

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HAGE G. GEINGOB,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA ON THE OCCASION
OF THE DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY**

STATE HOUSE

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Fellow Namibians,

The rain season is almost over and we did not receive good rainfall. This means that we are facing the natural disaster of a drought and many will be affected by the situation. As a responsible and caring Government, we have to take proactive measures to deal with the worst effects of the drought.

Following consultations with Cabinet and the wider Government system, I declare under Article 26 of the Namibian Constitution that a State of Emergency exists on account of the natural disaster of drought in all regions of the Republic of Namibia.

Offices, Ministries and Agencies and all other stakeholders will be mobilized to ensure that the necessary assistance is rolled out to affected communities.

During this period, Government shall endeavor at all times to protect Namibians and their livestock from the drought.

I thank you

