



# POTS OF HOPE



Kamanjab is located in the northwest of Namibia at the gates of the Etosha National Park.

**Alexia Naris** and **Adrie Jantze** have been fighting poverty, discrimination, abuse and violence against women and children for over 10 years.

In 2008, the Pots of Hope initiative was founded by Alexia's mother. Since her death, **Alexia Naris** and six other active women continued their mother's work.

They offer abused women a contact point, are contact persons and offer help as well as the placement of training positions. The organization lives from donations and is committed to the weakest of the weak.

Alexia Naris 'creed:

"The target of our work is the mobilization and the use of the power of women and children to combat gender discrimination and eradicate poverty."

We are very happy and grateful that thanks to your donations, we can support the Pots of Hope team in their important and courageous work.

The fundraiser was conducted by



Alexia Naris



Adrie Jantze



Sarafia Springbok

The fundraiser was carried out by a total of 13 families. Mainly single mothers with their children, were supported.



Each family received a package with sugar, oil, corn flour, rice, coffee, tea, pasta, cabbage, onions, soups, soap, creams, toothpaste and washing powder.





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Here are some impressions of the handover of our donations:



**Alfons** is a young man without work, who has been taking care of the new Pots of Hope building under construction for weeks. Unfortunately, the new building could not be completed because the generous foreign donor died.

The building has been the victim of theft in recent weeks. Since Alfons has been guarding it, no more thefts have occurred.

*Alfons: "Thank you very much for the food and the hygiene items. May God bless all donors!"*

**Mariethe Jacobs** is a single mother and has lived with her children in difficult conditions since she was a victim of severe violence that made her depend on a wheelchair. She is completely dependent on the help of her children.



**Selma** lives with her two children in a small hut and often does not know how to feed her children because she cannot find a job.

**Ouma Titi Urras** lives in a small hut with her daughter and grandchildren. In order to feed the family, she tries to cultivate a small garden behind her hut.



**Ouma Erica** could hardly believe her luck when she even found vinegar in her donation.

Her first words were: *"Oh my god, real VINEGAR!"*

She has been living in a small tin hut for years and tries to care for her family despite her HIV infection.



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**Melizza** is a young woman who lives alone with her sister and two children.

**Johnny Brandt** is an already 97 years old and takes care of his seriously ill wife.

Their hut burned down last year, but with the help of the community, they were able to rebuild a new little hut for themselves and their three grandchildren.



**Habel**, HIV positive and transgender, lives with two sisters and their children.

**Marietta**, a woman who also has to be in a wheelchair after violence. She lives alone with her three children.



**Auguste** is a single mother with five children and grandchildren. Due to massive abuse, she is paralyzed on one side. She was strangled to the point of unconsciousness by her boyfriend at the time and left in the garden to die. She fights for her family every day.



**Selma** and her son, both HIV-positive, also live in the Kamanjab location.



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Alexia reports on the fundraiser:



*"When we handed over the donations, we saw the deep feelings in the faces of the people and the gratitude that they showed.*

*That gave us hope, the hope of a better tomorrow ...*

*God bless all who made this possible!"*

The Kamanjab community helps each other.

Young people collect firewood and distribute it to the elderly.



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

This initiative was founded by **Konny von Schmettau** (Swakopmund, Namibia) and **Anja Neuhaus** (Wesel, Germany)