

Hamburg, 30th April 2017

## **Donate warm blankets now for the children and families in Namibia!**

**Dear supporters and donors, dear friends!**

A week ago I returned from Namibia and in my last days and especially nights there I could feel how winter is slowly spreading out its cold fingers.

Especially for the people in the poor quarters, the Namibian winter with nights down to -5°C poses a constant threat to health and life. The people in the poor quarters must often survive the temperatures without blankets and sometimes without mattresses on the cold floor of their isolated huts. The children often freeze bitterly. We would like to make winter more bearable for them. Only those that don't freeze are also in a position to be fit for the school day.



**Give the children and families in the poor quarters protection with warm blankets. Every Euro helps!**

**Donate now**

I thank you for your support and am pleased to be able to report on a new steps-project and on many positive developments in our ongoing projects that are made possible by your donations.

Enjoy the read.

Yours,  
Michael Hoppe

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# steps in Namibia

## Air Namibia – a strong Partner



**At the beginning of my trip I met with Elize Petersen, Elizabeth Harases und Surelda Andrew from Air Namibia.** We are delighted that the airline has been as a partner at our side over the last year. Air Namibia would like to do more for people in need in Namibia and as a result have chosen the partnership with steps for children. In this way steps receives a certain number of free flights, we can transport free of charge donated articles and products from our sewing room between Germany and Namibia and we can present ourselves in the Air Namibia magazine.

The prizes that we received for our tombola and silent auction at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary charity dinner in 2016 were very generous. At our meeting in Windhoek we discussed other cooperation possibilities.

**We thank them very much for this multi-faceted support that helps us to get a greater proportion of our donations direct to the people in the projects.**

## New Project: Ritha's Soup-kitchen

**On my project trip I visited various projects and initiatives in Windhoek and also in Swakopmund. A small project in Windhoek went especially to my heart and we would like to immediately adopt it as a steps-project.**

Ritha Dausas Peronez has a small hut in Katutura and works twice a week as a cleaner. Additionally she sells muffins in the neighbourhood. With her own money and a bit of help from private donations that have now dried up she has been able up to now to distribute food twice a week to 60 to 90 children in the neighbourhood. Rita who is lovingly known as “Mama Africa” cooks the food together with her 17 year old son on a fireplace in their yard and as soon as her “food-song” starts up, the 4 to 11 year old children come running. We would like to support and safeguard this self-less commitment, so that the distribution of food not only carries on as before but can also happen on other days as well.

**With 15 Euros you can give a child warm meals for a month.**

**Donate now**



## 4000 sq. m Shade for our Fruit and Vegetables

**On my visit to Okakarara I was able to marvel at the new shading net over our vegetable garden.** Fruit and vegetables can now grow and prosper on 4000 square meters of land protected from the over-powerful sun. Now there are tomatoes, peppers, onions, carrots, aubergines, papaya and bananas and also mangoes. Oranges and lemons should also grow here soon.

As reported we will shortly be starting on a tree nursery in our small green-house.

On the site of the vegetable garden we are also planning to build a new pre-school. For the children from Ongombombonde the daily journey to Okakarara 8 km away is too far. steps for children would therefore like to expand its education measures in Ongombombonde and to open an Early Childhood Development centre. Up to now there has been no kindergarten here and only a very limited offer for pre-school children. Thanks to the generous support for this initiative from the Futura Foundation we plan to start the building as soon as May.



## Dining Room Opened

**A new dining room and reception area in our guest house in Gobabis are now almost ready, only the furniture is still needed.** The stay for our guests will now be even more pleasant and so we can optimize the income for our social steps here as well.

On 5th April 2017 I was present at a small opening ceremony together with our staff and many guests, amongst whom were representatives of the city administration and the regional council.



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## Ohorongo Cement: Works Visit and Donation

On my journey I also visited the Ohorongo cement works in the north of Namibia. The works had previously donated to us two pallets of cement for the building of two classrooms in Gobabis. I thanked them once again for their generous support and was shown round the huge works by Rudolf Cotzee (head of administration) and Reinhard Feucht (project leader). Ohorongo Cement actively supports social projects and the people in Namibia. Many thanks for the interesting visit and the wonderful donation.



## New steps homes Families

Since the beginning of the year we have been able to place further orphan children with new steps homes families in Gobabis and in Otavi. We now support a total of 12 steps families, 3 in Otavi and 9 in Gobabis with a total of 25 orphan children.

We are delighted that in this way the children receive a new home, get enough to eat, regularly attend school and when needed, get medical support. The mother/family receives additionally fire wood and water for looking after their families.



## Completed Apartments Already Rented

In Rehoboth two new rental apartments have been completed and furnished and since the start of April 2017 they have already been rented out. With the income we will support the social and education work of our new cooperation partner in the poor quarter of Katutura in Windhoek and will in the long term help to achieve independence from donations. We would like to thank all our supporters for their help with the building of this income-generating step!



## steps in Germany/ Switzerland

### ... let`s Golf for Kids in Namibia!

**We look forward to welcoming all golfers and non-golfers, friends and supporters of the steps for children foundation at our golf tournaments!**

For the golfers exciting competition awaits them on beautiful courses. Spend a wonderful afternoon in the green. Non-golfers will be offered a trial golf course on special terms. The proceeds from the tournaments will benefit our projects in Namibia.

#### **steps for children Golf-Tournament in Germany:**

Saturday, 24th June 2017 in the Erfttal Golf club near Miltenberg near Frankfurt (18 hole)

Registration and Details: <https://eveni.to/steps-golf-st-kilian/anmelde-seite>

#### **steps for children Golf-Tournament in Switzerland:**

Friday, 23rd June 2017 Moossee Golf park near Bern (18 hole)

Friday, 1st September 2017 in Augwil Golf club near Kloten (9 hole)

Registration: <http://www.golf-charity-turnier.de/anmeldung.html>



## Meeting with steps Switzerland

In the middle of March the board of the steps for children foundation met in Zurich. Christoph Möller was installed as a new board member. Afterwards the wider circle of all those who are active in the Swiss foundation came together. Since Ute Pichorner, Guy Lorétan and Karin Stöcker joined me over the last 2 years on the board, steps for children Switzerland has been very successful in attracting donations. Just in the last year 50,000 Euro has been generated for our projects in Namibia. We are looking forward to this wonderful and fruitful cooperation with so many highly-motivated friends of steps!



## Professional Support for Social Media

We have a new supporter in Germany as well: **ROSENZWEIG & SCHWARZ**. The agency for dialogue-marketing maintains our social media channels free of charge and we look forward to being able to win even more followers and friends for the aims of steps for children.

We heartily thank Michael Schwarz and the operations team of the agency for their energetic commitment!

**ROSENZWEIG  
UND  
SCHWARZ**

## Do you know AmazonSmile already?



With this fine platform you can quite simply make a donation while you shop. The best thing is that you have no additional costs and pay only what you would have paid anyway for your purchase. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to a charity of your choice.

Simply register with [smile.amazon.de](https://smile.amazon.de) in the web-browser of your computer or mobile appliance using your Amazon data and choose steps as the beneficiary and start with your normal shopping.

**Join in – give children in Namibia a SMILE with Amazon!**

The steps for children foundation was founded in 2005 by Dr. Michael Hoppe. In the meantime it is present at six project locations where it is active in sustainably working for better educational chances for the children of the poor quarters of Namibia. With steps and its partner projects over 1000 children daily can receive education and a warm meal.

**With every donation you are investing in the future of needy children:**

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IBAN: DE44 2005 0550 1238 1497 26, BIC: HASPDEHHXXX  
or online at [www.stepsforchildren.de](http://www.stepsforchildren.de)**

*In many countries donations to steps for children can be set against income tax. You will automatically get a receipt for your donation*

Yours sincerely

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