



GONDWANA
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Newsletter

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“Share a vision, share a dream,
share compassion to create
opportunity for a child to live
his dream into reality.”



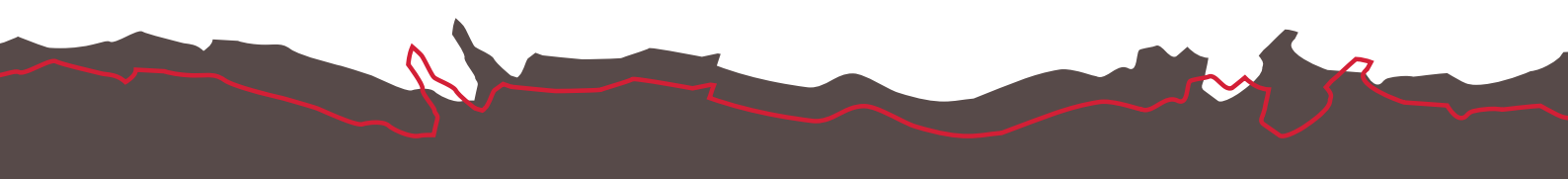


We are pleased to share the latest news with you,
which is also available on the Gondwana Collection website.

We have been very busy with various projects,
especially the handing out of clothing for those who need it
most. With this said, we would like to take the opportunity to
thank Mr & Mrs Jayet from Wild Air Safaris, for their
generous donation of clothing.

These will be the last of the clothing-distributions
for the year, and we will never be able to thank everyone enough,
for the support and donations. This has made a tremendous
difference on the very cold winter days and nights.

We would also like to thank the team at
Zambezi Mubala Camp and their Manager, Renate van Blerk,
for donating curtains and blankets, which was partly
donated to the SPCA in Walvis Bay.



WINTER SEASON CLOTHING DONATION

Below is a list of the organisations who benefitted from the distributions.

Heal the Land and Light of Hope – based in Okahandja.

For more information on the soup kitchens they manage, as well as the actions to assist vulnerable children and get them off the streets, contact Mr W Theron (081 605 66 15 - annie.t@iway.na)

Rainbow Nation - based in Rehoboth.

For more information on soup kitchens and actions to assist the most needy in the area of Rehoboth, contact Mr M Orlam (081 437 36 55 - martinorlam421@gmail.com)

In Stampriet – the Gondwana Collection's Self-Sufficiency Centre organised handouts with the school and church.

Clothing was also donated to **Lidar Foundation in Windhoek** – for additional information, contact Ms Serley Khaxas (081 687 15 37 - lidarfoundation@gmail.com)

Donations in **Khorixas**, were coordinated by the Damara Mopane Lodge.



Pictures : Lidar Foundation



Picture: Khorixas / Sunrise



Pictures credit: W Theron – Heal the Land

STEPPING STONE - SWAKOPMUND

Project Coordinator: Almarie Mostert - 081 143 3896 or 479 0725
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Stepping Stone Trust operates a kindergarten and primary school called Stepping Stone Special Education School. Our pupils have a variety of disabilities including Down Syndrome, but we particularly specialise in the teaching of children on the Autism spectrum. Stepping Stone Special Education School is the only private school in Namibia that provides specialised, tailor-made education to children with Autism.

Stepping Stone: In Namibia, approximately 1 in every 68 children have some form of Autism ('are on the Autism Spectrum'). The majority of these children have not yet received a diagnosis due to limited medical access as well as a lack of awareness and knowledge of the disorder especially in rural areas. These children are usually relegated by the population and even their families. They are not placed in schools or if they do join a kindergarten, only attend until they grow too big or precarious. Where children have received a diagnosis of Autism, not enough schools or classes are available to help these pupils according to their specific needs.

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The school provides one educator for every two children. This allows children the opportunity to develop their full potential.

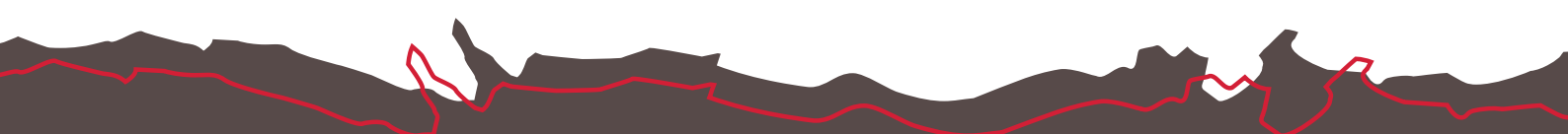
They now have twenty children and hope to extend their curriculum and classes in the future, but also make a point to keep the children's needs in mind and keep the number per class to a minimum.

Children with autism have different needs and while some can function with others around, others need a very quiet environment to be able to enjoy the teaching session.

Ms Mostert puts all her efforts towards achieving the best teaching method for these wonderful children.

The school is always looking for support, as some children cannot afford the school fees. Should you wish to get involved, please feel free to contact Ms Mostert for further information.

The **Gondwana Care Trust** assisted in donating a 'toddler security gate' that was needed at the school. Regular sponsors (Hurter & Visser Families), also assisted with the donation of toys donation by regular sponsors.





Would you like to get involved?

The school can always make use of:

- thick colouring pencils
- Glue sticks (Prit)
- Pastels
- Paints
- PVA Glue
- Paper
- Story books
- Balls
- Plastic storage containers
- Rubber/foam floor mats
- Puzzles and toys
- Shelving

Donations can be made via the Trust (reference: Stepping Stone) or donate items to the Gondwana Collection offices in Windhoek (Att Dgini Visser for Stepping Stone).

The trust will ensure that the school receives the items.

Also feel free to contact the school directly.



Pictures of the school
Pictures credit: A Mostert / D Visser



LITTLE BUGS - SOSSUSVLEI

Project Coordinator: Contact Principal Gena – 081 203 62 13)

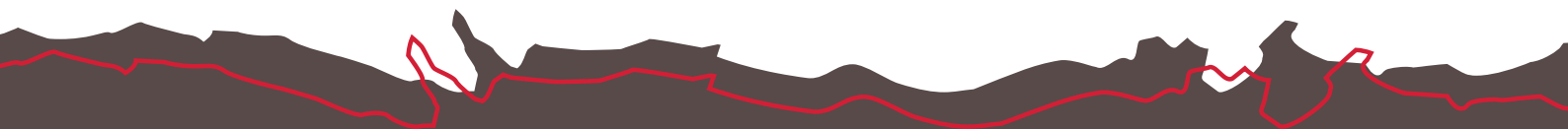
Little Bugs was founded out of a dire need in this area, where young children had to be sent away from their family to go to school or they would miss out on the basic educational steps that are so necessary to prepare children for their schooling.

Andrea, from Namib Balloon Safaris, founded Little bug so that women in the area could send their children to school, while accessing an opportunity to learn new skills and create goods from recycled items. They can then make a living by selling their creations to the tourism sector. Namib Desert Lodge on a regular basis purchases some of their creations to sell in their Curio Shop.

Little Bugs requested support from the Care Trust, to assist the school with stationary and hygienic products. The sponsorship value was N\$ 1113.58.

Over the last weekend in July, the children enjoyed great fun thanks to the School of Dance & Fitness. Instructors made their way to the school and spent time with the children. They also taught the group some Zumba and the importance of staying fit and having fun.

The Gondwana Care Trust would like to thank Anna and Daniel for taking the time to share their passion with the children.



KALUNDU PRE-SCHOOL - KATIMA MULILO

For additional information, please contact the Care Trust.

Masses of appreciation goes to Gondwana Collection Namibia, as well as their building team who assisted in this project and made the last-minute changes as they came along.

The Trust would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Louw for their financial support, and Yeti Panel for their assistance.

Children in this area have few options regarding schooling. We can never emphasize the importance of socializing and basic knowledge of language for children before they start their primary schooling. Far too many children start their school career with no prior basic preparation and quickly fall behind.

Kalundu Pre-school has two teachers who offer English as a home language and follow the Ministry's curriculum. This allows the children to be prepared for the first grade. Unfortunately, their school building was falling apart, which meant that classes could not sit together.

The pre-fabricated structure – previously used in Rundu for the Paukeni Kindergarten – works very well, is easy to assemble and is waterproof. The Kalundu school, still needs assistance with the acquisition of small chairs and tables for the children, as well as other educational materials.

Please see pictures of before and after. This pre-fabricated classroom is the second that Gondwana Care Trust has completed so far, and we are already looking at another community where the children are without a safe school structure. More information on this next challenging project to come soon. Cost for the project amounts to over N\$ 80 000 excluding some of the labour and transport cost from Walvis Bay to Katima, Kalundu village, that was provided free of charge.

Previously: The thatch building was falling apart and was too dangerous for the children to sit in – the other building is also badly damaged and too small for all the children to sit in, as the children have different levels of learning and bigger children get disrupted by the younger learners during class.



Pictures credit: D Visser



Would you like to get involved?
Items the school needs include:

- Chairs and tables
- Cupboards and storage
- Educational materials

Funds can be donated to
the Care Trust
(reference: Kalundu)

The New structure from being loaded in Walvis Bay to being built and final picture:



Pictures credit: B Holmes

Before:



After





MAMMADU TRUST - MARKET DAY

Project Coordinator: Agnes Albrecht Röhm - www.mammadu.org

Since 2017 Mammadu has not only offered a pre-school class but also a Kindergarden for four-year olds. They now have 5 employees: Meme Dina the cook, Meme Arisa in charge of hygiene and cleanliness, Ms Yolande, the teacher for the little ones in the mornings, Mr Lino the teacher for the supervision of the school children in the afternoons and the bus driver with a Class C driver's licence who drives the school bus every day.

Mammadu looks after 63 children in total. All the children start the day with breakfast and leave after lunch. The older children can also have lunch before they finish their homework. Mammadu is really a blessing for these children as they have a safe place to study and a teacher to assist them.

MealForTwo, provides the centre with meat and occasionally with fresh vegetables.

In April, the centre was vandalized, and many items were stolen. The children were devastated. Some of the doors needed repairs and a lot of educational materials needed to be replaced.

Mammadu entered the Market Day in Windhoek to raise funds and Gondwana Care Trust assisted Mammadu with all the groceries. The day was very successful and Mammadu managed to raise over N\$ 8000.00!



Pictures credit: Mammadu

NADEET - SOSSUSVLEI -

Project Coordinator: Viktoria Keding - www.nadeet.org - Tel: +264 81 367 5310

Since 2003, NaDeet has been running environmental education programmes for school children and communities at NaDeeT Centre.

Since 2011, the schools have been receiving transport support from the Hardap Regional Ministry of Education office. This has been a tremendous help as it allows many schools that could otherwise not afford it to come to the centre.

Since last year, there has been drastic budget cut and funding for the transport has been left to sponsorship. Many children do not have the opportunity to learn about sustainability and how to recycle. NaDeet Centre provides a safe and fun environment for children to learn and understand the importance of being eco-friendly and most of all on how to be user friendly in today's world.

Gondwana Care Trust was able to assist the centre and sponsor the transport for two schools with a total donation of N\$16000.00 this year.

Much more is needed to continue to support this initiative. Please contact Viktoria for further details on how to sponsor Namibian children to visit the centre this year.



BUNYA COMBINED SCHOOL – SAMBUSU FESTIVAL

Bunya Combined school, which represents 1 156 learners from grade 0 to grade 12 organised their first Sambusu Festival 5-7 July.... The program was as follows:

5 July Emphasis placed on the environment and social responsibilities.
Learners will clean the village and the two surrounding villages.
Invitation was extended to MET. Ministry of Health and Social Services.

6 July Emphasise on career opportunities
with organisations and tertiary
institutions providing information
to the learners.

Keynote speech delivered by
Minister of Industrialisation,
Trade and SME Development,
the Honourable Tjekero Tweya
and attendance by the governor
of the Kavango West Region.

7 July Inter-scholastic sports competition
with other secondary schools.

This was a wonderful opportunity to assist
in a small way. Education at every level is
always the first step towards a better future.



The Gondwana Care Trust
assisted the
Bunya Combined School
with a donation of cool
drinks worth N\$ 2000.00
during the Inter-scholastic
sport competition.

Thank you, Nicolene from
Hakusembe River Lodge,
for purchasing and handing
out the cool drinks to all
the athletes taking part into
the sport competition.

CANCER ASSOCIATION AND BANK WINDHOEK -

Apple donation towards MealForTwo

As every year, Gondwana Collection supports Bank Windhoek's Cancer Apple Project. And this year makes no exception. Gondwana Care Trust purchased apples to the value of N\$ 10000.00 to donate to the MealForTwo project.

We would like to thank the Gondwana Care Trust for sponsoring individuals or associations with vouchers to either fund a raffle or an event to help make a difference in people's lives.

Vouchers handed out during the past week to M.E.G.S to raise funds for the soup kitchen during winter months, to Walvis Bay Roundtable during their Golf day, and to JR Oliver to raise funds for his operation in India to relieve some of the effects of CP by using his own stem cell.

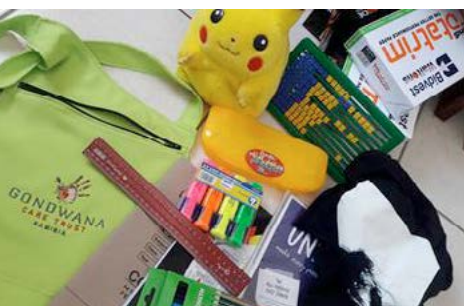


“XMAS BOX PROJECT”

As we do every year, we are getting ready for the Xmas Box project to assist children at the end of the school year. In association with schools and organisations helping children, a “Xmas shoebox” is donated to a child with either some stationery to prepare them for the following school year or with some clothing items and hygienic items.

We received detailed lists from our partners, so that we can personalize each bag. This year the Gondwana Care Trust has supported the project with bags, so the child can re-use the bag as a school bag or travel bag.

The idea is to fill the bag with either clothing / stationery / hygienic products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, body cream and of course some sweet treats, as Xmas is never really the same without something sweet.



Items to fill the bag:

- Clothing for children aged 3 to 15
- Colouring books
- Sweets
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Body cream
- Deodorants roll on
- Soaps
- Toys for boys and girls


PLEASE HELP US make this Xmas special for a child by donating either to our Gondwana Care Trust bank account (reference: Xmas box), by donating items to fill the bag at our Gondwana head office (attn. Dgini Visser for Xmas box project) or by purchasing one of the bags in our curios shops to support the Trust.

Please do not hesitate in contacting:
Dgini Visser (dgini@iway.na) for further information
on this project and/or on what to donate.
Last year we reached 300 children and the aim
for this year is 400 boxes/bags!!

A BIG THANK YOU

to our sponsors who continuously support our projects.
We cannot express how much hope your assistance brings
to some individuals. It only takes a helping hand
to show the way out ...

Thank you for caring.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Gondwana Care Trust,
please see banking details:

BANK	Bank Windhoek
Account Name	Gondwana Care Trust
Check Account	800 818 44 91
Branch Code:	483-872
Branch:	Maerua Mall
Swift:	BWLINANX

Please list your name,
and the project you would like to support as reference.
(e.g. : MR SMITH / "project name")

You POP can be emailed to
dginiv@iway.na
this enables the Trust to keep you informed of the project development.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

We would like to extend our thanks to all parties who have assisted in making
the projects successful and enabling growth.

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Have a blessed month!



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