

Hamburg, 3rd March 2019

Dear supporters and donors, dear friends!

We look back on an eventful year in 2018 and at the same time look forward to 2019. **What have we achieved? Where do we want to go? And what can every one of us do to help?**

Donations are the facilitating elements which make it possible for children, young people and adults in Namibia and Zimbabwe to get education.



In the last year our donors have again helped us to have a very successful year. Also the commitment of volunteers and spreading the word about steps facilitates change in every one of us and for the people of Africa.

**My heartfelt thanks go to all our supporters for their trust in our work and for their personal input!**

Over the last year we were able to support over 1500 children from the nursery up to high school and to give them regular meals. Also with the income-generating steps, things are moving forward step by step: guesthouses, rental properties and especially the purchase in 2018 of the property of **Bridge of Hope** for an ever more stable base in order to generate income for the social steps. The team of two national coordinators in Namibia has proven itself and I thank Ulrike Mai and Peik Bruhns, who bring so much energy and empathy to our projects.

Read what we were able to achieve together and become a **steps-hero** or **marathon runner**!

**Yours Michael Hoppe**

## steps in Namibia

### GOBABIS

We provide training!



Together with the COSDEC training centre in Gobabis and as part of the regular turnover, we have taken on **two new trainees in our carpentry workshop**. We are delighted to have worked with COSDEC since November 2018 and so are fulfilling our aim of offering sustainable perspectives. Additionally there is a new helper who looks after administrative affairs in the office and also helps children and adults in the PC school to improve their abilities with computers.

**Support us in making it possible for the people in Namibia to get further education and training!**

**Donate now**

## OKAKARARA

### New greenhouse for growing trees



A new greenhouse made of robust steel posts and stiff sheeting increases the **protection against environmental influences** such as excessive sunshine, frost and pests and reduces the evaporation of water. **2.000 sq.m** of protected growing area and **two new jobs** could thus be created. **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/fuer-die-baumzucht-in-okakarara-wurde-ein-grosses-neues-gewaechshaus-fertiggestellt/>

## OKAHANDJA

### ... a window opens



When a door closes, somewhere a window opens – ideally in the same place. Goodbye **Okahandja Samaritans** – Hello „**Ilani Tulikwafeni – House of hope and trust**“. **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/ein-fenster-oeffnet-sich/>

## OTAVI

### We can depend on Agnes!



In the various project locations we want to continually improve our quality and sustainability. So too in Otavi, where **Agnes Naibas** has been working at the side of the project leader **Susan du Toit** since 2012 and now should be slowly established as her deputy. In this way the project can continue even during sickness and absence and there can be additional support for the daily management. **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/auf-agnes-ist-verlass/>

## REHOBOTH

### Bridge of Hope gives even more hope



The balance after one year's partnership: **Property bought, new classroom built, 30 orphan children taken in!** Bridge of Hope is a successful project that makes it possible for the children in Rehoboth to have a safe place of learning. In 2019 we have also introduced our Guardian Angel programme and taken 9 children into our care. We are also building a new soup kitchen. **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/bridge-of-hope-gibt-noch-mehr-hoffnung/>

Equip our new soup kitchen at *Bridge of Hope* with pots, plates and cups!



**Donate now**

## **WINDHOEK**

2 years, 80 children, 1 meal 5 days a week



For two years we have supported **Ritha's Soup kitchen** and thereby we have made it possible for 80 children to have a warm meal for five days a week. Unfortunately Rita's health is not so good that we can keep this project going. Also the supply of food has proved to be difficult and costly. **We wish Ritha and all the children all the best!**

## **steps in Zimbabwe**

Halftime – Where do we stand?



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We have almost got to the halfway point of our projects in **Mutare** und **Mutasa** in cooperation with the *Help with Plan* foundation and we are looking good with our timing and budget plans. **Four ECCD-centres** have been built and equipped and have extensive outdoor play areas. Two were erected with the support of steps and also especially that of the *Ernst Prost Foundation for Africa*. **The income-generating measures are already being set up.** With the next update in April we will give details of rearing chickens, bee-keeping , fish ponds and vegetable growing.

## steps functions – Annual report 2017

For the first time we have detailed what effect steps for children achieves through its work in the projects **in our annual report 2017:**

<https://t84f76bb5.emailsys1a.net/c/174/1864831/1229/0/3437617/773/41611/2cc642716a.html>

## steps in Germany and Switzerland

A new and fresh breeze is blowing through the steps headquarters



Since the start of 2019 a new member of staff is supporting us with fund-raising in the Hamburg office. After her move from Hong Kong to Hamburg it was quickly clear to her that she wanted to work again in the charity sector.

**Dear Mrs Schael, what then was your “stepsmoment”?**

“The very heartfelt, open, communicative atmosphere in the foundation impressed me from the very first moment.” **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/es-weht-eine-frische-brise-durch-das-steps-hauptquartier/>

**»A very warm welcome Angela Schael!«**

A record! Over 50 visitors at the meeting of the Friends of steps



The general meeting of the **Friends of steps for children** in Hamburg in December 2018 attracted this time over 50 visitors. It was a meeting full of variety with lively reports and presentations from various perspectives. **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/12-mitgliederversammlung-des-foerdervereins/>

steps Switzerland – a solid pillar of support



steps for children Switzerland also had **successful fundraising in 2018** and with various actions has generated publicity for steps in Namibia . With the funds raised we were able to finance various steps in Gobabis, Otavi and Rehoboth.

**A very big THANK YOU to the staff in the neighbouring Alpine land!**

## Secret Dinner – 20's flair in the Zürich Tram Museum



It was **the Highlight of 2018 for steps in Switzerland: a secret dinner** in a museum – nobody knew the exact programme, the location or even the menu in advance! **Read more:**

- <https://www.stepsforchildren.de/secret-dinner-2018/>

## Run with steps - 29. September | BMW-Marathon in Berlin



If you want to take part but have got no starting place, we have got the solution!

**Guarantee yourself a place with steps for children.**

Interested? Then contact: [info@stepsforchildren.de](mailto:info@stepsforchildren.de)

## #stepsheroes



Do you know anyone who deserves to be a **stepshero** or a **stepsheroine**? Then you can propose the person and send in a photograph together with a justification. \*

\*By sending in the content, you agree to the publication of your photos, videos and quotations. Obtain the agreement of the person to the publication of the photos (the reason can remain a surprise).

The steps for children foundation was founded in 2005 by Dr. Michael Hoppe. Now it is present at eight project locations in Namibia and Zimbabwe where it is active in sustainably working for better educational chances for the children of the poor quarters. With steps and its partner projects over 1500 children daily receive education and a warm meal.

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

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*In many countries donations to steps for children can be set against income tax. A receipt for your donation will automatically be sent to you in the following month.*

Yours sincerely

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(Chairman)

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