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## From the Desk of the ED



**Mr. I-Ben Natangwe Nashandi**  
Executive Director

It is surprising how the world can go from a great festive season to a sudden halt in a period of three months as a result of a virus. A great lesson here is that no matter our geographical locations, we are again reminded that the world is one. We are one!

As a country, Namibia has learnt very fast that mitigating the severe impact of Covid-19, declaring a State of Emergency, supporting vulnerable households and smaller businesses to mitigate the impact of this severe shock, establishing stringent regulations, boosting the life blood of the economy through a stimulus package, would suppress Covid-19.

We have also learnt that physical distancing and lockdown with clear regulations, can curb the spread of Coronavirus.

This pandemic is widespread, and it incumbent upon all staff members and citizens to comply to adopted measures in order to protect lives.

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## Editor's Note



**Rhingo Mutambo (CPRP)**  
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Hello family!. Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 4 of the electronic newsletter of the *Premier News*-the official newsletter of the Office of the Prime Minister.

Namibia just like many countries of the world, did not go unscathed by the novel Corona-virus popularly known as Covid-19. Hence, this addition is dedicated for novel Corona-virus.

It will contain general information on Covid -19, donations and guidelines on donations, lockdown extension and measures to combat the pandemic, isolation facilities and the importance of food and safety in the fight against Covid-19.

We also wish to congratulate our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for their reappointment.

As a tradition, here is your flash news quote as food for thoughts by Milton Berle; *“If an opportunity doesn't knock, build a door”*.

*Enjoy the reading.*

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# Govt. receives over 28.5 mil for Covid-19



Prime Minister Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila receiving the donation from SWAPO Party's Secretary General, Hon. Sophia Shaningwa

Government has received monetary contributions and pledges to the value of N\$ 28.5 million and in-kind donations worth 20.2 million, towards the National Disaster Fund account for COVID-19.

One such donation, was a N\$ 1 million from the SWAPO Party delivered by Secretary General, Hon. Sophia Shaningwa for Covid-19.

The Prime Minister expressed government's profound appreciation for the support rendered to the nation to confront the pandemic and stressed that it is only through unity of purpose that Namibia as a nation can conquer the insivible deadly enemy.

All monetary donations received are deposited in a special account for Covid -19, whose details are shown here below.

## SUMMARY OF COVID-19 CASH DONATIONS:

<b>Individuals</b>	-	N\$ 227 640.00
<b>Private Sector</b>	-	N\$ 2 371 250.00
<b>Trade Unions</b>	-	N\$ 373 000.00
<b>SOEs</b>	-	N\$ 2 710 000.00
<b>Traditional Authorities</b>	-	N\$ 40 000.00
<b>Churches</b>	-	N\$ 28 500.00
<b>Government</b>	-	N\$ 17 774 355.00

## LOCKDOWN EXTENDED

President Hage Geingob announced the extension of a full lockdown, to curb the spread of COVID-19, to the whole country until the 4 May 2020.

The lockdown will be from 17 April 2020 (Friday midnight) to 04 May 2020 (monday, midnight). The country will effectively reopen on 5 May 2020.



President, Dr. Hage Geingob.



### DONATION GUIDELINES

#### MONETARY DONATIONS FOR COVID-19



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

All monetary donations to Government on COVID-19 must be made to the following account:

Account Name : National Disaster Fund: Covid-19  
 Bank Name : First National Bank  
 Account No. : 62271780853  
 Branch Code : 281872  
 Branch Name : FNB Business  
 Reference : Your Full Name or Entity's Name

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**We are in this together and we will emerge stronger together!**

**If you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms call this Toll Free number for help: 0800100100.**

## Measures to combat the spread of Covid-19: Work from home period



*President Dr. Hage Geingob (centre), Vice-President Dr. Nangolo Mbumba (left) and Prime Minister Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila (right) during the lock down extension announcement.*

**Consistent with the announcement of the lockdown by the President, the Prime Minister has extended the permission to identified staff members to work from home. Hence, notice is given that:**

Due to measures to curb the spread of Covid-19, all staff members are allowed to perform their work from home from 17 April (midnight) to 04 May 2020 (midnight).

Exceptions is made only to identify staff members rendering essential services at the Office. Such staff members will be issued with letters to facilitate their travel to and from work.

All staff members are urged to continue to perform their tasks, submit their outputs to their supervisors and to use technology devices to streamline work engagement.

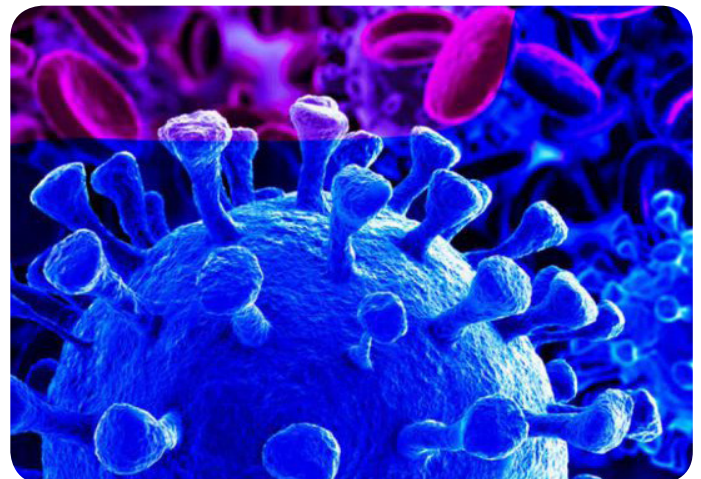
All OPM staff members to observe the Covid-19 measures.

## COVID-19:

### Protect yourself and others

Everyone needs to stay at home to help slow the spread of coronavirus. You should only leave your home to:

- Shop for essential food and household goods
- Attend medical appointments, collect medicine or other health products
- Care for children, older people or other vulnerable people
- Exercise outdoors - within 2 kilometres of your home and only with people from your own household - keeping 2 metres between you and other people
- Travel to work if you provide an essential service - be sure to practice social distancing



## OPM NEWS FLASH FROM THE ARCHIVES



Hon. Dr. Samuel Chief Ankama served as Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister from February 2018 to March 2020.

The management and the entire staff of the Office of the Prime Minister bid him a good farewell and wish him all the best in all his future endeavours.

### ‘Nutritious food and safety’ are key in the fight against Covid-19



*Mr. Ian Collard CEO of Namib Mills and Secretary to Cabinet Dr. George Simataa (right).*

Secretary to Cabinet Dr. George Simataa received a donation worth 40 000 portions of nutritious food from Mr. Ian Collard, CEO of Namib Mills, to boost the immune system of people who fell victim to the Corona-virus.

The food was originally donated towards the 30th Independence Anniversary.

The donation consists of; three (3) pellets totaling 2.9 tons of Top Score Maize Meal and three (3) pellets totaling 1.3 tons of Polana Macaroni.

“The mission of Namib Mills is to feed the nation, and we, therefore, want to ensure there is constant supply of food products”, said Mr. Collard.

“Nutritious food is important to boost the immune system and our Top Score is fortified with vitamins,” he added.

Dr. Simataa commended Namib Mills for supporting government in the fight against the Corona-virus pandemic and called on private sector to come on board to ensure that reliable and effective testing can be done particularly at the border posts.

The two agreed that by working together on these times of uncertainty, the Government, private sector and public at large can prevent Namibia from experiencing the escalation of the Corona-virus pandemic.

Simataa and Collard further agreed that it is very unfortunate that the 30th Independence Celebrations have been postponed, but said that it is more important to guarantee the safety of the people.

## PM inspects a Covid-19 isolation centre built in a week



*Isolation facility whconstruction.*

**P**rime Minister (PM) Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila (centre in the picture) inspected a newly built isolation facility at the Windhoek Central Hospital (WCH), on 01 April 2020. The isolation facility built in one week has 12 fully furnished self-contained rooms for the Covid -19 patients.

In addition, government through the Ministry of Health and Social Services converted a section of the WCH into an ICU and a High Care Centre with 6 beds and 9 beds respectively for Covid -19 patients. There are 65 facilities around the country with a total capacity of 1500.

PM also inspected various Katutura locations in Windhoek including; Single Quarters, Katutura central, Soweto, Wanaheda and Havana to satisfy herself with how communities are complying with the lockdown measures.



### *Computer key Board Usage Tips*



#### **Did you know why are there bumps on the F and J keyboard keys?**

The small bumps or ridges found on the F and J keyboard keys are to help users correctly position their left and right hands without having to look at the keyboard. For example, without looking at your hands, you can feel the small bumps to correctly position your left and right index fingers on the F and J keys. Once you're hands are on the home row key position, you should be able to locate the remainder of the keys on the keyboard.

**Source:** <https://www.computerhope.com/issues/ch000922.htm>

## Office engagements at a glance!



Prime Minister Dr Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila (far left) joined President Hage Geingob and Vice President H.E. Nangolo Mbumba, on 04 April 2020 for a telephonic conversation with President of China, H.E. XI Jinping to strengthen Africa's response to Covid-19. President Hage Geingob thanked President XI for support and care of over 500 Namibian students in Wuhan during the pandemic

The Secretary to Cabinet, Dr. George Simataa received a donation of 2000 hand gloves and 2000 masks from the Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Mr. Ian Subasubani (centre), on 20 March 2020. He made the donation in his own capacity as a caring Namibian citizen to support the fight against the Corona-virus.



Dr. Samuel Chief Ankama (far right), Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister calls on development partners to continue supporting communities in rural areas who depend on subsistence farming for their livelihood.

He made this remarks on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, during the monitoring mission of the distribution of food donated by the People's Republic of China in the Omashare Constituency, Kavango East Region, on 12 March 2020.



Prime Minister Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila flanked by the Oshana Regional Governor Hon. Elia Irimari and the Mayor of Oshakati Mr. Angelius Iyambo during the handing over of land hold titles under the Flexible Land Tenure System to the beneficiaries of the Onawa informal settlement at Oshakati, on 18 March 2020.





# *Congratulations!!*



**Prime Minister**

Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila



**Deputy Prime Minister**

Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

The staff members of the Office of the Prime Minister congratulate Right. Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila and Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah on their reappointment as Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, respectively.

We wish them all the best in their portfolios and pledge our commitment to support them in their work.



## **OPM congratulates Hon. Itope**

Mr. Neville Andre Itope (left) -who was a Personal Assistant to the Secretary to Cabinet Dr. George Simataa in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), has been appointed as Governor for the Erongo region.

The management and staff of the OPM wish him all the best in his appointment.