

1 Word from the Program Coordinator

2012 is almost over now and it was a remarkable year. We were very happy and satisfied about the donations for all our children.

From the UNCISO - TEAM we want to thank each and every one for their contributions towards the organization very heartily.



Special thanks to DNG e.V. for the prize money donated to us and their moral support through the year. All the supporters who donate via DNG, volunteers and parents and friends we thank you all for your support. We also want to say thank you to everyone, who donated clothes and stuff, we received via shipments.

WE WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

2 The Volunteers

I would like to express my gratitude especially to all volunteers for their support and work in the center!



Katharina Seibel (26),
student of German and English Studies
with the Aim of a Teaching Degree for
Secondary Schools,
Heidelberg
Participation in the project
4. September – 16. October 2012



Kerstin Alt (27),
studying English and German at the
University in order to become a middle
and high school teacher,
Heidelberg
Participation in the project
4. September – 18. November 2012



Ramona Schacht (23),
studying art and history for teaching
secondary schools,
Greifswald
Participation in the project
12. September – 28. November 2012



Julia Benz (24),
engineering economics student,
Karlsruhe
Participation in the project
8. October – 23. November 2012



Natalie Graeff (22),
nurse from Friedrichshafen,
Participation in the project
8. October – 30. November 2012



Kathinka Schröder(19),
high- school graduate from Berlin
Participation in the project
4. September - 22. November 2012



Susann Matthiesen (23),
studying to become a teacher for Geography,
Art and German,
Greifswald
Participation at the project
12. September – 30. November 2012

3 The visit of the German representative in Usakos

Ingrid Pfannkuchen, the German representative of UNSCO, visited us for two month. She supported the project actively for approximately two months.



Ingrid helped with the needlework in the centre and so she crocheted, stitched and knitted with the children. Finally she started a big project and fabricated individual pencil case for each child. The joy about this present was enormous.



She brought the children a colourful parachute. Playing is based on team spirit and discipline.



4 The Parents Event

“We are the world we are the children...”

During every term we have a parent’s event. This helps the children and parents to interact with each other. The theme chosen for evening was “the seven continents”. In preparation to



the event we taught the kids about the structure and the characteristics of the earth, as well as its inhabitants. We also created globes and learned complimentary songs. In different groups the children

presented every continent with typical music and dances to their families. For the continent Africa all kids sang the “Lion Sleeps Tonight”. The evening was round off with the wonderful song of Michael Jackson’s “We Are The World” performed by our children.

5 The yearly prize giving event



At the annual prize giving event, awards are given to the best students in their grades. We are very proud of **Collins, Paulette, Jolien, Franziska and Bernhard**, who received merit awards in there various subjects. Especially Collins was the Dux student at the school and received an award in all his subjects.

This achievement rewarded our tutoring and made all of us very proud and happy that we could help the children.



Paolette



Joelian



Collins and minister Immanuel Ngatjizeko



Fransisca



Bernhard

6 The Riverparty



The River party was organized by Gabriele and Sandra to say goodbye to the children. On Friday, 21st of September, they took the children to a nearby riverbed. Delicious food and drinks were served to the children. There, all of us had an amazing time and a lot of fun while we spent the afternoon playing games in the sand, eating hot dogs and oranges, dancing around the campfire and singing songs. At the end of the day everybody agreed – both the volunteers and the children will definitely remember this happy afternoon for a very long time!

7 Christmas party



On the 16th November we had our Christmas party. It was an amazing day with wonderful presents, much music and a lot of nice food. The children enjoyed the day and were very happy about their big present.



8 Center Work- Hygiene Days

Since hygiene is mostly not a prime concern at their homes, that's because we brush teeth, wash the children's hair and their school uniforms on a weekly base. For the Kids this is a rarity and every time they have a great deal of fun. Amused they play in the usually so sparsely used water, while we wash their hair thoroughly. Due to a donation, this trimester we also had new toothbrushes, which led to general joy and fun brushing.



8 More than just Center work – House Visits



A very important part of our project is the direct involvement and the constant cooperation with the parents. We believe that both sides has to work together in order to provide the children a decent environment. This time we were accompanied by the local social worker Miss Annelie. Consequently there are frequent house visits in order to build a far reaching relationship with the families and getting a deeper insight in the children's life outside the centre. During these visits Marianne Izaaks' the programme coordinator explains the individual development of each child as well as possible, difficulties are discussed and suitable solutions are considered.

These visits are a great opportunity for the volunteers to get an insight in the Namibian culture and the everyday life of a major part of the population. This also helps to develop a better understanding for the volunteers to work with the children and their respective behaviour.



10 Donations - THANK YOU



We were really excited about a huge shipload of donations from Germany, which arrived in Usakos at the beginning of November and first week of December. We want to express our sincere thanks to the Family from Anne Hanika and friends and “Namibiahilfe” for the transport.

The first week of December we received another donation from Germany which was sponsored by “Namibian Press & Tools”. Thanks a lot to Mr. Heimrich and Mr Riedel for their generous support towards us every year. We received a lot of clothes, toys, a wheelchair and a computer.

This way we were able to give out nice christmas packages to the children! In addition we want to thank the sponsor for a big paper donation, which arrived at the beginning of this term. Werner and friends a special thanks for their support we appreciate it very much. **We also want to thank Kerstin and her Family for the nice microwave they donated for the project.** Last but not least to Ingrid und August Pfannkuchen for their donations and moral support.

FUTURE WISHES

- printer for daily worksheets at the center
- paint for the walls of the center and ceiling and to repair the windows of the center
- curtains for the center
- daily used objects like pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, etc.
- support for Ellen's further education she needs to go to a special school

Donation Account

For any assistance please use the following bank accounts

Deutsch-Namibische Gesellschaft e.V.
Kontonummer: 2 113 508 00
Bankleitzahl: 300 800 00
Bank: Commerzbank AG
Verwendungszweck: Projektname [UNCISO/Usakos]

UNCISO / Usakos
Savings account:
First National Bank; Branch Karibib;
Branch code: 281073;
Account no. 62124732258
SWIFT-BIC: FIRNNANX

THANKS TO ALL DONATORS AND SPONSORS!

For more information please contact Marianne Izaaks (Namibia) or Ingrid Pfannkuchen (Germany).



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