

# Childrens Sanctuary Namibia



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Welcome to our sanctuary on the internet. Children's Sanctuary Namibia is an organization to assist orphaned and vulnerable children in Drimiopsis and Kalahari Constituency in the Omaheke Region of Namibia. We extend our warm welcome and appreciate your interest and invite you to get to know us by browsing our website.

## **Soup Kitchen**

Every Saturday afternoon we cook a meal for the children in the resettlement camp. Our objective is to assist orphans and vulnerables.





## Heartfelt greetings to you and welcome in our sanctuary.

This following excerpt of our constitution is provided herewith, to share with you more about our vision and how we wish to make a difference, not only in the lives of children, but also whole communities and empowering communities in providing care for their loved ones and young ones.

Our Organisation's vision is a self-empowered community taking care of their vulnerable, neglected, abused or orphaned children, honouring their basic human rights, safety and protection, healing and love, and provision in basic needs.

Our Organisation has the following **major aims and objectives**:

- To provide a safe environment for orphans and other vulnerable children by managing and maintaining a Residential Child Care Facility, after consultation, approval and registration by Ministry of gender Equality and Child Welfare.
- To protect and promote the rights of orphans and other vulnerable children through advocacy, raising awareness, and information dissemination within the community.
- To empower orphans and vulnerable children by involving them in educational programs eg afternoon study groups, computer literacy classes, walks in the veld with elders teaching traditional herbs and plants etc. thereby contributing towards their education for school and for life.
- To contribute to a better living standard of OVC's in the community by providing in their basic needs.
- To contribute to poverty alleviation by developing and running income –generating projects and job creation.
- To solicit funds national and internationally for the successful functioning of the organization.

**The functions of our organisation** in the affected community, are:

- To be engaged in rural communities, especially for the Hu-Huasi (San Buschman) indigenous population,
- to provide a safe and welcoming environment for orphaned, vulnerable and neglected children due to HIV/Aids, illnesses, poverty, or other socio-economic circumstances;
- to create a safe environment for children who have been deprived of their basic human rights by building a Residential Child Care Facility ( children's home and home of safety) ,
- to be engaged in facilitating re-integration of a child into family structure and its primary community;



### **The Children's Sanctuary Namibia**

Only recently, in February 2013, did we become established as an organization. Long before that, since May 2012, Theresa Matengu, my beloved sister in this work of Love, had been feeding about 30 children out of her kitchen every Saturday. When I knocked on her door in December 2012, it was a moment of soul recognition; we both knew it was God who brought us together to do His work.

Shortly thereafter, dear friends in Canada, Australia, USA and other places began to generously support us by sending the money we desperately needed to expand our feeding program.



In January 2013, we moved our soup kitchen into the Community Centre in Drimiopsis to serve more children, mainly orphans and the most vulnerable. There, we have a little office to store our food and utensils.

The cooking is done over an open fire; buckets of water have to be carried in. Our volunteers, 15 women and 3 men, are very dedicated and no task is too big.



The initial group of 80 children now averages 220 children every Saturday. We budget \$35 US to \$40 US for each feed. We hope to be able to offer the meal twice weekly in the coming months and gradually increase to daily meals.

Children's Sanctuary Namibia (CSN) has a parcel in the community garden in which we planted seeds. Our 3 men are very active caring for the garden and tending our vegetables.





At the moment we are waiting for the paperwork to be processed by the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement that will make CSN legal owners of the piece of land allocated. At the same time the registration process for qualification as a welfare organization is underway. The social workers in Gobabis are informed and we are working closely together to get the most benefit for our children.

The next step is to raise funds for an orphanage. Initially we will start with one structure including kitchen, office and room to accommodate the first 5 children and a housemother. As we establish 4 more family homes over the next 5 years, the initial building will become the administration building and provide accommodation for volunteers (from overseas).

Our sincere gratitude to all the loving people who make this all possible. **You** make it all possible. May God bless you! We express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the generosity you show by supporting us. We sincerely hope to welcome you into our homes sometime in the future. It is with love we say “baie dankie” !!!

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KIDS IN DRIMIOPSIS, OMAHEKE REGION, NAMIBIA







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Drimiopsis is about 45 kilometres north of Gobabis in the Omaheke province of Namibia.

Helge has lived on a farming property outside of Drimiopsis and is also a qualified pharmacist having lived and worked that profession in Washington State of the United States.

The Children's Sanctuary Namibia is currently feeding daily 300 orphaned and abandoned Bushmen children in Drimiopsis. This is only one of nineteen resettlement camps in the Kalahari regions of Namibia.

In addition to feeding these children daily, their housing is yet to be built, as well as a school and other supporting facilities. The children do not have a school, let alone any school books, paper or writing utensils. Health facilities and support is nominal.

English is spoken in the area and your local English based school material will greatly assist.

The development for the children is to ultimately enable them to gain meaningful paid employment.

Once the physical assets are built in Drimiopsis, the organization will proceed to assist another resettlement community, and then another.

Currently some of the children are using discarded plastic garbage bags as housing to assist with sleeping at night. Being in a semi-arid – semi desert environment, the temperature variations are extreme, daily.

This is a case of starting with zero and working through all that is required. The immediate requirements are those for 300 children, ranging from babies to eighteen years of age.

Donations can be made via the website: <http://childrenssanctuarynamibia.org/>

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**If a girl spends only 2 years at school, she is likely to have more than 7 children. If she spends 6 years at school, she is likely to have around 4 children. If she spends 12 years at school then she will have only 2 children. World poverty is best averted by the tool of education in the first instance.**



**Symbolically, the iceberg is a good representation of the undiscovered potential in all of us.**

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