slight 0.2% lower than the levels seen in April 2025.

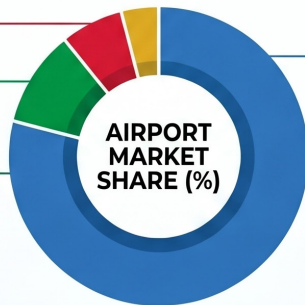
AIRPORT MARKET SHARE RANKINGS

EROS: 6.3%
(combined)

ALL OTHER AIRPORTS: 3.8%

WALVIS BAY: 10.3%

Handled 10.3% of national traffic, experiencing a moderate 5.6% to 5.9% dip in movements month-on-month.



HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL: 79.6%

The international airport remains the primary gateway, handling the vast majority of the nation's 102,237 passengers.

AIRPORT NAME	MARKET SHARE (%)
Hosea Kutako International	79.6%
Walvis Bay	10.3%
Eros	6.3%
All Other Airports	3.8% (combined)

SPECIFIC AIRPORT PERFORMANCE HUBS

HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL

HKIA DEPARTURES SURPASS MARCH LEVELS

DEPARTURES:
39,783
(+17.8% MoM)

ARRIVALS:
41,635



WALVIS BAY

WALVIS BAY SEES MODERATE MONTHLY DIP

BOTH ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES FELL BY ROUGHLY 5.6% TO 5.9% MONTH-ON-MONTH, THOUGH THEY REMAIN HIGHER THAN APRIL 2025 LEVELS.

EROS AIRPORT

99.2% DEPARTURE SURGE AT EROS AIRPORT



DEPARTURES NEARLY DOUBLED TO 4,034 PASSENGERS IN APRIL

A 45% increase over the same period last year.

13 Namibian organisations potentially exposed in global cyber security incident

The Namibia Cyber Security Incident Response Team (NAM-CSIRT) has identified 13 Namibian organisations potentially exposed to a global cyber security incident that could allow hackers to gain unauthorised access to corporate networks, steal sensitive information and launch ransomware attacks.

The incident, known as FortiBleed, involves the exposure of administrator credentials, virtual private network (VPN) credentials and firewall configuration data linked to internet-facing Fortinet FortiGate devices used by organisations worldwide.

NAM-CSIRT, which operates under the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN), said all affected Namibian organisations have been contacted directly and provided with guidance on urgent remedial measures to secure their systems and reduce the risk of compromise.

According to NAM-CSIRT, the exposed credentials could enable cyber criminals to bypass security controls, impersonate legitimate users, alter network settings and potentially gain access to sensitive corporate information. In severe cases, the vulnerability could be exploited to facilitate ransomware attacks.

"Fortinet firewalls act as the digital front gate to an organisation's network. If the keys to that gate, such as administrator usernames, passwords or VPN credentials, become exposed, malicious actors may be able to enter the network as though they were authorised users and carry out harmful activities without immediately raising suspicion," NAM-CSIRT said.

The cyber security team has urged organisations using Fortinet infrastructure to immediately reset administrator and VPN credentials, implement multi-factor



authentication, upgrade affected devices to supported software versions and review systems for signs of unauthorised access.

Additional recommendations include restricting public access to management interfaces, reviewing firewall and VPN configurations for unauthorised changes, and conducting threat-hunting exercises to identify possible compromises.

CRAN Executive for Communication and Consumer Relations Mufaro Nesongano said there is currently no evidence of widespread compromise among affected Namibian organisations, but warned that the incident highlights the growing sophistication of cyber threats.

"While there is currently no evidence of widespread compromise among affected Namibian organisations, this incident highlights the importance of proactive cyber security measures. Cyber threats continue to evolve, and preparedness remains our strongest defence," Nesongano said.

NAM-CSIRT said it continues to monitor the situation and remains available to provide technical guidance and incident response support to affected organisations.

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