

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**HANDING OVER OF DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE BY THE
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
REMARKS BY HON. NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAH, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AND COOPERATION
(05 AUGUST 2019)**

Your Excellency, Mr. Amr Abdelwareth,
Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Namibia

Distinguished Guests,
Members of the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may recall in May 2019, H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, declared a state of emergency in view of the severe drought, Namibia is currently experiencing.

We are here for a special occasion, the Hand Over of the donation by the Arab Republic of Egypt towards the drought relief efforts by the government of Namibia.

In response to the call by His Excellency, the Presidents, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt made available **N\$800,000.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars)**.

In consultations with the Office of the Prime Minister through MIRCO, that amount procured **133.6 Metric Tons** of mahangu grain from AMTA (Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency).

The whole consignment is allocated to Omusati Region as part of the August drought allocation. The grain will be distributed according to the government drought relief program. Here we have few bags from the consignment.

The rest of the donation will be delivered to the regional warehouses from where it will be distributed to the necessary beneficiaries.

Ambassador, your hard work does not go unnoticed in the areas of human development and capacity building for the Namibian people.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Egyptian Government for responding to the call for drought relief assistance.