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Namibia NGO Forum



A Basic Income Grant for Namibia

We the undersigned organisations have resolved the following:

- We note that Namibia has extremely high levels of poverty and the highest incidence of income inequality in the world. The reduction of inequality and of poverty needs to be addressed as a top priority because social justice is a prerequisite for economic growth and investment in Namibia.
- We note that poverty is a contributing factor to the spread of HIV/AIDS and is thereby undermining economic security, and, at the same time exacerbating poverty. Consequently that means we need to address poverty and HIV/AIDS together.
- We resolve that the Basic Income Grant is a necessity to reduce poverty and to promote economic empowerment, freeing the productive potential of the people currently trapped in the vicious and deadly cycle of poverty.

Therefore:

- We agree that every Namibian should receive a Basic Income Grant until she or he becomes eligible for a government pension at 60 years.
- The level of the Basic Income Grant should be not less than N\$ 100 per person per month.
- The Basic Income Grant should be an unconditional grant to every Namibian.
- The costs for the Basic Income Grant should be recovered through a combination of progressively designed tax reforms.

We the undersigned organisations committed ourselves to working together with all stakeholders to make the Basic Income Grant a reality in Namibia. We invite and call upon all stakeholders to join our effort and to become a member of this coalition.

Umbrella organisations:

- *Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN),*
- *Namibian NGO Forum (NANGOF)*
- *National Union of Namibian Workers (NUNW)*
- *Namibia Network of AIDS Service Organisations (NANASO)*

Individual organisations:

Legal Assistance Centre (LAC); Labour Resource and Research Institute (LaRRI)