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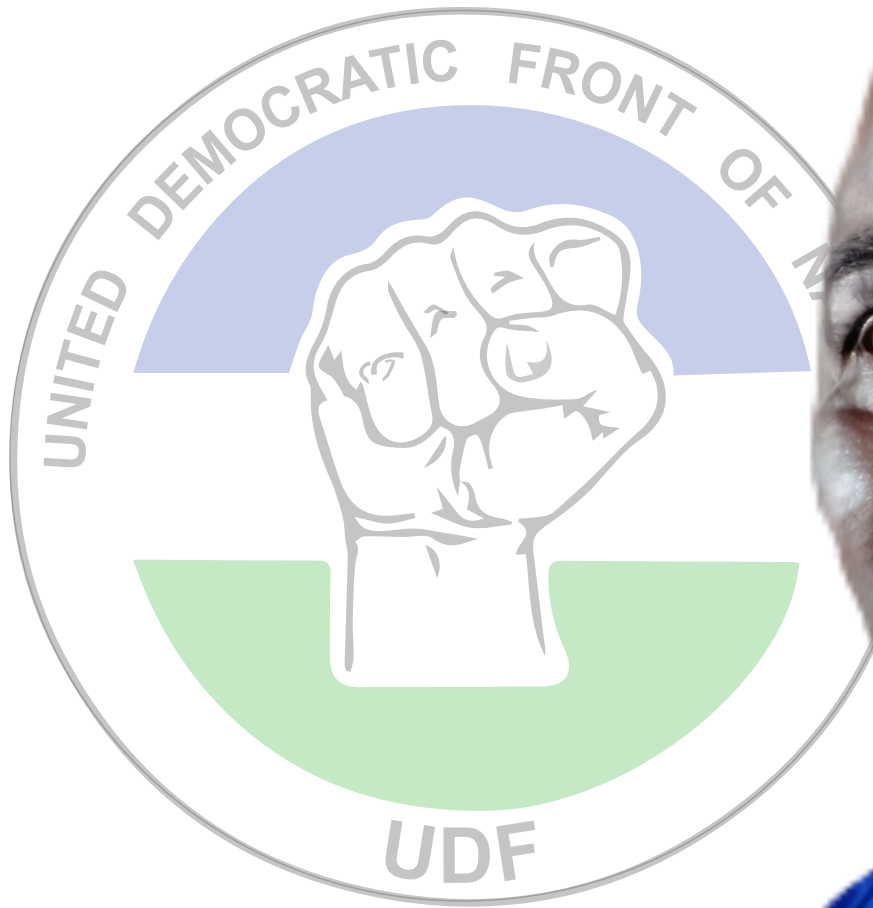


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WHY VOTE

**FOR THE UNITED
DEMOCRATIC
FRONT OF NAMIBIA
(UDF) PARTY.**



UDF is one of the oldest political Parties in Namibia. Founded at the brink of Independence and has since its inception contributed immensely towards the fight for equal representation and shared prosperity. UDF party has been fully involved in Government legislation for the past 33 years and has successfully participated in law making as a Political party. UDF has contributed to many motions that were passed in the parliament, aimed at improving the living standards of our people. The core message of UDF Party resonates with all Namibians, as it seeks to provide practical solutions to challenges faced by all Namibians. Namibian Government under the leadership of UDF Party will be a functional decentralized state. Power will not be seated in the center and thus the Regions will drive the development agenda by receiving adequate funding and supervisory and control power to implement developmental programs.

VOTE UDF



1. UDF WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING, IF GIVEN THE MANDATE TO GOVERN:

UDF party will ensure that systems and processes are in place to curb corruption. Namibians are subjected to manmade poverty that can be avoided once proper systems of control are in place within the governance structures.

- 1.1 UDF will ensure to end to self-enrichment through government objectives and tenders, and will initiate better effective and simplified methods of procurement. Critical goods and services such as medical supplies will be done through direct procurement to cut cost. Delays will be avoided as no middle man will be involved.
- 1.2 Address the pressing issue of unemployment through creation of employment opportunities by fast tracking industrialization and new venture creation.
- 1.3 Under the UDF lead government, shortage of housing will be drastically addressed and affordable housing for all Namibians will be provided regardless of their social status, race, tribe, colour of their skin, religion or their origin.
- 1.4 UDF will ensure full decentralization of line Ministries to regions and Local Authorities is fast-tracked and implemented. Capital projects implementation and supervision will be done by the Regional councils.
- 1.5 UDF will create an environment for participatory democracy. Thus ensuring and allowing that the political power returns to the people on the ground other than the elite.
- 1.6 UDF will change the political landscape of Namibia by transforming the relationship between government and the people.





2. GOVERNMENT REFORM

- 2.1 UDF Government will be responsive, people centered and prompt service delivery oriented government
- 2.2 UDF Party will built the foundation of government reform on Transparency and accountability.
- 2.3 Review and repeal laws and policies that do not address and solve the challenges of today.
- 2.4 To restore the credibility and trust in the government.
- 1.5 UDF Party will address the issue of infiltration by illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries through policy directives.
- 2.6 UDF Government will address the current imbalance in the regional development disparity that is manifested along the parameters of development, particularly between the northern part of Namibia and the rest of Namibia. Constituency Development funds for the Regions will be Established.
- 2.7 The criminal justice system will be reformed to make sure that punishment fits the crime.
- 2.8 To implement a functional decentralization policy, and funding of Traditional Authorities for the Smooth administration of Community and to ensure that people's needs in their Jurisdictions are catered for.

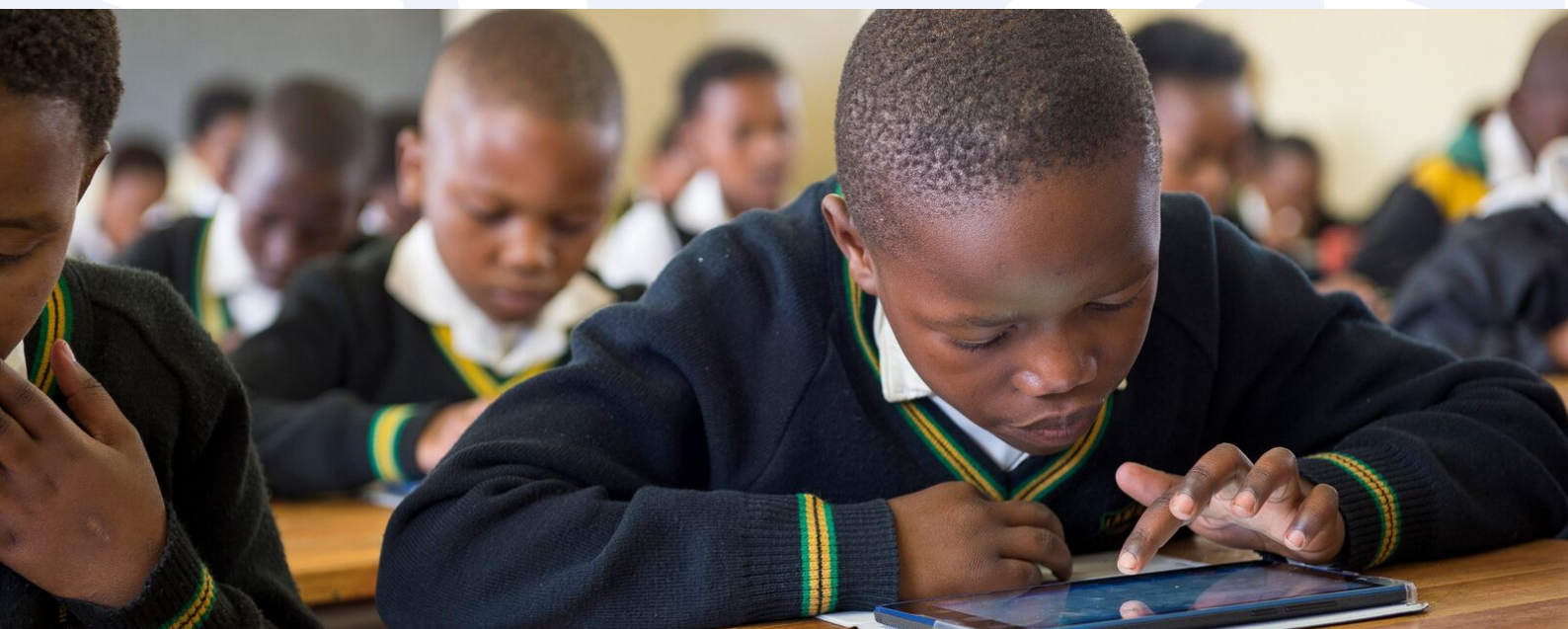
3. STATE SECURITY

- 3.1 Review and improve the border management.
- 3.2 Punitive measures will be introduced to crack down on illegal immigration.
- 3.3 Build a War memorial and a Shrine whereby all our fallen heroes and heroines can be honoured and not only “heroes from one political party.
- 3.4 Cut-off all intelligence agencies from political interference.
- 3.5 Facilitate training, Capacity building and support of sufficient tools and equipment for the police force to respond to the challenges of today.
- 3.6 Strengthen investigation capabilities by making them swift, transparent, fair, clear and decisive operations.
- 3.7 Act as an unpreventable deterrent to wrong-doers and a protective shield to the innocent.
- 3.8 To provide specialized expertise in investigation through continuous training
- 3.9 Train and technologically enable the police to track, pursue as well as prevent cyber and other crimes of today.
- 3.10 Reinstate and enhance the age-old concept of community policing in modern times.
- 3.11 Improved working conditions and welfare of police personnel.



4. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 4.1 Address the current challenges of education and ensure universally accessible quality free education to all Namibians is provided up to PHD level.
- 4.2 Ensure that every Namibian gets an equal opportunity to get education in Namibia that will guarantee them job opportunities, entrepreneurship and a better life for the future.
- 4.3 Address the shortage of teachers by providing attractive packages as remuneration to teachers to enhance and increase the total number of teacher's country wide, while at the same increase the standard of our education in Namibia.
- 4.4 Tailor make our education, especially at vocational training level, according to the needs in the different regions.
- 4.5 Address the technical and vocational skills shortage in Namibia.
- 4.6 Increase the spending of vocational training centers, because vocational training centers produce artisans on an annual basis and those artisans are addressing the unemployment challenge through the employment of 4-5 employees per artisan.
- 4.7 Focus on greater practical and research training by encouraging our students to gain much needed experience through internships and apprenticeships.
- 4.8 Provision for full funding for students who are studying indigenous languages at the tertiary level will be provided. This will ensure that cultural diversity, our heritage and our identity is maintained.



5. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 provide training to more rural disadvantaged and marginalized people in agricultural and allied activities to increase productivity and food security of our Nation.
- 5.2 Allowing the urban disadvantaged to develop skills so that they can take advantage of the emerging Agricultural opportunities in urban areas through scientific research based modernized methods of farming.
- 5.3 Procedures to avail loans will be simplified and loans made affordable.
- 5.4 Creating platforms in collaboration with the financial institutions to create awareness for the Youth on the access of funds/loans.



6. HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

- 6.1 Reform all healthcare policies and laws in Namibia to address the challenges of today.
- 6.2 Give high priority to address the shortfall of healthcare professionals
- 6.3 Modernize and upgrade all government hospitals in Namibia.
- 6.4 Establish and increase medical and para-medical training centers in order to make Namibia self-sufficient in human resources.
- 6.5 Move to a pre-emptive care model where the focus and thrust will be on child health and prevention.
- 6.6 Senior citizens healthcare shall and must be a special focus and prioritized area.
- 6.7 Give high priority to chronic diseases and invest in research and development of solutions for chronic diseases.
- 6.8 Provision of emergency medical services shall enjoy our top priority.
- 6.9 Provision of free medication for chronic illness such diabetes, high blood pressure and HIV will be prioritized. Procurement of medication will be strictly controlled to avoid a situation, whereby it will be out of stock.
- 6.10 Program for healthcare with the emphasis on eradication of malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and teenage pregnancies will be established, encouraged and empowered.
- 6.11 UDF will ensure that each and every Region should have a fully functional Hospital, with skillful staff members and fully equipped with medication and needed resources.
- 6.12 The availability of portable drinking water in order to reduce water borne diseases, UDF will ensure and collaborate with Respective Ministries to facilitate proper sanitation for Rural and urban Communities
- 6.13 Every clinic in Namibia must have an ambulance to transport patients on time to the nearest hospital during the times of emergencies.



7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Youth Empowerment:

Youth constitutes the large portion of our country's population. As a result they are the most Important group of the Namibian pollution:

- 7.1.1 To remedy this situation. UDF government pledges to curb the high unemployment rate of the Namibian Youth.
- 7.1.2 UDF pledges to initiative SME startup funding programs to assist the youth to create new ventures and to make a meaningful contribution to Namibians economic growth.
- 7.1.3 Agricultural grants will be availed to youth. Namibians food security is very important.
- 7.1.4 UDF government will ensure that it takes into consideration the ratio of graduates and availability of jobs within the market.
- 7.1.5 Under a UDF lead Namibia. New industries will be given the necessary assistance to absorb more graduates into the job market.

7.2 Economic Growth:

- 7.2.1 Namibia's GDP highly depends on the mining sector, Agriculture and Fisheries sector, therefore the UDF lead government will ensure that major stake of ownership in this sector remains in the Country.
- 7.2.2 Exportation of raw materials will be a thing of the past. Value addition will be prioritized and finished products will exported.
- 7.2.3 UDF will provide stable leadership which will be attractive to investors.

7.3 Mining and Industrialization:

High importation culture will be discouraged. By setting up factories to produce products that are mostly consumed in Namibia. This will lead to more cash flow within our economy.

- 7.3.1 UDF ensure that mineral rights applications for small scale mining activities is fast tracked.
- 7.3.2 Small scale farmers will be empowered into join ventures with investors when opportunities are available.

- 7.3.3 Promote rights to acquire and mine minerals such as lithium, Copper, Gold and diamonds by Namibians.
- 7.3.4 Implementation of Small scale miners funding and equipment grant scheme to the value of N\$ 250 000 to N\$ 500 000.
- 7.3.5 This agenda will be driven by UDF at the next sitting of parliament.

7.4 Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Sector Development:

- 7.4.1 Encourage and support the SME sector.
- 7.4.2 Revise and Amend Companies Act and create SME Development Act.
- 7.4.3 Establish market linkages for SME's both nationally and internationally.
- 7.4.4 Foster access to credit and information and upgrade skills for artisans.
- 7.4.5 Encourage value addition through avenues like – branding, packaging and technology.



8. FOREIGN RELATIONS

- 8.1 Maintain friendly relations with our SADC neighbours and international friends.
- 8.2 Namibia will play its role globally and in the United Nations until the Palestinian people are free.
- 8.3 Namibia will continue to advocate for equal representation in the United Nations and two permanent seats for the African countries with full veto power.

9. TAXATION

- 9.1 Rationalize and simplify the tax regime.
- 9.2 Provide tax incentives for research and development that are geared towards indigenization and technology and innovation.
- 9.3 Provision of tax breaks on disposable income for families.
- 9.4 Increase tax on mining and fisheries sector to increase the government's revenue base. This additional revenue will be utilized to address welfare challenges and to fund the education sector.

10. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- 10.1 Urbanized rural areas in the long run.
- 10.2 Upgrade and declare more settlements into villages and villages into towns and towns into cities.
- 10.3 Attract more investment and developments to rural areas.
- 10.4 Expansion of production in various towns in terms of employment



11. SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11.1 Food Security

- 11.1.1 Review the Green Scheme models, to make them profitable and also revive AMTA to sell this products.
- 11.1.2 Incorporate the best practices to revise them to benefit the common people.
- 11.1.3 Address the issue of under-nutrition and malnutrition more specifically in schools, clinics and tertiary education.
- 11.1.4 Encourage the production of vegetables and fruits in order to lessen the dependency on meat products and encouraged healthy lifestyle.
UDF government will discourage importation by putting import restrictions to ensure that the local produce have a market in Namibia.
- 11.1.5 Transform the Drought Relief Program so that the program can be effective in provision of the much needed drought relief to the farmers.
- 11.1.6 UDF will ensure that Green Schemes are established in various parts of the Country especially Hardap and //kharas regions where the government pump in massive capital funds to utilized water which is under used.



11.1 Land Reform (Communal vs Commercial)

- 11.2.1 State owned land to be released in communal areas immediately for reform purposes.
- 11.2.2 Inhabitants must receive land titles that entitles them to claim land ownership rights on the land that they live on and farm.
- 11.2.3 Initiate and fund collaborative reform models such as joint ventures, contract farming and farm equity schemes.
- 11.2.4 Initiate and empower land owners training and support schemes in all regions
- 11.2.5 Apply the principle of “**willing seller, willing buyer**” and make sure that the court remains the final arbiter in determining prices when land is expropriated in the public interest.
- 11.2.6 Unoccupied land should be placed in the custodianship of the state, thus equal redistribution of the land will be made possible.
- 11.2.7 UDF will review resettlement policies that benefit only certain categories of Namibians and ensure that the ancestral land reform policy is implemented with urgency.



12. TOURISM INDUSTRY (Our Economic Hub)

- 12.1 UDF will ensure the Safety and Security to all local and international Tourists.
- 12.2 UDF will Initiate and prioritize the tourism support programs for small business development and will encourage Community tourist.
- 12.2 UDF will ensure necessary transport and other infrastructure to connect visitors to tourism sites is in place.
- 12.3 Promote tourism as a career choice and facilitating skills development to ensure that the industry has access to the human resources.
- 12.4 UDF will encourage and promote Cultural Tourism in all corners of Namibia
- 12.5 Assist SME tourist and hospitality establishments with promotion.
- 12.6 UDF will ensure that EPLS are not awarded in areas which are attracting tourist and thus this sector will be protected as local entrepreneurs can create jobs through this sector.

13. AGRICULTURAL HARVEST (UNTAPPED POTENTIAL)

- 13.1 Increase public investment in agriculture and rural development.
- 13.2 Put in place welfare measures for farmers above 60 years in age, small marginal farmers and farm labourers.
- 13.3 Introduce and promote low water consuming irrigation techniques and optimum utilization of water resources.
- 13.4 Introduce soil assessment-based crop planning and setting up mobile soil testing labs.
- 13.5 Create and implement incentive for food processing industry and traders who buy local agricultural products and sell in their shops.
- 13.6 Set up the “Organic Farming and Fertilizer Corporation of Namibia” to promote organic farming and fertilizers
- 13.7 Promote horticulture, floriculture, pisciculture, bee-keeping and poultry for generating jobs.
- 13.8 Promote Fish Farming and Aqua Culture
- 13.9 Establish and implement a farm insurance scheme to take care of crop loss due to unforeseen natural calamities.
- 13.10 Give high priority to poverty alleviation in rural and urban areas.
- 13.11 Communal farmers will be empowered with collateral free loan facilities to enable them to access loans of upto N\$ 200 000.
- 13.12 AMTA will be revived and Namibian farmers will have a market to sell their products.

14. INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

14.1 Road Infrastructure:

- 14.1.1 Fast track the upgrading of the railway construction projects, especially in the south and coast area.
- 14.1.2 Determine the potential possibility of inland, air transportation to various remote and local destinations in the country.
- 14.1.3 Construction of airstrips in order to enable the possibility for low cost traveling within the country.
- 14.1.4 Every town and village must be connected through all-weather tarred roads.
- 14.1.5 Consider the upgrading of Walvis Bay - Kamanjab Road as well as the Walvis Bay – Helmeringhausen Road in order to boost tourism to the south.

14.2 Railway Network

- 14.2.1 Invest in the overhaul of the old infrastructure for safety.
- 14.2.2 Trains to concentrate more transporting cargo then transporting passengers in order to cut cost and avoid traffic congestion and accidents.
- 14.2.3 All old locomotive to be replaced with new ones for reliability.
- 14.2.4 Infrastructure development plan to be roll out for the upgrading of our rail network, country-wide.
- 14.2.1 Modernized and equip all stations with essential infrastructure and public utilities.



14.2 Housing Need in Namibia

- 14.3.1 Revisit the current Mass Housing projects and provide adequate funding for the Build Together Housing Program and the Shack dwellers Housing Program.
- 14.3.2 Revise and amend the national policy in order to respond to the current needs of the housing needs of the low income, ultra low-income earners, people with disabilities, marginalized, indigenous people and pensioners.
- 14.3.3 Use Vocational Training interns and students to construct low-income houses to save cost instead giving out tenders to the already well established and well-connected costly contractors.
- 14.3.4 Provision of adequate funding to the Local Authorities for the servicing of land, on condition that they utilize the vocational training centre students to save cost and also to provide them with the opportunity to do their practical training with the local authorities under the supervision of the technical experts from the Ministry of Urban and rural Development.
- 14.3.5 Houses to be constructed based on the income level of the applicants.
- 14.3.6 UDF will ensure that Housing as the main challenge be funded annually to local authority rather than through the line Ministry.



15. CLIMATE CHANGE

15.1 Natural and National Resources

15.1.1 Revise and amend the current existing acts and policies on critical natural resources like fish, uranium, coal, semi-precious stones and precious stones, minerals etc. to ensure that this resources are utilized for the benefit of the country in a sustainable manner.

15.1.2 Government will take control and determine :

- 15.1.2.1 How much of our natural resources should be mined; and
- 15.1.2.2 At what time and at what pace;
- 15.1.2.3 How this should be strategically phased out to ensure sustainability
- 15.1.2.4 Who should be allowed;
- 15.1.2.5 Responsibility of extraction; and
- 15.1.2.6 At what cost

15.1 Water Resources Development

15.2.1 Give high priority to water security to ensure sustainability and supply to our communities.

15.2.2 Launch a multi-purpose “water supply strategy” to reduce farmers dependence on seasonal rainfall.

15.2.3 Nurture collection and utilization of rain water to reduce dependency on ground water.

15.2.4 Encourage rainwater harvesting, conservation and recycling.

15.2.5 Establish sewerage water recycling and treatment plants to prevent the pollution of rivers.

15.2.6 Construct more desalination plants for drinking water supply in coastal towns.

15.2.7 Drill more boreholes and interlinking of rivers based on feasibility.

15.2.8 Continuously encourage setting up of drinking water supply grid in water scares areas.

15.2.9 Promote decentralized, demand-driven, community managed water resourced management, water supply and environmental sanitation

15.2.10 Facilitate piped water to all households.

15.2.11 UDF will ensure decentralizing Rural water functions and funding directly to Regional Government.

16. SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS

16.1 UDF will Strengthen the delivery of poverty alleviation programs, eg Constituency Youth self-sustainable programs and projects.

16.2 Vulnerable houses will be assisted with subsidized water and electricity in order to mitigate economic challenges.

16.3 **Senior Citizens:**

16.3.1 Increase the current old age pension from N\$ 1 600 to N\$ 3 500 a month;

16.3.2 Build state owned Old Age Homes to cater for elderly people who do not have the means to pay for private old Age Homes.

16.4 **Protecting the Disabled:**

16.4.1 Revise and amend the “Rights of the Person with Disabilities” bill

16.4.2 Identifying special needs of disabled people across the country.

16.4.3 Ensuring more disabled friendly access to public facilities, public buildings and transport.

16.4.4 Guaranteeing maximum economic independence of the disabled by creating more income generating projects for them

16.4.5 Supporting and helping voluntary organizations working for the care of the disabled.

16.4 **Women the Nation Builder :**

16.4.1 Accord women 50/50 representation against men in all levels of government.

16.4.2 Launch a national program to save the girl child from teenage pregnancy, rape and abuse from men.

16.4.3 Empower women through training and skills development programmes nationwide.

16.4.4 Strictly enforce national laws related to women protection against violence, sexual abuse and rape.

16.4.5 Establish a fund, a relief and rehabilitation program for rape victims nationwide.

- 16.4.6 Make police station women friendly by increasing the number of women in police at different levels.
- 16.4.7 Remove any remaining gender disparities in property rights, marital rights and cohabitation rights.
- 16.4.8 Establish and ensure provision of loans to Women Self Help Groups at low interest rates.
- 16.4.9 UDF will transform the quality of life of women in rural areas of Namibia to enable them to sustain single motherhood household in their areas.

16.6 Basic Income Grant:

- 16.5 UDF party will implement a basic income grant of N\$ 500 for every unemployed Namibian citizen from the ages of 18 up to 59.

17. SPORTS

- 17.1 UDF will ensure that functions of Youth Sports and culture be decentralized to each and every Constituency
- 17.2 will ensure that all sports codes be fully funded by government through line ministry.
- 17.3 Ensure that each and every Constituency should have full functional sports facilities.
- 17.4 UDF will ensure NFA be fully budgeted and assisted by central government and Current national stadiums be fully upgraded.



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