

'Time To Account'

THROUGHOUT the country I have witnessed growing poverty and hunger. This is an unacceptable state of affairs for a country with only close to two million people, but rich with natural resources and raw materials. The past year has seen alarming increases in the prices of food, clothing and fuel.

The poor and needy people should not be only be fed during festivals, Christmas gatherings or at one or other occasion. This process must be done on a regular basis. In fact there is no sense in feeding a hungry person only for one day.

One major concern in this independent country is the increasing rate of unemployment. During the election campaigns the political office bearers list job creation high on their campaign promises, but from the looks of it this is forgotten.

Sadly, in the past year unemployment has continued to escalate and matriculants struggle to enrol for further studies and our graduates and skilled professionals flock out of the country and the already jobless have lost hope of ever earning a decent living wage.

The health sector in general is also under a huge strain. The hospitals and clinics fall into disrepair with

little or no stock.

AIDS is killing and destroying mostly the poor and the Government must make this a priority and not a favour. Rape, murder and robbery is a growing trend in this beautiful country. It is shameful to see the names of top political bearers, as well as top Government officials involved in the committing of crimes.

The robbery of innocent Namibians and tourists must by all means be stopped and culprits be brought to book.

The Police as well as Government vehicles must only be used for the practical purpose they are assigned to. Finally, the exploiting and wastage of taxpayers money must be stopped. It is shameful to see that only about six per cent of the total population lives in luxury while the remaining 94 per cent in poverty.

We trusted you, our political office bearers and top government officials to look after our precious resources and money, not for you to enrich yourselves and become fat cats. You will have to account one or other time. Remember we are very concerned and frustrated.

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