

Namibia Project Report

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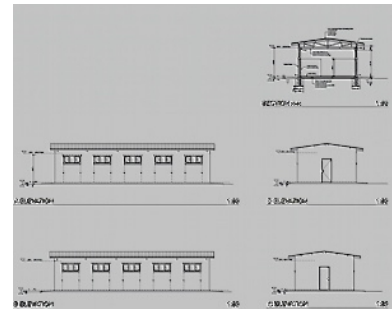


**FUTURE PLANS**

*Scholarships for Kutenhoas graduates to attend high school*

*Scholarships for Dr Alpo Mauno Mbamba students to attend University in Namibia*

*Build a hostel at Kutenhoas*



**Extras...**







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Namibia Project AGM, 10th March 2018

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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### ZERO HUNGER – (SDG 2)

**Construction of a shaded school garden** - The Rossing Foundation advised us to use the Arandis architect to draw up a plan for the IlKhüta!hoas School garden and include information about the amount of shade netting and the number of poles needed for the construction.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry conducted a feasibility study on the construction of raised beds, nutrients for the soil, the purchase of seeds and an irrigation system.

#### **Food Security for IlKhüta!hoas Primary School.**

In 2018, we will approach the Ministry of Agriculture to request a final year agriculture student or intern to support the progress in developing the IlKhüta!hoas Shaded School Garden. Costs involve the provision of accommodation and food and a stipend of NS1600 (£85.22) per visit. It is envisaged that there should be 4 x 4-day visits per year.

Boundary Wholesale provided the transport from Windhoek and a builder to help supervise the construction. Mr. Goeieman (Principal of IlKhüta!hoas School) and Mr. Scrywer (Teacher in charge of the school garden) suggested that we employ 5 local labourers at N\$100 per day for 4 days to complete the construction.

**IlKhüta!hoas School Reports** that flat stones from the environment are being used to construct the plots inside the structure. Pipes for irrigation have been purchased from AGRA and soil collected. Planting of the seeds will start in October.

**We purchased a herd of 11 goats for 5 vulnerable families.** The school council and village elders decide which families are eligible to receive the goats each year. The ACS students hand out Certificates of Ownership to the families when they visit the school in June.

**IlKhüta!hoas School Reports** that this is an excellent project to help eradicate poverty and the likelihood of improving the living standards of people. So far 19 households have received goats. Care should be taken to make sure that recipients are responsible for themselves and have people depending on them. The school chairperson and traditional



authority councillor expressed their gratitude and spoke much about the need for the project to continue.

**We provided two food deliveries from the Metro Cash and Carry in Keetmanshoop of protein and vegetable food supplements in the winter** for the orphans and vulnerable children OVC's in the hostel. The government provides school-aged learners with one bowl of porridge per day. Families supplement this diet with home-grown vegetables and goat meat. The OVC's have little or no support, and their health suffers during the winter months.

**IlKhüta!hoas School Reports** that Ms. Stein the hostel houseparent reports that this allowance is essential because the added vegetables and protein helps the learners to stay healthy and their appetite improves.

January 2018, we have heard that the IlKhüta!hoas Primary School Hostel has had its Government subsidy cut from N\$22 per learner per day to N\$12. Financial Problems have resulted in the Namibian Government reducing the Community Hostel subsidy from N\$22 (£1.30) per learner per day to N\$12 (71p). The Charity is looking into ways in which we can help.

## QUALITY EDUCATION – (SDG 4)

**We purchased 10 reconditioned iPad, chargers and headphones.** We bought the OneBillion apps for teaching basic numeracy and literacy for the learners at IlKhüta!hoas Primary School. We also prepared lesson plans and instructed our ACS students to show the teachers how to use the equipment.

**IlKüta!hoas School Reports** that they are using the iPad with the Grades 1, 2 and 3. The teachers are assisting the learners, and they learn together at the same time and enjoy problem-solving, learning colours, shapes and stories

**NaDEET. We sponsored two residential workshops for the school and community** on "Learning and Living for a Sustainable Future" at the NamibRand Environmental and Educational Trust. The learners' programme was linked to their science curriculum, and the village community programme raised awareness of energy conservation also included a gift of a solar cooker for each family.

**IlKhüta!hoas School Reports** that next year we should consider sending teachers from the four schools in the Brukaros Cluster instead of the learners. That way more learners and schools will benefit from the training. The learners at IlKhüta!hoas make 'fireballs' from the schools' waste paper. The community visits should stop as most families have had a family member attend.



### **We will sponsor Scholarships for the I!Khüta!hoas and Dr Alpo JS School**

In January 2018, we will support 15 I!Khüta!hoas learners with their hostel fees and a living allowance at Berseba High School

In January 2019, we will sponsor one learner, from Dr Alpo, for 4 years of tertiary education at a university or college in Namibia.

**Professional Development Vouchers** for I!Khüta!hoas teachers and the support workers. We annually provide a £25 gift voucher which can be exchange for either clothes or books at a Keetmanshoop store. This figure has not changed for 4 years, and in 2018 it should rise to £40 per head x 20 people

### **Support for the Pre-School Classes with educational toys and clothes.**

The Namibia 2017 expedition team purchased educational toys, games and charts and painted a mural in the classroom.

**I!Khüta!hoas School Reports** that the classroom is now conducive for learning and that the displays help the teacher to help the learners to have a better understanding.

**We purchased sports equipment** as requested by I!Khüta!hoas Primary School for interschool competitions and afterschool activities. The Namibia 2017 team organized an inter-house Sports Day for the school in June.

**I!Khüta!hoas School Reports** that the equipment has put them in a better position to give the learners a variety of athletic events and sports coaching. It has improved the learners' fitness and their self-esteem as they are starting to win races against the other larger schools.

**Census and Household Survey of the village.** We prepared a questionnaire for the Namibia 2017 students to use to interview each family in the village. This exercise gave the students first-hand experience of the living conditions, and the results will be needed to help Namibia 2018 to set their goals.

## **GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING – (SDG 3)**

**We provided information on basic first aid and purchased supplies** for the school and community. The Namibia 2017 team also bought and provided washable sanitary pad kits for the teenage girls

**Boundary Wholesale helped to source and transport additional items for I!Khüta!hoas Primary School.** The consignment which was delivered on 16th June 2017 included: Library Books from the Horizon Book dealers; Book Shelves; the Materials to Construct the Shaded



School Garden, Sports Equipment; First Aid Supplies; New Printer for the Office; Blankets; Stackable Chairs; Paints; Brushes and Firewood.

## Overall Report from I!Khüta!hoas Primary School about the Namibia 2017 team visit in June 2017.

Despite the time in the wild surrounded by fresh air and the blue sky the group arrived and stood through the cold wind of the early evening on 27 June 2017 while they were listening to songs and welcoming remarks of their host. They even had the energy to sing in beautiful voices a song that told a story about friends and a strong message.

The team were very keen and business-like in their approach and queries about what the day's work held for them the next day and the days following it. The following days the groups prepared for sports, help around the construction site of the gardening net site cleaning and stabling stones, painting the pre-primary class, library book selection for suitability and painting, stacking new and old books in the new setting, rotating in their classes to teach games and English, dishing out donations and paying the workers, visiting the community homes doing the household survey, attending and performing at the culture festival and playing and teaching games, attended the goat recipient selection meeting.

## Additional 2018 plans

### **Apply for grants and sponsorship for a Biennial Teacher-Student Academic and Cultural Exchange with Dr Alpo Mauno Mbamba JS School.**

We would like to build on the progress made during the successful exchange in 2016 for 8 learners and 2 teachers from Dr Alpo and the students and teachers at ACS Cobham International School.

- The students were accommodated and fed at the ACS Boarding House, and the teachers' accommodation was off campus at the Premier Inn.
- The total cost of the visit without having to pay for local transport, the learners accommodation, food, outings and treats = £12.029

Figures calculated to include accommodation for a party of 10, meals, excursions, and transportation = £20,634

### **Build a new Hostel (Boarding House) at I!Khüta!hoas Primary School for the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC's)**

We have been granted permission by the Kharas Regional Education Office to build a hostel in the school grounds for 50 learners, 4 teachers and a room for the health teacher.



IlKhüta!hoas is situated in a very rural and marginalized area of the country where there is a desperate need for a larger hostel to be built to accommodate the growing number of orphans and vulnerable children and the children of the nomadic herdsman. A hostel which can accommodate teachers will naturally attract qualified teachers and increase the numbers of learners which in turn increases the allowances given to the school

The cost for the building alone is N\$ 2,500,000 (£133,156). The Night for Namibia raised £2100 for the new build, and we intend to approach the Namibia Project alumni with an Appeal for Building the Boarding House at IlKhüta!hoas .

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### BUILDING A NEW HOSTEL AT IIKHUTA!HOAS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

#### QUESTIONS RAISED AND ADDRESSED.

1. We received approval to build a hostel in 2015 from the IlKharas Regional Office for Education. We met the Regional Director in 2016 and requested plans and as yet no plans have been forthcoming but we have been informed that the cost will be N\$2,500,000 (£134,829)
2. We were told that we needed Government compliant plans.
3. Plans are obviously an essential marketing tool and we will also need plans to request for tenders to build the Hostel. As a UK based charity, we need a "RFT to ensure that the use of the public funds raised is open free and fair from bribery and nepotism." We will need at least two quotations from building companies. We need to be aware that some government departments do not encourage 2 quotes and can draw out the process of getting permission
4. We approached Hugo Du Plessis, at Chamberlain & Associates Architects in Windhoek to request information about drawing up a Government Approved Hostel. They have designed many government compliant schools. The Namibian Architects' and Quantity Surveyors' Act law of '79 states that a building of over 500sq meters has to be designed and supervised by an architect. (This act has a similar aim as the Architects Act 1931 and 1997 of the UK, and most other countries. It ensures that a minimum standard for spatial design, structure, material quality and workmanship is achieved. Legally it safeguards the Namibian public as it ensures professional liability.)
5. Chamberlain & Associates Architects will focus first on marketing material based on a basic concept design for the project as a whole. Chamberlain & Associates Architects will do a comprehensive architectural design, considering the local people and town, the attributes of the site, climate, through to spatial and technical specifications. \*\*\*B They will assist the Client to manage the tendering process, building process and management of the contract with the builders. A site visit and



comprehensive analyses will be made. However, for the sake of economy, Chamberlain & Associates will consult with the Client, school representatives, and technical consultants to ensure ancillary costs are postponed to when funds are available. The standard architectural agreement allows for various stages for a project. At conclusion of each stage the Client may choose to proceed or not. A full description of standard Architectural Services is attached. After Inception & Analysis, Concept design, Design Development, Municipal Submission and Working Drawings comes the Tendering for Procurement by Contractors. And finally, the Construction work on site. At tender stage earmarked companies like **PolyCare** will be invited to participate.