



Newsletter

“To lead with empathy and care is to lead for a better future. Adding support to education create an even better future to nurture great leader ”

Never give up...Never ever give up.. If there is light, there is hope!

January - March 2021



Dear friends, sponsors, partners and colleagues,

We thank all our partners who continually trust and support our projects. We cannot do it alone and together we can make a small difference and a positive change in someone's life. If you want to partner with our projects and help us empower our communities, please contact us: caretrust@gcnam.com

Covid-19 regulations still greatly limit the opportunity for travel and tourism to flourish but the Gondwana Care Trust still aims to support our current projects as long as we can. The economic consequences of Covid-19 are still affecting most Namibians, with many businesses closing down, individuals losing their jobs or means of income.

Due to lack of funds this year, the Gondwana Care Trust has very limited resources and it is really challenging to add and support any new projects, besides adding beneficiaries to our MealForTwo Program. We would like to thank an anonymous donor who continues to support the program on a monthly basis with N\$250.00.

Thank you, we are humbled by your care and assistance.

THANK YOU Capricorn Group for your support and trust – the MealForTwo Program will be able to sustain the current projects, thanks to your N\$270000.00 financial support. Thank you Bank Windhoek for renewing your financial support until June, and Global United for your continued support during these challenging times!

The MealForTwo is a life saving opportunity for many vulnerable individuals and children living in difficult situations. Our monthly expense for MealForTwo is about N\$64 000.00 at the moment.

Any contribution makes a difference – you can donate through our bank account or

contact us by email if you can contribute with food items to caretrust@gcnam.com

Thank you!

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These are difficult times for all businesses, and we are so grateful to our sponsors to still contribute and assist us in this life saving program! Any other sponsors willing to assist us with goods, food items or hygienic goods, please do not hesitate to contact us caretrust@gcnam.com.

Follow up:

KANONO Combined School:

Katima Mulilo district

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Kanono Combined School has been established in 1961 and it is one of the oldest schools in the region with over 460 learners from grade 0 to 9. The school offers I.C.T. (Information, Communication, and Technology) as a subject. They received Wi-Fi in January 2019. Early 2020, Gondwana Care Trust purchased the first 10 computers and basic programs were added with an anti-virus system.

Following our last newsletter, Kanono Combined School informed us that they received the assistance from another sponsor and they have now installed enough computers to assist all the learners at the school! As we were amazed by the great news, we received the funds from another sponsor to assist us with the project!

Kanono now has the computers but the learners are still in desperate need of about 400 textbooks.

The learners of Kanono Combined School did not get any textbooks and the teachers are struggling to teach the curriculum with a single copy. Computer literacy is nowadays a requirement in tertiary education but without the proper educational material to study the curriculum, it appears that the whole exercise become a bit fragile.

Situated in remote areas, it looks like the distribution of the so much needed books are sparse and the cost is almost double. We compared prices and thanks to the sponsor who wants to remain anonymous, we were able to distribute 379 books to the School learners.

We cannot thank you enough for your trust and support! The proof is in the learner's smiles! We are looking forward to hearing about their improved grades at the end of the year!!



Still following our last newsletter, we were blessed to have another sponsor willing to assist us with 15 computers! This is really amazing, and we cannot thank you all for sharing our newsletter. **The sponsor, who also wants to remain anonymous, agreed to redirecting the funds to one of our beneficiary, also in dire need of computers - the PAY Center.**



PAY Center welcomes 128 children at the center daily.

Thank you to the Gondwana IT Team for their assistance in installing the computers and getting them ready and connected for the children to use immediately!



Pearsons Books - Windhoek

We are thankful for everyone, who commits and supports our projects. Recently Pearson trusted us with some of their remaining books to hand out to our children. We are deeply saddened by the closure of Pearson and we remain thankful and grateful for their support in the past. Here are some pictures of our lucky beneficiaries.



			LIDAR	Etosha	Havana x 3 PS	Capricorn / Groot Aub	Rose PS	Green Leaves PP
Name	Edition	Qty						
Home & School	Book 3	70	10		8	25	1	26
African Story Theatre		20	5		8	5	1	1
Mazes		20	5		8	5	1	1
Ten Red Hens & Brother helps		50	10		8	15	1	16
All Around South Africa Level 4	Book 2	10	2		8			
Shapes in the world around us		20	5		8	5	1	1
A piece of Sun		20	5		8	5	1	1
Stars of Africa Poetry Grade 7	Grade 7	20	5					15
Platinum Eng. 2nd Lang Big Book	Grade 1	20	5		2	8	1	4
Oshikwanyama	Grade 3	21		21				
Oshikwanyama	Grade 2	19		19				
Oshikwanyama	Grade 1	19		19				
Total Books		309	52	59	58	68	7	65

Lidar Foundation – Katutura

The center will keep the books at the library so all the children can use the books to study and improve their reading ability when they are studying at the center in the afternoon.

Ndesh Kindergarten – Eden Kindergarten and Kid Care college kindergarten – Havana district – Katutura Windhoek

Thanks to Ms Hilma Weber for her time, dedication to hand out the books and spread the care and love.



Capricorn Asset Management - Groot Aub pre-primary

Thanks to Ms Grace Luvindao from Capricorn Asset Management, the Gondwana Care Trust was honored to partner and donate the Back to School Christmas Bags filled with a basic stationery kit to 70 children. We added some of the Pearson educational books to assist the teachers during class so the children can improve their reading skill and get ready for the big school!

Capricorn Asset Management organized the event during the independence weekend to assist schools in the Groot Aub area. Thank you for sharing the love and care!



MealForTwo – Update and feedback

Heal The Land – Okahandja

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Nau Aib old age home – Thanks to Mr Theron, the old age home receives meat and vegetables so the residents can have a sustainable meal. Mr Theron also delivers food parcels to families in need of assistance.



Grunau and Karasburg projects – Namibia Southern region

Thanks to our lodge manager Rudi and his team from the Canyon collection, the hostels received the necessary food items to serve a nutritious meal to the children.



Men on the side of the road - MSR

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Men on the Side of the Road (MSR) was established to empower unemployed people, through a comprehensive program of self-development, life skills training, technical skills training and job placement to enable them to compete in the labor market.

MSR currently has more than 1600 people registered as members on the database in Windhoek and in Swakopmund. They have connected more than 300 people with full time jobs, 1018 temporary employment and more than 300 part-time job opportunities.

In addition to job placements, MSR has been able to provide more than 500 people with training opportunities in Windhoek and in Swakopmund. These training opportunities

are in different vocational trades, basic computer training, hospitality, home management as well as first aid and safety.



Okahandja - Khaibasen

Khaibasen is now serving a meal to over 100 children per day.

Thank you to our Sponsors: Bank Windhoek, Capricorn Asset Management and Global united for your support so we can continue serving a meal to so many children.



The Lidar Foundation

Katutura, Windhoek

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Lidar Foundation is a centre in the heart of Katutura where many children find themselves living in the street and without a responsible adult's guidance and protection. Serley opened the centre to welcome children and teenagers who find themselves in difficult situations such as pregnancy, abuse or abandonment.

The centre organizes numerous workshops for young mothers living in vulnerable conditions, so that they can gain some credentials and find employment. The centre helps the children with a meal during the day, being either breakfast, before they start school, lunch or early dinner.



LIDAR is looking for assistance with second-hand clothing and blankets to hand out to the families. Would you wish to contribute, please contact us or Serley directly.

Any other goods you can donate such as soap, hygienic products are very much welcome as well. Thank you.



THANK YOU for the recent donation of baby goods and toys! The young mothers were the happy beneficiaries of the much-needed clothing, toys and goods to keep the kids happy.

Khomas Homeless Shelter

Project co-ordinator: Mr Charles Sawyers

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Based in Khomasdal Community Hall, the shelter provides a daily meal to the homeless, as well as vulnerable individuals. The shelter will, once things are back to normal, provide skills and HIV training in co-operation with the Men on the Street Foundation and Women at Work Centre.



THANK YOU FOR ENABLING US TO PUT A SMILE ON THE CHILDREN FACES!
LET US FILL THE EMPTY PLATES AND KEEP THE CHILDREN HEALTHY.

Support the Gondwana Care Trust projects

Please find below a list of our Community partners which receive assistance with the MealForTwo Program:

Heal the Land, Khaibasen, Light of Hope, Nau Aib Old Age Home:

160+ children, 44 Adults.

These three organisations run in Okahandja is connected to a local church. They provide cooked meals to vulnerable and homeless kids in Okahandja. They are also affiliated with the Nau Aib Old Age Home in Okahandja and provide cooked meals to the elderly in the old age home.

Dagbreek Special School:

26 Children, 7 Adults.

Operates in Windhoek provide education, food and shelter to kids with disabilities.

Mammadu Trust:

60 Children.

Operates in Otjomuise, Windhoek and provides food and education to orphaned and vulnerable children in the community.

Bridge of Hope:

140 Children.

Operates in Katutura, Windhoek providing food parcels and cooked meals to vulnerable children people in those communities.

Khomas Homeless Development Trust:

+80 Adults and 20 Kids.

Operates in Khomasdal and Katutura, Windhoek providing cooked meals to homeless people in those communities.

Senior Park:

160 residents.

Old Age home in Pioneerspark, Windhoek. MealForTwo donations go to the elderly that needs food assistance and for the old age home kitchen.

Lidar Foundation:

250 Children and 100 Adults.

Provides food and youth empowerment and educational activities for orphaned and vulnerable girls in Katutura- Central.

Hope Village:

88 Children.

Provides a loving home and food to orphans and abandoned children living with HIV and other debilitating illnesses. Operate in Katutura, Windhoek.

PAY Center:

120 Children.

Operates in Katutura, Windhoek. Provides nutrient meals and education and physical activity programmes daily to kids coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Huis Maerua:

24 Children.

Operates in Windhoek. Houses and feeds children with social welfare troubled backgrounds.

Elshaddai Caring and Feeding:

120 Children and 30 Adults.

Operates in Keetmanshoop. Provides nutritious meals daily to kids and adults coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dorcas Soup Kitchen:

100 children and 20 adults.

Operates in Keetmanshoop. Provides nutritious meals daily to kids coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Geduld Primary School and Immanuel Hostel:

200 children.

Operates in Grunau. Provides education, shelter and food to kids from the Grunau and surrounding area.

Witkrans Primary School:

162 children and 8 adults.

Provide nutrient meals for underprivileged children from the Witkrans area.

Natascha Pre-Primary School & Day Care:

46 children.

Operates in Okuryangava, Windhoek, provide food and care to vulnerable children from the community.

Grace Project:

180 families.

Operates in Khomasdal, Windhoek. Distributes food parcels to vulnerable families, especially pensioners.

Proud Himba.

Based in Epupa, the project was founded in 2007 to extend help to the school children of the area. It not only looks after 30 children on a regular basis but also assists schools and the orphan feeding program

MAD (Make a Difference Charity):

28 families.

Based in Tsumeb, they look after 28 families on a regular basis, which mostly consist of disabled youth and elderly, visually impaired or sickly elderly from the Kuvukiland settlement.

Men on the Side of the Road.

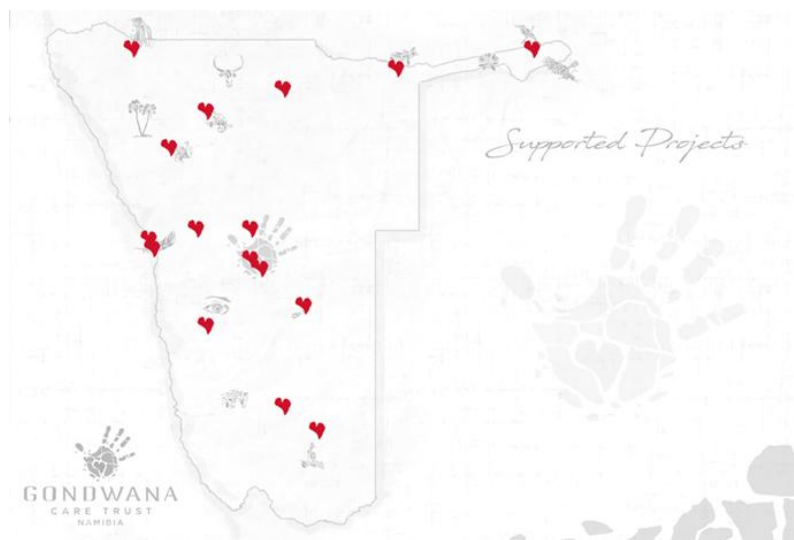
Operates in Windhoek and Swakopmund. MSR assists job seekers in acquiring skills to assist them in finding employment. The GCT assist MSR to provide food parcels to active members of the organization who attend regularly (monthly) held community meetings geared towards sharing information on possible jobs or training and any other information that they need to have.

Spitzkoppe community.

The indigenous communities of the Spitzkoppe area are largely reliant on Tourism in the Spitzkoppe area for income. Since the pandemic, these communities had no income and means for sustenance. The GCT assists 56 families with food parcels.

Twaloloka community.

Since the communities of Twaloloka lost their homes to the fires in the community, the Gondwana Care Trust together with other likeminded organisations and soup kitchens has assisted the devastated communities with food.



Please contact Dgini for further information on how to donate –
caretrust@gcnam.com

Thank you to all the wonderful individuals for their contributions. Thank you!

Should you still want to contribute with a cash donation, please find our bank details below. Please add your name/Food relief as a reference for your contribution or Winter clothing.

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We have a few more projects lined up, please contact the Trust if you would like to find out more information. We cannot thank you enough for your support!

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