



Families who were supported during the COVID-19 pandemic in Namibia



Laurica and **Bridget Afrikaner**, the responsible project managers on site in Katutura, report:

“On behalf of the project helpers in Namibia, we would like to thank all donors in Germany, Austria and Switzerland - may God bless everyone!”



The Katutura project had a different approach in phase 2 of food distribution. A total of 11 families were supported this time, including a very active community member.

Each family received the following products:



- 5 kg of corn flour
- 2.5 kg of sugar
- 2.5 kg of flour
- 2 kg of rice
- 4x 10 bags of instant yeast
- 1 can of fish
- 1 can of breakfast meat
- Soap
- 750 ml sunflower oil
- 200 g bag soup
- 2x stable whole milk
- 150 g coffee
- 65 g tea bags
- Apples and oranges
- 50x 20 g corn snacks
- A package of fresh chicken



Families in the informal Goreangab settlement also received:

- 6 packs of candles
- 6 packs of matches

2nd hand clothing was also collected by *Laurica* and *Bridget*, who donated it to families.



The following are some of the families we supported in Katutura.



Goreangab informal settlement



Goreangab is located northwest of Windhoek in the Samora Machel constituency. An important part of the settlements lies close to the banks of the Goreangab dam, which was one of Windhoek's important water sources in the past. Often the huts are only a few hundred meters from the dam, despite a mandatory one 1 km of green belt in all directions of the dam. The settlement is characterized by 1-room corrugated iron huts in which an average of five people live. More than 2.000 inhabitants live in the settlement.

We were able to support three families in this area with food parcels.



Eva Tsamases (31 years)

Eva has six children of her own and also looks after her sister's child. She is currently unemployed because of the lockdown; previously she worked as a domestic worker. Her boyfriend is mentally ill and cannot support the family.

Sanna Noreses

Sanna is 52 years old and has lived in the informal settlement since moving from a nearby farm. She used to have occasional jobs, but is currently unemployed.

Salmon Slanner (63 years)

Salmon is a pensioner who lives with his adopted daughter and her young child. *Salmon* is a community activist and helps families in his area. Sometimes he can only help out with a bit of sugar or corn flour that he buys from his pension or with the help of good Samaritans, but he does his best to support those who have nothing.





Evangelical Lutheran Church

With the announcement of the state of emergency and the subsequent lockdown in Namibia, the country's churches were asked by the government to draw up a list of vulnerable families in their parishes. The churches have made lists, but so far no help has been provided.

The project helpers on site involved the activists of the Bet-el Lutheran and Tanidare Lutheran Church in Katutura in order to be able to support the six most vulnerable families. It was a difficult decision by the pastors, as there are far more families in need of food and help.

Bet-el Parish



Eveline Boois (74 years)

Grandma *Eveline* is the oldest in the Bet-el Lutheran Church. She lives with her two grandchildren and a disabled son.



Thabitha Gowases (73 Jahre)

Grandma *Thabitha* lives with her two unemployed daughters and seven grandchildren.

She has recently been widowed and is supporting her family with her small pension.



Lydia Uiras (80 years)

Grandma *Lydia* is a pensioner with a physical disability.

The situation in her house is terrible:

Her three daughters, who were all domestic workers, are currently at home - without work or funds to support their twelve children.

Grandma *Lydia's* pension is not enough to take care of her whole family.



Tanidare Parish / Parish



Jacob Janse (67 years)

Jacob Janse is also a disabled, a pensioner pastor. He has lost his children over the years and is taking care of his five grandchildren.

Lisa Hoxobes (60 years)

Grandma *Lisa* lives with her unemployed daughter and nine grandchildren. She has had occasional jobs to support the family, but is currently unemployed.

Lena Xoagus (65 years)

Grandma *Lena* is a pensioner and lives with her two grandchildren in a rented hut. She supports the children with their pension, which is not really enough.

“Mixed” settlement

This settlement is located in the Brakwater area, 20 kilometers north of Windhoek, and is inhabited by around 3.000 people. Similar to the Goreangab settlement, all families live in 1-room corrugated iron huts, in poorest conditions.



Salinde Gowases

Salinde was a street vendor who sold groceries on a construction site. She lives with her two children and five orphaned nieces. *Salinde* has a chronic illness, but is doing her best to support her family.

Elfriede Gaingos (43 years)

Elfriede supported families with housework, but lost their job due to the lockdown. She is a single mother of three girls.





Community activist **Erna Hoxobes** (25 years old) was interviewed by the National Local radio station „National Local“.

Erna reported on the plight of the people in the settlement and how she tries to help the families.

The families in this settlement mainly consist of young adults with their children.

The project helpers asked Erna to help them feed the families.

Erna collects food and clothing and distributes it among the needy families.

Basic food and hygiene items were also donated by the project helpers.



**Thanks to many donors and active helpers in both countries,
we can assist quickly and unbureaucratically.**

This initiative was founded by
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