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Hon. Juliet Kavetuna.

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Honourable Minister, Allow me to say Colleagues, Comrades and friends in  
Health

Good health is the foundation of a country's human capital, and no country can afford low-quality or unsafe healthcare," World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim said. "Low-quality care disproportionately impacts the poor, which is not only morally reprehensible, it is economically unsustainable for families and entire countries."

From the onset let me express my gratitude to the dynamic team of the Ministry Technocrats, who welcome me and Dr. Bernard Haufiku (the former Minister) to this Ministry in 2015. Knowing it from my previous life as a nurse, it felt like coming back home. This Ministry is very technical, very complex and very diverse. It take real women and man to remain committed to the call of serving,

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you are indeed those brave once. During the course of the week, you will hear many things done, many challenge and equally many opportunities grabbed and also missed. It's a path of life, we should be able to learn as we are moving forward. You have tried, to reduce maternal deaths, you have tried to recruit sufficient personnel, and you have exceptionally rolled out ART and PMTCT and successfully saved lives. List projects that might been successful:

Well done colleagues,

Honourable Minister, dear Colleagues

On my appointment as a Deputy Minister, I came to this Ministry I felt like Danai Gurira who plays Okoye in Wakanda on her way to Hollywood. I had so many dreams and aspirations. I saw myself a giver of hope to the hopeless, guided by the Philosophy of Florence Nightingale in her guide the little things we do as Nurse. It is nearly four years along the line and still can hold a tangible outcome of my excitement when I came to this Ministry. This needs people that are not routine followers, but pathfinders, people who think out of the box and who carry the interest of the service users at heart. In this area, we do not need additional resources rather bringing out our God given talents and abilities, craving for betterment and taking charge. Dear Colleagues, our term as assigned political Principals to this ministry is counted to come to the end exactly 14 months from now. However the truth is, it was and it will never be about us, but surely about the masses out there. If wishes were horses, I would like to see us grabbing the low hanging fruits, maximize our drive to bring about change in our assignments and to provide better health care to the Namibian Masses out there.

My four Wishes:

Integrity, honesty

Priority and Urgency in whatever

Creativity and Innovation

Humanity

Let's be the change we would like to see!

Thank You