



20 February 2026

The Widow, Meme Ester Ndatale Nghidimbwa
Edundja Village
Oshikango Constituency
OHANGWENA REGION

Dear Meme Ester Ndatale Nghidimbwa, the Widow the Children and the entire Bereaved Family.

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your cherished husband, father, uncle, and a Veteran of our National Liberation Struggle, Comrade Erkki Nghimtina, on February 8th, 2026.

During this challenging time for your family, please take comfort in knowing that we share in your sorrow. Our thoughts are with you as you navigate through this period of grief.

Cde Nghimtina was a respected figure within the Swapo family, and he also held the position of a Trustee for the Sam Nujoma Foundation until his passing.

In this regard, his death has significantly impacted both our leadership at the Foundation and its mission since he was one of its trusted members appointed by Namibia's First President H.E Dr. Sam Nujoma. The late Cde Nghimtina along with his fellow trustees were entrusted by our Founding President to guide this non-profit organization dedicated to advancing his vision while preserving his legacy.

As a trustee within the Foundation, he contributed invaluable knowledge and skills aimed at safeguarding its integrity. He represented a generation that bore not only burdens during liberation but also embraced governance responsibilities without seeking recognition, committed instead to nurturing both our republic and foundation's development.

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Through Cde. Nghimtina's life journey we can reflect upon how far we have come towards freedom while ensuring future generations understand their heritage built on sacrifices made by brave Namibians under SWAPO's banner during our National Liberation struggle.

This is indeed an illustrious legacy established by courageous sons and daughters from Namibia, a treasure that must be honoured for those who follow us. Indeed, the Late Comrade Nghimtina will no longer be among us, but his life's work will endure in the people whose lives he touched.

To my fellow mourners, as we gather to bid farewell today, let us not only grieve but also honour and celebrate the life of Cde Nghimtina, recognizing the many achievements he made for Namibia throughout his years of service.

As the Late Comrade Nghimtina takes a befitting rest, allow me once again on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Technical Committee of the Sam Nujoma Foundation, and indeed on my own behalf, to convey our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the Widow, Meme Ester Ndatale Nghidimbwa, the children, the entire bereaved family and Comrades for this irreparable loss.

May the revolutionary spirit of the Late Comrade Nghimtina continue to guide us as we chart the future destiny of our country, and may we all be granted fortitude during this difficult time of bereavement and sorrow.

May the Soul of Cde Nghimtina rest in Eternal Peace!

 **For The Sam Nujoma Foundation**

Nahas Angula
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