



Dolam
Children's
Home
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Experience togetherness with the children of the Dolam Children's Home

The Dolam Children's Home in Katutura was founded in 1999 by **Rosa Namises**.

Currently, 15 orphans and children who cannot return in their families due to extreme poverty and violent experiences live in the Dolam Children's Home.

Rosa Namises is a well-known human rights activist.

She was active in the Namibian liberation struggle and was co-founder of the first women's and children's rights organizations in the country.

With her human rights organization "*Women Solidarity Namibia*", Rosa Namises fights against widespread violence against women and children.



Report of Rosa Namises



"When we grow up, we'll tell stories, how we survived COVID -19 with hand washing!"

Rosa Namises reports on the challenges caused by the sudden lockdown:

The year 2020 started calmly and relaxed.

Our house filled up quickly with new children, the first months were quiet, and we were very busy.

But then the crisis hit us and the state of emergency was declared.

When the total lockdown was announced, we had no choice but to drive the children to our farm, which is 90 km outside of Windhoek.





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We were faced with a completely new situation. We saw the pictures from Italy, Spain and South Africa, and fear and panic came over us.

It was our job to educate the children without frightening them.



We explained to them how important it is to wash their hands regularly and to be careful with each other. Since they could no longer visit anyone, we encouraged them to go further into nature.

The lockdown hit us completely unexpectedly; the safety routine no longer existed. We cannot simply send our children back to their parents because we never know what circumstances they expect there.

We didn't have enough food on the farm. The road into town is long and it was not easy to get there during the lockdown.



With the help of financial support from friends like **Konny von Schmettau** and **Anja Neuhaus** we were able to buy important groceries so that our children on the farm as well as some needy households in the Otjozondjupa region could be taken care of.



Thanks to our garden, in which the children diligently help, we can stock up on fresh vegetables.



**We say THANK YOU
to all donors for the
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