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## **Greetings**

We reach the end of our second school term. It was a hard and difficult term for all of us. Our beloved country is facing its most severe drought in more than 25 years. The water crisis continues and more people in Namibia are suffering because of water shortage

and facing food insecurity because of the devastating drought.

We also lost one of our beloved mothers in the centre. Late Lena joined UNCSO in 2008 and was the first cooking and cleaning woman. Until her death she was the supervisor in the kitchen as well as our needlework department. We will miss her. May her soul rest in peace. We want to thank everyone who assisted and supported us during this time of grief.

Last but not least we want to thank all our donors, sponsors and family members of volunteers, companies as well as our permanent donors. We are thankful towards your support and assistance.

There is good coming out of bad situations and overcoming a crisis can help to approach the future with a strengthened mind.

"And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about."

**Greetings Marianne and Ingrid** 

#### New Center kids

This term we welcomed 5 new kids to the Center.



Max - Grade 6



Paulus – Grade 1



Adriana - Grade 2



Maria - Grade 2



David - Grade 1

## **Center Day**

Our day at the centre starts at eleven o'clock when we arrive to set the table for eating time and get water from the tap with the help of the first and second graders. At one o'clock the school is out for the other grades and we start eating. After a small break where the children can go to the toilet and brush their teeth there is one hour of study-time. During this time every volunteer is responsible for



his or her group and helps either with homework or provides individual worksheets so that the children can work on their weak points. After study-time everyone comes together again and we do different activities in the fields of arts and craft, sport, music and drama or conversations about themes that are important for the social education of the children.





## **House Visits**



The house visits are an important part of every term, as they make it possible to look into the living circumstances of the new kids, as well as checking on the progress in families that have been with the project for a while. This term we visited 17 families and the main concern was the lack of food and running water. Due to the high unemployment rate and alcohol abuse these basic needs cannot be

ensured. Especially because of the wintertime we were concerned about many children sleeping without mattresses and blankets.

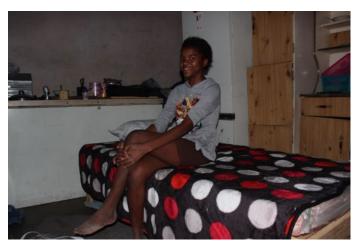


## **Projects**



After the impressions of the house-visits we quickly took action to improve the living conditions of some of the most needy children in the centre. Thanks to generous donations from our friends and families it was possible for us to build a shack and buy bedding for George and Alexia. In addition we bought four more beds, mattresses and blankets for other children who were previously sleeping on the ground.









## **Visitors**

Mr. Hess from the Deutsch-Namibische-Gesellschaft e.V. surprised us with a short visit to the center. The children were happy to see him and they sang greeting songs for him.

## **Volunteers**

UNCSO was very happy to have three volunteers from abroad on board, willing to lend a helping hand to the children in Usakos. Because there were only three volunteers from Germany respectively Finland they were supported by two locals that were born in Hakhaseb and could help when the kids needed an explanation in their own language.



Sarah Scott (18)
Düsseldorf
High school graduate
30.05.201617.08.2016



Yvett Hoëbes (23) Usakos 30.05.2016-17.08.2016



Greetje Micke (24)
Oldenburg
Primary school teacher trainee
30.05.2016-17.08.2016



Sonja Oosthuizen (27) Usakos 06.06.2016-17.08.2016



Joona Lehvonen (26)
Joensuu
Special education
teacher trainee
30.05.2016-17.08.2016

# **Farewell party**

To say goodbye to the kids we were doing a small farewell party in the centre where we played fun games. In the end everyone got a basket filled with sweets as well as a soap and a facecloth.









#### **Future Wishes**

In order to enable the UNCSO project to keep going it is relying on the great financial support to continue so that necessities such as food, hygiene articles and school material can be bought. It is also highly important to enlarge the awareness towards the organisation and the possibility to work as a volunteer for three months in this project as wide as possible so that there can be many people helping out directly on site in Usakos.

## **Thank You**

We want to thank all the supporters of UNCSO. The donations are the important part of keeping the organization running and developing the life of the children. Long-term donations help the organization to provide daily needs in the centre and ensure a stable future for the children.



## **Donation account**

In order to keep the project running, donations are always greatly appreciated. To guarantee long-term financial support for the project, permanent donators would be very desirable.

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