



Republic of Namibia

Vote of Thanks

By

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**Safari Hotel & Conference Centre
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Programme Director – Mr. Kahijoro Kahuure

Your Excellency Cde. President Hifikepunye Pohamba

Hon. Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Hon. Members of Parliament

Hon. Governor, Khomas Region – Cde. Sophia Shaningwa

Your Excellencies Members of the Diplomatic Corps

WHO Representative - Dr Magda Robalo;

Representatives of International Organizations, Bilateral Agencies and Development Partners;

Members of the Namibia AIDS Executive Committee

Senior Officials of the Ministry of Health and Social Services and other line Ministries;

Programme Officers from various Government, multilateral, civil society and non-governmental health organizations;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I am mindful of the hectic schedule that H.E. Cde. President had been following of lately. But amidst all this fact, he found time to officiate at this ceremony which is the testimony of his quality leadership and strong commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Namibia.

Similarly, I am extremely grateful to all the line ministries and Government institutions in particular the National Planning

Commission for the unwavering support in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

I wish to use this opportunity on behalf of the Namibian Government and indeed myself to thank the US Government for the immense financial support through PEPFAR and CDC. This support addressed the dire need of skilled personnel in addressing the impact of HIV/AIDS.

I am most grateful to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria for the financial support. I am also thankful to the bilateral donors, particularly the GTZ.

To the UN Agencies, the WHO for technical support, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP; all of you made a huge financial and material support to the fight against HIV/AIDS. We are saying, “thank you for your support”.

I wish to thank the civil society, the NGOs, the faith based organizations for all efforts made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, particularly at the community level.

I also wish to thank the private sector for its contribution in the fight against HIV/AIDS at work place and for realizing the fact that it is only when the health of personnel is in good health that production would be realized.

Lastly but not least, I wish to thank the community and the people of Namibia at large for their resilience in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

All this achievements that we have made would not have been possible without the hard work, competencies and dedication of the health workers from the Ministry, hospitals, health centres and clinics. To all of you present here, thank you for coming.

Thank you.