Q1 GDP 2019

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Namibia national accounts are compiled in line with SNA 93 of the UN

Quarterly indicators – high frequency data – track performance of economy

Sources are surveys and administrative data

Results are presented on quarterly basis for 16 sectors of the economy
Real QGDP growth

Real QGDP for Q1 2019
contracted by

\[2.0\% \text{ vs } 0.5\%\]

(year-on-year)
Real Quarterly GDP rate
Key drivers to the improve performance

- Declines were observed in:
  - Construction
  - W & Retail trade
  - Agriculture
  - Public Admn
  - Mining Sectors
Construction

• Y/y reduced by 27.8% vs a decline of 0.5% in 2018
• Reflected in the real value of building completed – 36.9% vs an increase of 102.1%
• The real value for government construction declined by 9.0%
Wholesale and retail trade

- Over the year dropped by 6.7% vs decline of 4.3%
- Sales revenue for the W & retail trade declined by 5.9%
- Weak consumer confidence resulting in lower demand for goods & services
Agriculture and Forestry

- Y/y agriculture contracted by 6.7% vs growth of 0.3%
- Crop subsector that went down by 21.8% vs increase of 21.2% in 2018
- Livestock subsector reduction 0.3% vs decline of 8.3%
- Sector is effected by prevailing drought
Public admin and mining

- Public admin posted a drop of 1.2% vs a zero growth in 2018
- Mining declined by 1.1% as opposed to a strong growth of 13.4% in 2018
- Diamond mining dropped by 4.1% vs an increase of 8.0%
- Uranium increased at slower pace by 13.0% vs 56.0% in 2018
- Metal ores improved though a decline 3.9% vs a drop of 6.9% for 2018
- Other mining declined by 31.0%
Hotels and restaurants dropped by 8.7%, an improvement from 17.5%

This is reflected in the number of bed nights sold increased by 1.1% from -11.0% in 2018

The number of room night sold that declined by 11.3%
Manufacturing performed better

- Y/y increased by 3.6% vs a growth of 0.5%
  - Non-metallic mineral (36.2%)
  - Basic non-furious metal (13.4%)
  - Fabricated metal products (12.8%)
  - Meat processing (11.1%)
  - Beverages (9.4%)

- Subsectors contracted
  - Grain mill products (-22.0%)
  - Leather products (-20.7%)
Education and Health sectors

- Education went up by 1.3% for a decline of 5.0%
- Health grew by 2.4% vs a drop of 5.8%
- Mainly due to recruitment
  - Education increased by 3.7%
  - Health increased by 1.1%

9/21/2017
Inflation and trade

- **Inflation** is on a upward trend Q1 2019 4.5%
- **Trade** in Q1 2019
  - Export N$15 799 million
  - Import N$15 682 million
- **Trade surplus** of N$116 million
• Y/y Real Q1 GDP ↓ 2.0%
• Contractions observed in:
  - Construction ↓ 27.8%
  - W & retail ↓ 6.7%
  - Agriculture ↓ 6.7%
• Slow performance:
  - Financial intermediation 1.4% from 2.6%
  - Real estate & business services 0.4% from 2.0%
  - Public administration -1.2% from Zero
• Positive growth observed in:
  - Manufacturing ↑ 3.6%
  - Education ↑ 1.3%
  - Health ↑ 1.1%
Thank you for your attention