

Excerpt from the Food and Nutrition Security Coordination Structure Government of the Republic of Namibia - 2021

2.2.5 *The Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN)*

In 2019, the National Alliance for Improved Nutrition (NAFIN) restructured, redefined and renamed itself to become the **Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN)**. This non-profit alliance serves as a platform for civil society organisations, academia, private sector organisations and committed individuals to improve nutrition in Namibia and support Government through coordinated efforts.

2.2.5.1 *NAFSAN's Vision and Mission*

Vision: "All persons in Namibia have the resources, knowledge and motivation to assure food security and optimal nutritional status for everyone in Namibia".

NAFSAN's three mission statements are:

- a) To provide organisations, communities, and individuals with effective platforms, tools, information and skills to achieve food security and optimal nutritional status for themselves and others;
- b) To promote research findings in nutrition and food science and ensure such results are accessible and applicable to decision makers for appropriate support;
- c) To advocate for, and practically support; efficient governmental and non-governmental communication and collaboration structures, financial and political commitment, legislation, policies, programmes and actions that ensure food security for an effective, sustainable and equity-focused approach to improve the nutritional status of everyone in Namibia.

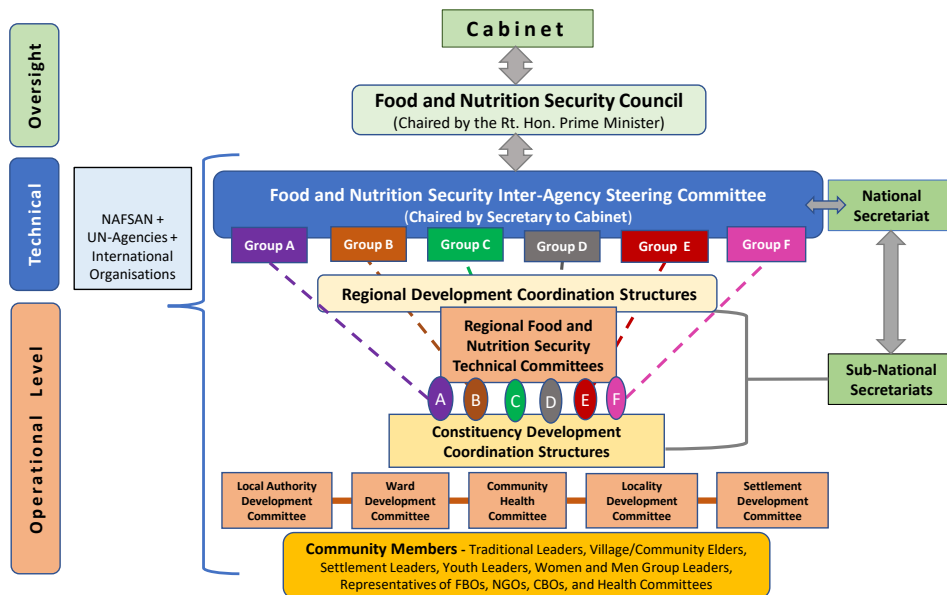
2.2.5.2 *Specific Roles for NAFSAN in the Coordination Structure*

NAFSAN will actively participate in any working groups aligned to its members' area of specialization.

Specific roles for NAFSAN will be to:

- a) Provide technical guidance and regular feedback to the coordination system on national and sub-national levels in close collaboration with the Secretariat,
- b) Initiate and support the implementation of activities related to food and nutrition security, and play a role in the monitoring and evaluation of such implementation,
- c) Facilitate dialogue platforms for its members and partners to share information, network, and solicit support for food and nutrition security in Namibia,
- d) Advocate for the development and support of effective food and nutrition security policies, legislation, research and effective implementation thereof and other related interventions in Namibia, and
- e) Sensitise and empower communities, and discuss various food and nutrition challenges and promote best practices for appropriate action by various stakeholders together with the government.

National Food and Nutrition Security Coordination Structure for Namibia



2.2 Coordination mechanism at the national level

2.2.1 Food and Nutrition Security Council

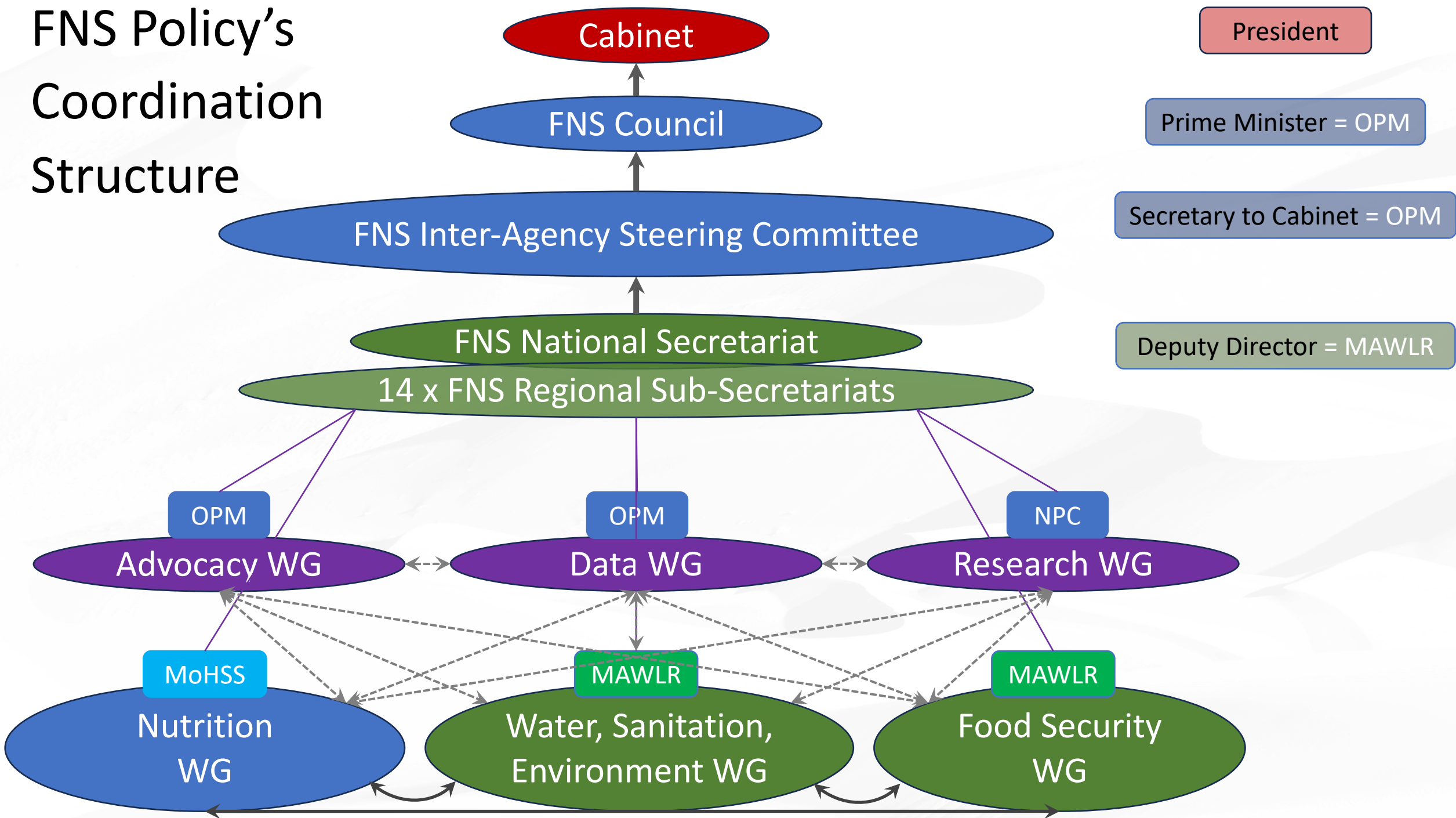
The Office of the Prime Minister is committed to providing leadership in fostering collaboration and partnership across Government sectors and institutions to promote increased investment and accountability on food and nutrition security. Hence, the re-establishment of the Food and Nutrition Security Council. The Council will provide a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder platform to improve coordination and collaboration among food and nutrition security actors from the national to the sub-national level, while at the same time oversee operations of food and nutrition security implementation to achieve the Government's agenda of Zero Hunger in Namibia. The vision and mission statement of the revised policy will anchor the activities of all the coordination bodies working under the Council.

The objective of this coordination structure is: "To provide technical advisory guidance to and coordinate government and development partners to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in implementation and reporting of Food and Nutrition Security interventions".

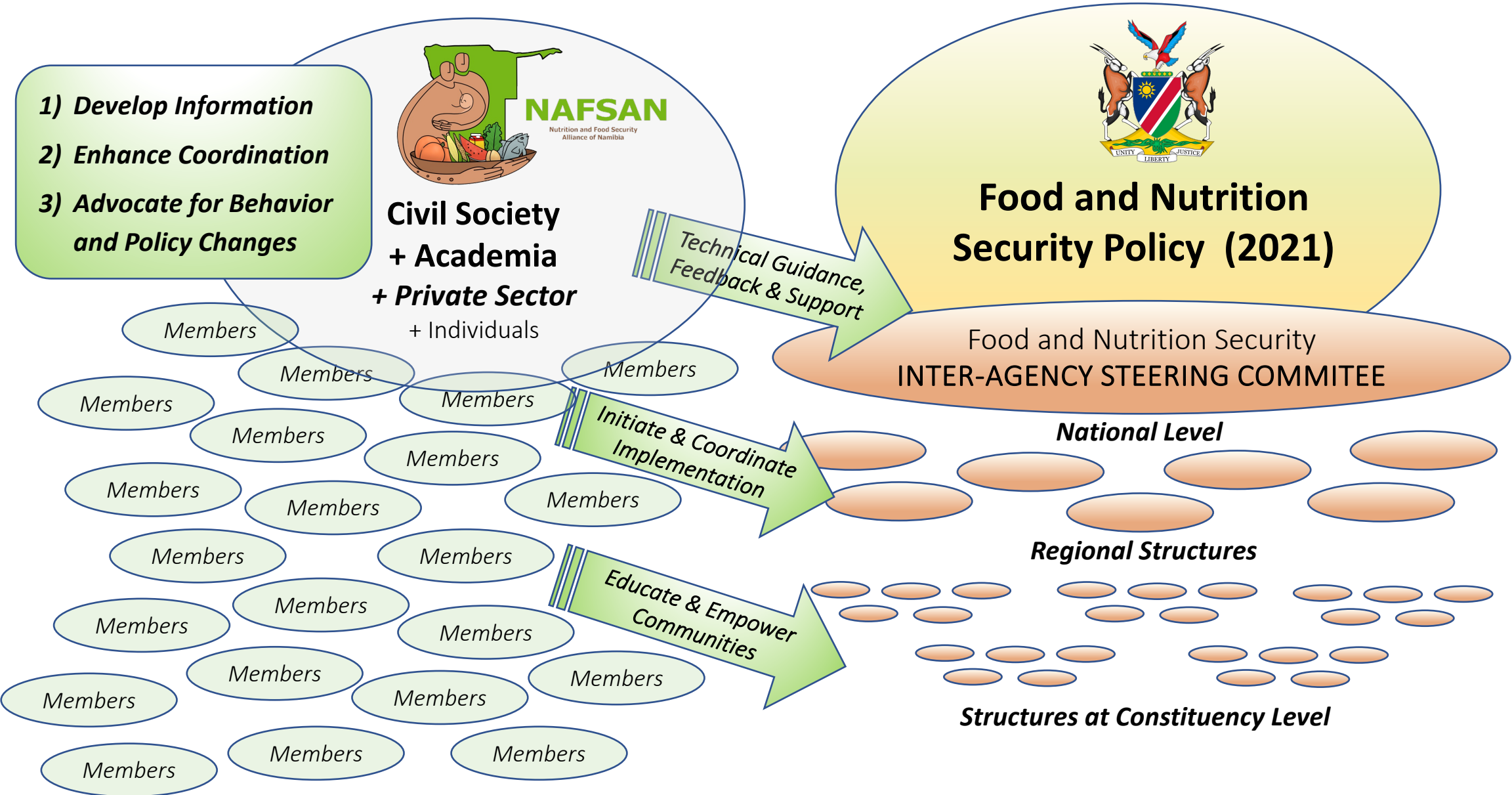
2.2.1.1 Mandate of the Council

The Council has the broad mandate to address policy-related issues pertaining to Food and Nutrition Security in Namibia. The Council will ensure that Food and Nutrition Security related strategies are appropriately linked, well-coordinated and operationalised and in line with the Food and Nutrition Security Policy.

FNS Policy's Coordination Structure



Namibia's Food and Nutrition Security Policy's Coordination Structure





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