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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION, SAFETY AND SECURITY REACHES TARGET IN MASS REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security is pleased to inform the nation that it has successfully achieved its target of registering 50 000 people for birth certificates and identity documents through the ongoing mass registration campaign. As of 24 June 2024, a total of **50 833** Namibians were issued birth certificates and identity documents, marking a significant milestone in the Ministry's efforts to ensure comprehensive birth registration and identification in our country.

The mass registration campaign, which commenced on the 5th of February 2024, received widespread participation across all 14 regions of the country. The initiative is focused on the registration and issuance of birth certificates and identity documents to those who meet the requirements in line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia and the Births, Marriages and Deaths Act of 1963. The exercise also included the issuance of duplicate birth certificates and duplicate identity documents.

In addition, **7 332** applicants were registered as stateless and undocumented persons. This is the category of persons who, at the time of registration could not provide any documentary proof indicating that they are citizens of any country.

Reaching this milestone underscores the Ministry's commitment to ensuring a comprehensive birth registration coverage in the country, and thereby enabling deserving Namibians to access services such as education, healthcare, social grants and participate in other social and economic activities.

The Ministry extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to its dedicated staff members who have worked tirelessly since the commencement of the mass registration campaign, Regional

Councillors, and all stakeholders who have contributed to the success of the campaign. Their tireless efforts have been instrumental in reaching and exceeding our registration goals.

As the mass registration campaign continues until the 30th of July 2024, the Ministry is calling upon those citizens who do not have national documents or who have lost their documents to visit their nearest Home Affairs Offices or mobile registration centres. The National Mass Registration initiative is aimed at ensuring that every citizen is duly documented and thereby increasing access to services.

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