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# Responsible Gambling & Public Education

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# Regulatory overview

- ▶ Two pieces of legislation namely:
  - Casino & Gambling Houses Act 32 of 1994– established the Casino Board; and
  - Lotteries Act 15 of 2002– established the Lotteries Board.
- ▶ Reform processes of both Acts, the Bills are expect to be finalized by the end of March 2016.
- ▶ Unable to regulate any lottery activities yet.
- ▶ Moratorium on gambling licences since 1996, only part of gambling activities are regulated.
- ▶ Have six licenced casinos with 4 operational.
- ▶ Have 254 gambling houses licensed, representing only 10% (estimate) of gambling houses operating in Namibia.

# Challenges

- ▶ Current legislation (Acts found ineffective) being repealed.
- ▶ Lack of statistics on the impact and nature of gambling in Namibia
- ▶ No capacity or structure for control and monitoring on responsible gambling or gaming.
- ▶ Roles and responsibility of the regulators and operators not clear.
- ▶ Regulators face limited capacity e.g. funds to execute responsible gambling/education campaigns.

# Two Stream Educational Programmes

## Responsible Gambling Programs

- ▶ Gambling operators
- ▶ Target primarily player
- ✓ Self-exclusion
- ✓ Patron information
- ✓ On-line responsible gambling centres

## Public Education & Treatment Programs

- ▶ Health Ministries
- ▶ Treatment networks
- ▶ Public Awareness– regulators
- ✓ Social marketing
- ✓ School based youth programs
- ✓ College and university programs

# Recommendations

- ▶ Develop strategies on responsible gambling and public education.
- ▶ Undertake study on impact of gambling in our community.
- ▶ Industries to create forums on the current & changing gambling environment.
- ▶ Educate parents to discuss gambling with their teenagers and the impact of online gambling.



# Recommendations continued ....

- ▶ Clear procedures dealing with restricted persons.
- ▶ The research unit within Regulatory body structure
- ▶ Disclosure of reports on regular basis.
- ▶ Mechanism to discourage use of alcohol while gambling.
- ▶ Addicted gambling treatment facilities.
- ▶ Free helplines and referral service to ensure free, confidential and anonymous access to information.

Questions / Comments?

Thank you