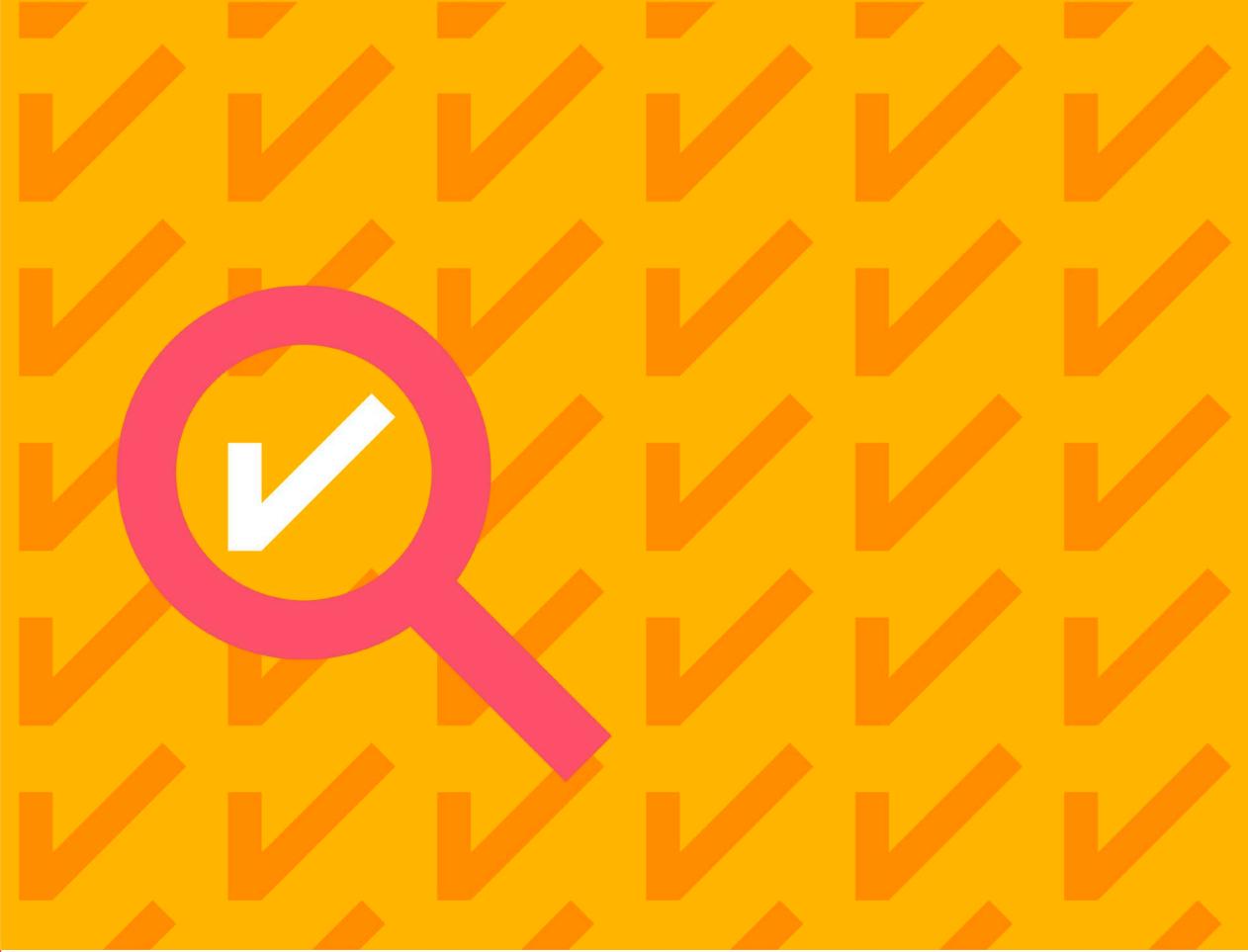


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Overview

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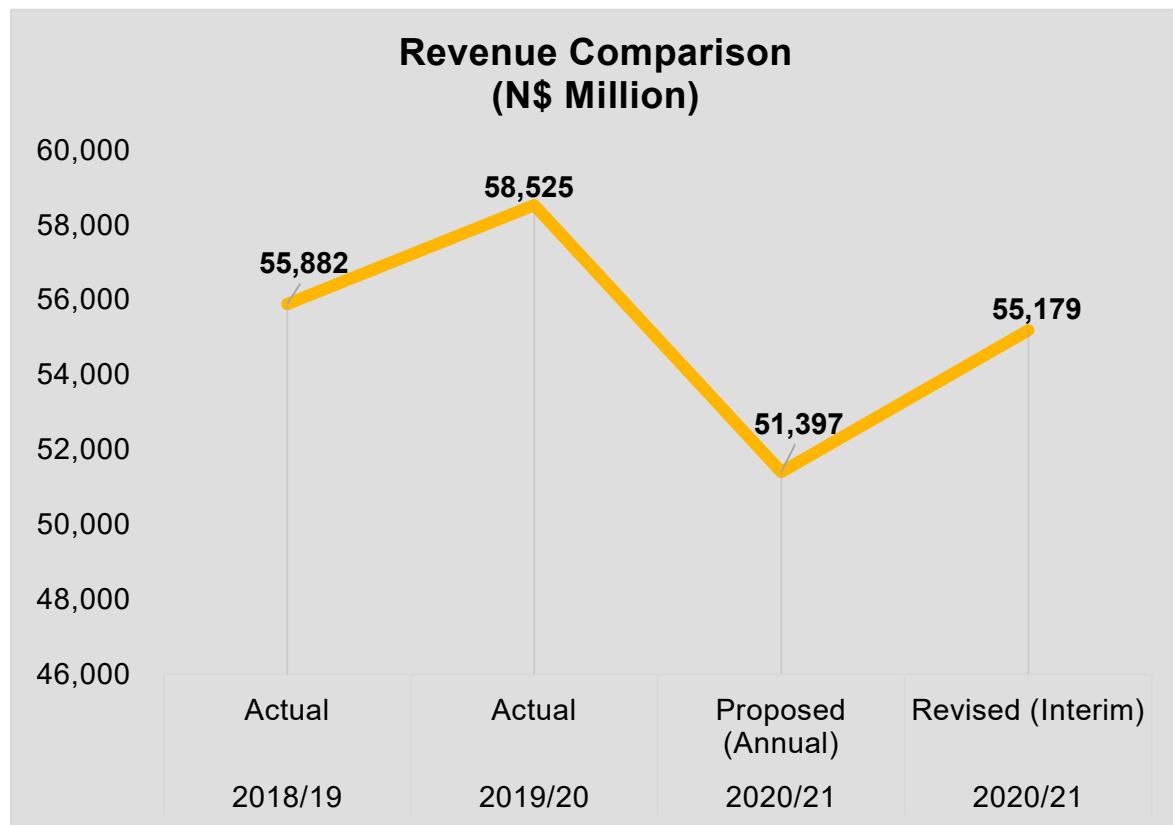


“Together defeating COVID-19, Together thriving again”
– Hon. Ipumbu Shiimi, Minister of Finance

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Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Total Revenue Comparison



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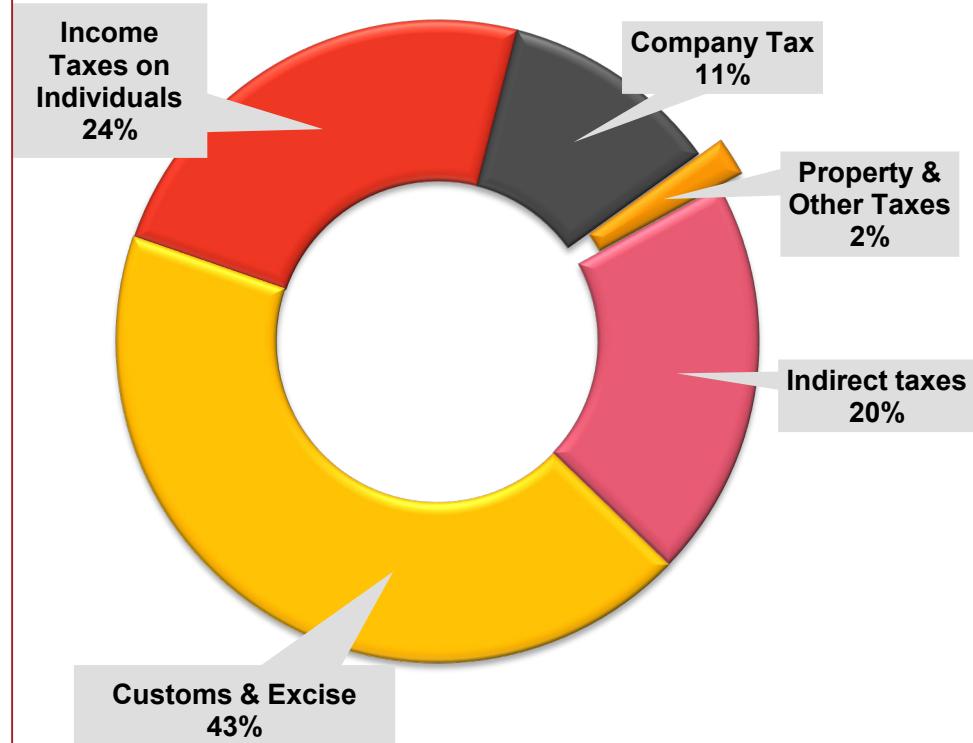
Actual revenue outturn for 2019/20 amounted to N\$58.5 billion, generally on par with the budget revenue estimate of N\$58.3 billion and amounting to 32.7 percent of GDP. Revenue for the FY2020/21 is expected to increase with N\$3.8 billion largely attributable to Income Taxes on Individuals of N\$2.7 billion and Company Taxes of N\$1 billion.

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Budget Comparisons

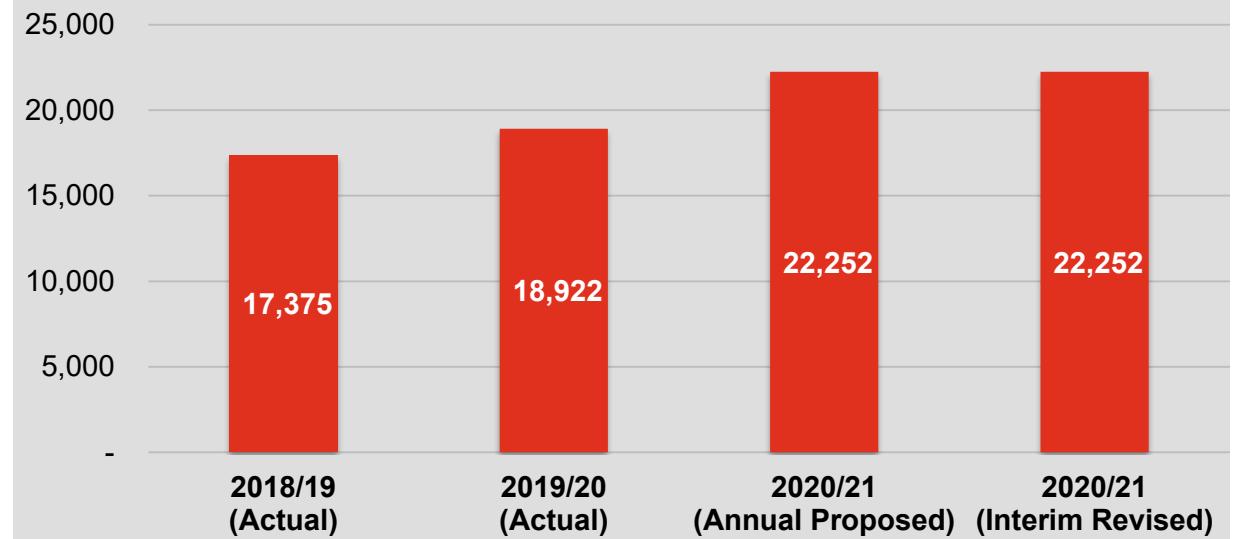
Revenue Analysis

TAX REVENUE (Composition): 2020/21 Revised



2020/21 Total Revenue is estimated to be **N\$55.2** Billion of which **N\$3.3** Billion is Non-Tax Revenue

SACU RECEIPTS (N\$ millions)



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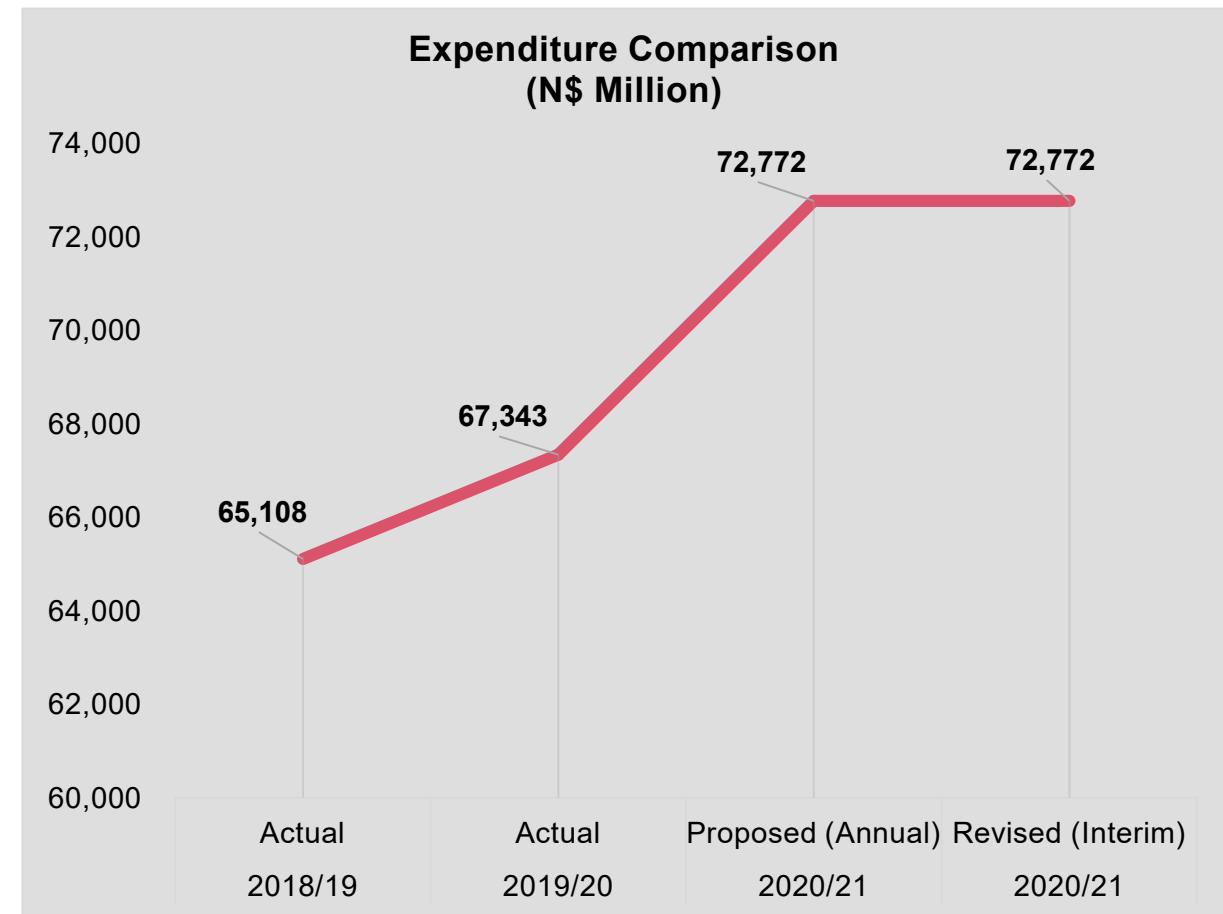
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Total Expenditure Comparison



The half-year expenditure execution was 49% of the budget, amounting to N\$35.8 billion. The FY2020/21 expenditure budget remains unchanged at N\$72.8 billion due to proposed reallocation of resources. The proposed reallocations are intended to meet resource shortfalls for the provision of infrastructure and essential services.

Expenditure Comparison (N\$ Million)



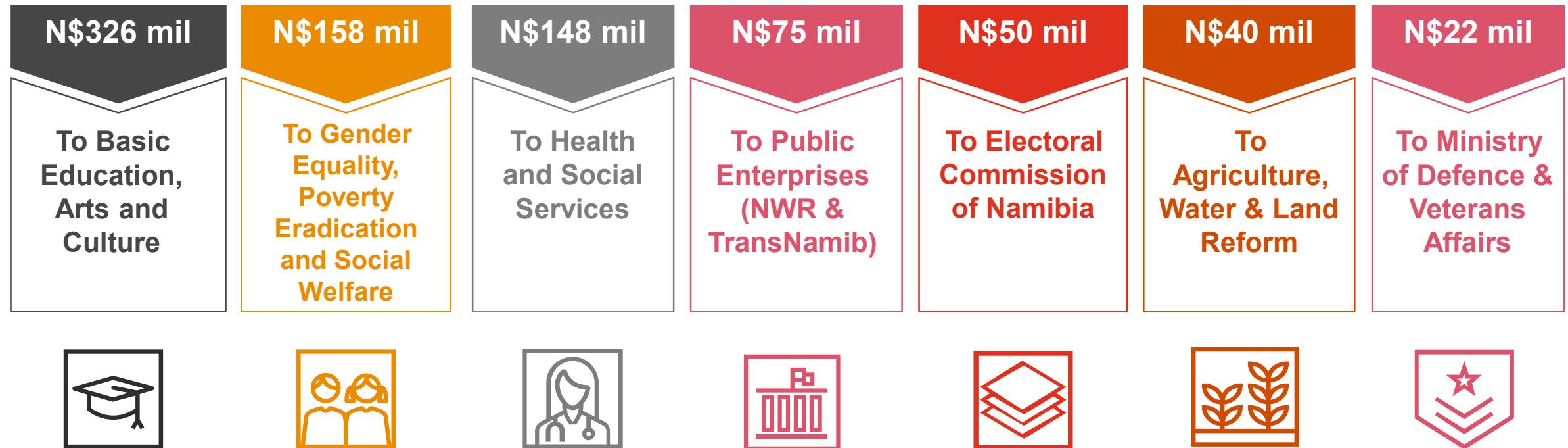
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Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Major expenditure reallocations

Reallocation of funds amounts to

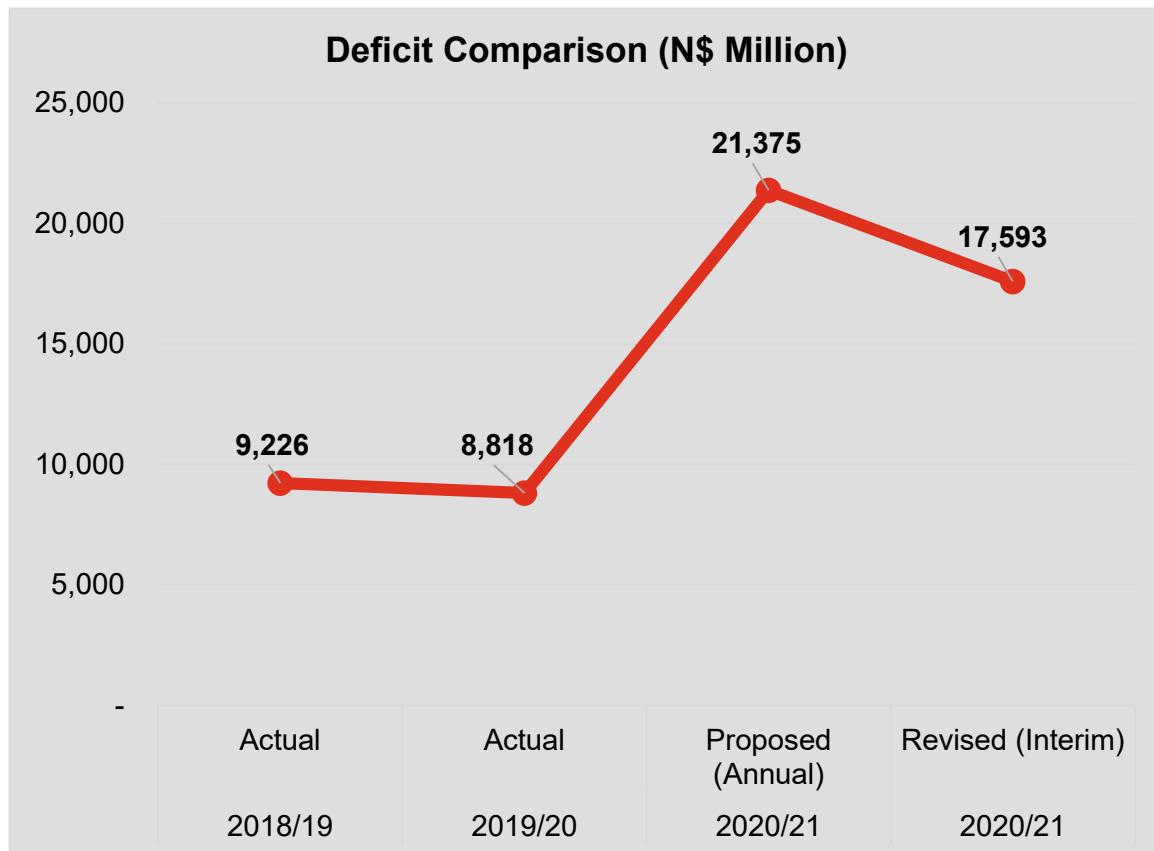
N\$842 million, comprising of **N\$240 million** for the development budget and **N\$602 million** for the operational budget.



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Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Total Deficit Comparison



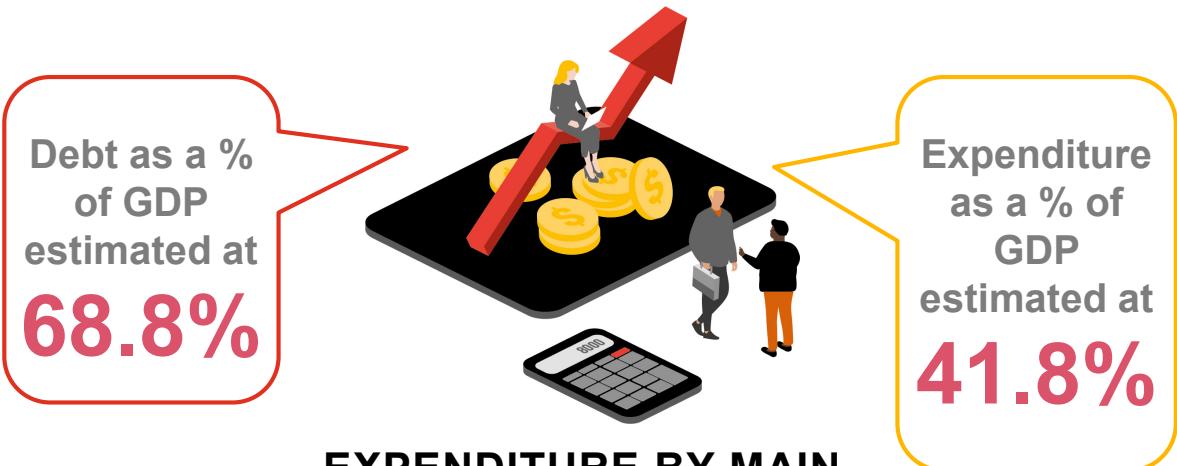
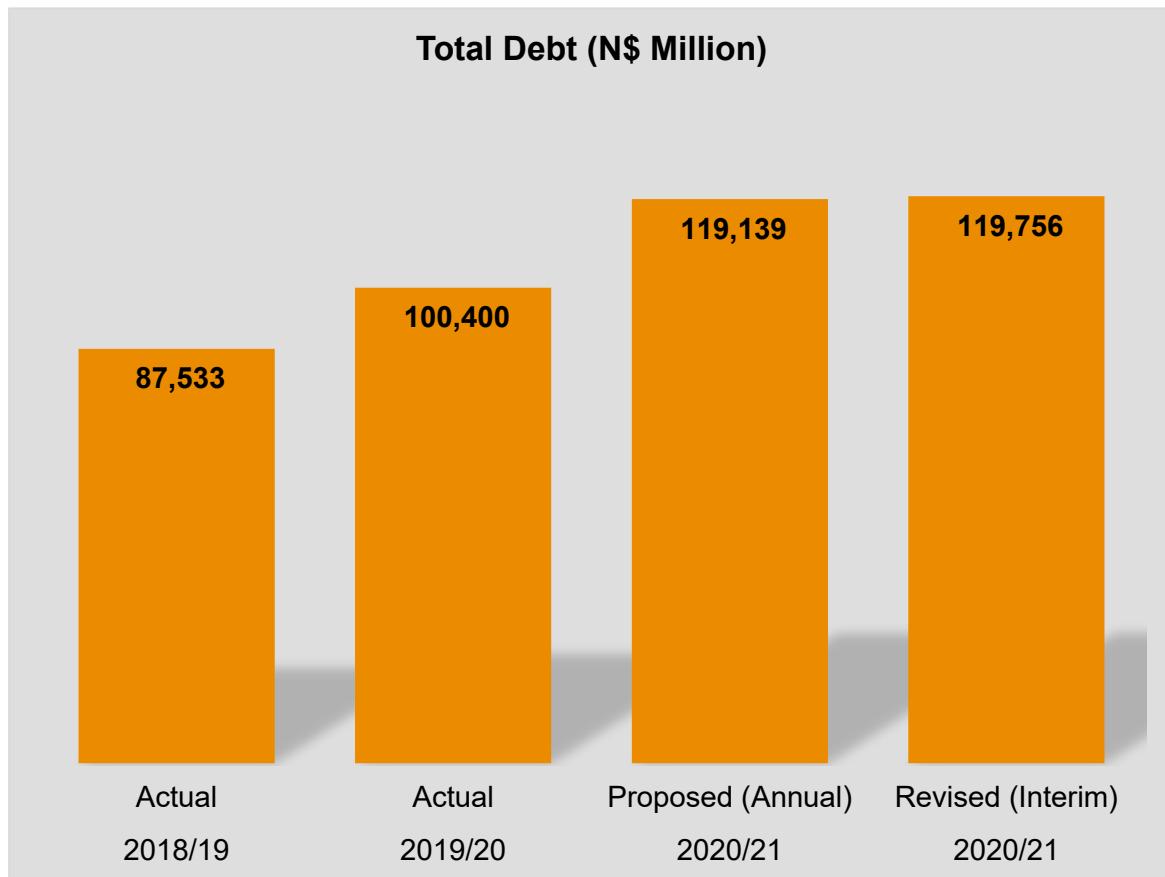
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The 2020/21 Mid Year budget review reflects a budget deficit that has decreased from 12% to 10.1% of GDP from the initial budget tabled earlier this year. This is estimated to reach 6.4% of GDP by FY2022/23.

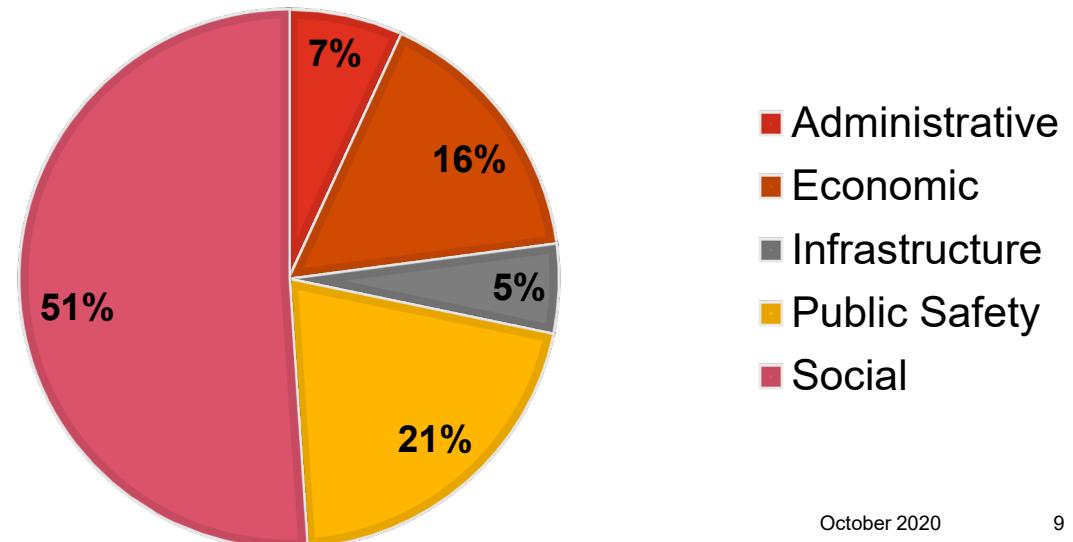
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Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Total Debt Comparison & Expenses Composition



EXPENDITURE BY MAIN (REVISED AVAILABLE BUDGET)



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Electronic Filing Tax Relief Programme

- Introduction of a one-year, **Electronic Filing Tax Relief Programme**. A penalty and interest relief is to be provided to taxpayers with outstanding tax arrears filing returns electronically, starting **February 2021**.
 - **100%** of penalties and **95%** interest to be waived provided capital tax debt settled within 3 months;
 - **100%** penalties and **75%** interest to be waived provided capital tax debt settled within 12 months;
 - **100%** of penalties and **95%** interest to be suspended for the hardest hit industries such as tourism, hospitality, aviation, travel and construction sectors.
- Proposed **re-engineering of the VAT refunds audit process**, reducing turnaround payment for undisputed VAT to no more than **90 days** after receiving the VAT claim and upon fulfilling set requirements by February 2021.

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MTEF Policy Priorities



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Amongst others, the following MTEF Policy priorities were noted during the Honourable Minister of Finance's Mid-Year Budget Speech.



- Proposal to review the public wage sector bill by introducing options for voluntary retirement for the age cohort 55-60 years;
- Assessing a restructuring of PSEMAS;
- Finalising reforms to enable state divestiture and listing of state assets; and
- Finalising the special economic zone policy to retool and modernise the incentive regime.

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As concluded by the Honourable Minister of Finance

“The darker the night, the brighter the stars...” – Russian Poet

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