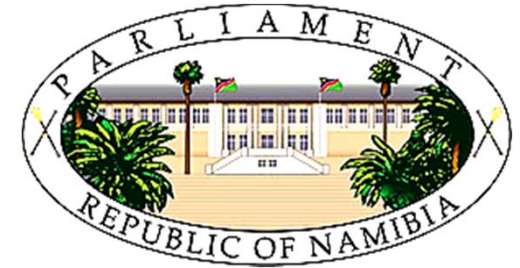




# Namibia: Presentation on achievements and challenges

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## National Context Key indicators



- The total population is estimated at 2,3 million
- 66% of the Namibian population is below the age of 30
- Approximately 17% of children under the age of 15 years are orphans
- HIV prevalence rate is 16.9% (among pregnant women)
- 43% of HIV new infections among young people aged 15-24 and 60% of these are among young women (UNAIDS Estimates )
- Teenage pregnancy rate among 15 - 19 years is 19%
- Over 4000 learners dropped out of school in 2016 due to teenage pregnancy
- Contraceptive usage is 24% in young women aged 15-19, 62% aged 25-29, while in women aged 45-49 is 45% (NDHS 2013)
- Knowledge on HIV 61.6% females and 51.1% Males



# Progress



1.) Compel concerned government Ministries and agencies to implement health reports adopted in Parliament.

Overall implementation status : still in progress

Specific Activity/Action	Progress towards achieving commitment	Challenges	Lessons Learned
Moving a Motion on implementation of the National Medical and Pension Benefit Fund	The Motion was tabled before Parliament on 18 September 2019. Motion is aimed at promoting and improving access to health services for the majority poor who rely on the underfunded and inefficient public health service. The motion has been referred to the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Social Development and Family Affairs for further enquiry before it can be adopted.	Due to limited time and only referred to the Committee two weeks ago, Public hearings have not yet been conducted.	The committee should make follow ups on reports adopted in order to effect their implementation.



## Progress

- ❑ 2.) Consult all stakeholders on the harmonization of various policies related to young people

Specific Activity/Action	Progress towards achieving commitment	Challenges	Lessons Learned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultative meeting</li></ul>	The youth group, Ombetja Yehinga Organisation (OYO), aimed at empowering young people on issues of HIV, Teenage pregnancy and gender based violence especially in schools, was consulted to seek for ways on how to collaborate.	Limited time, due to election year has prevented the committee to consult many stakeholders with regard to harmonization of policies.	Lack of harmonization has continued to affect the provision of SRHR services and at times leads to duplication of efforts.

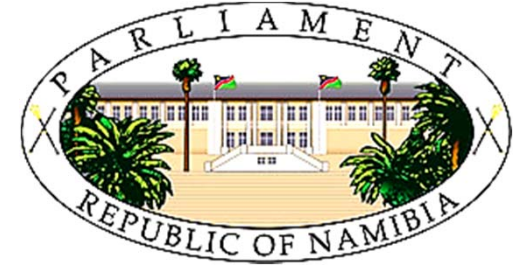
Specific Activity/Action	Progress towards achieving commitment	Challenges	Lessons Learned
International conference	<p>MPs attended the 9<sup>th</sup> AIDS international conference from 11 – 14 June 2019 in South Africa on invitation by the Ministry of Health and social services as a stakeholder. The meeting was intended to heighten up efforts and collaborate in tackling the scourge of HIV and AIDS.</p>		



## Progress

### 3) Compel Ministries and agencies to abide to a cabinet resolution on gender responsive budgeting

Specific Activity	Progress towards achieving progress	challenges	Lessons learned
Cabinet Decision and NDP 5 compelling all OMAs to adhere to Gender Responsive Budgeting	A training on Gender Responsive Budgeting for MPs was held in two sessions from 16 – 18 July and from 23 – 25 July 2019. The training was organized by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare.	Gender inequality and lack of gender sensitive budgets still exists in the National Budget	More oversight is needed to identify specific agencies still failing to comply with this directive.

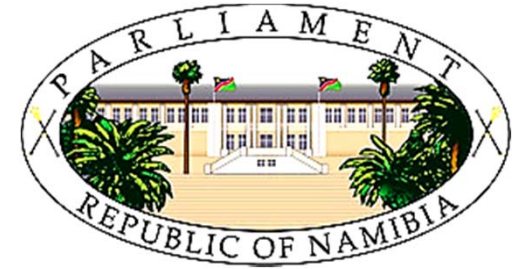


# Progress

## 4). Committee on Health to enquire about remuneration and better condition of service for health extension workers

Overall implementation status: still in progress

Specific Activity/Action	Progress towards achieving Commitment	Challenges	Lessons learned
No action due to limited time			



## Commitments for 2019

- Conduct consultative meetings with government ministries and agencies to hear progress on cabinet resolution on gender responsive budgeting
- Continue to consult stakeholders on the harmonization of various policies related to young people
- Committee on Health still to enquire about remuneration and better condition of service for health extension workers
- Conduct hearings on the establishment of a national medical and pension fund that would enable low income earners and the majority poor to have access to quality and affordable health care.