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Dear Friends and family of Katutura Projects,

As you know, the novel coronavirus has been declared a national disaster. We are all currently aware that the whole world is under a lot of stress by certain Government implications. To enlighten a few factors and see a positive view on this I would like to remind you of Africa.

Yes, we are ALL (ALL over the world) having a hard time dealing with global lock downs, Medical supplies, and the list goes on....

Due to the rising COVID-19 infection numbers, the Namibian President has imposed a state of emergency for our country continuing up to six months to protect citizens. All international flights to and from Namibia have also been suspended and the border crossings to neighbouring countries have largely been closed.

Additionally, this is the second time Namibia has declared a state of emergency within twelve months, the first being due to the biggest drought of the century. After many Namibians performed Rain dances encouraged by our local singer 'Ees', our blessings were heard and the rain poured down over Namibia in the last 3 months helping many farmers and Locals in need.

What came next.... Covid-19

Impacting another important branch of the economy, tourism. The lodges and guest accommodations in the neighbourhood announced that almost all bookings had been cancelled, which also means that Namibia's local income is decreasing drastically with regards to either lodging or selling of hand crafts.

I cannot stress this situation enough. WE ARE ALL placed in a difficult circumstance, but at times I felt my thoughts wondering. My mind has been prioritised on my own people, to the true Namibians without running water, without electricity trying to combat an unhygienic environment with hopes of not being infected by this virus. As a Namibian, I find myself once again lucky. I am comforted with a roof over my head, running water and much more which we tend to take for granted.... "How bad can it truly be?", I think to myself when Namibia declares a 21 Day lockdown.

And yet within 14 Days our numbers of people infected with Covid-19 has increased from 1-4. Yes, we might not be at a high risk just yet, however we can thank our government for reacting so fast and responsibly in taking great measures to safeguard the future of our country.

Being a 3rd world country, Namibia faces many issues. Poverty, hunger, lack of education and social health services is the reality of the challenges we are fighting to overcome. Due to COVID-19, certain projects are left in the shadows with funding:

DRC Women's Project: 15 Women are reliant on the income from the production of bead-work. Ever since the travel ban, production has decreased which presently means NO INCOME.



DRC Soup-Kitchen: As there may be no groups exceeding 50 people, our soup kitchen is currently not providing warm meals anymore. This means that there are more than 200 children that are left with no reliable meals. As a result, we are aiming towards providing food packages.



Oasa Taradi: This project has been existing for more than 30 years, being the first project under the Katutura Projects umbrella. Here, 15 mostly single women aspire towards a future of being self-supporting by producing traditional embroidery work. Once again, production is on hold and they are therefore not receiving any income at the moment.



Orlindi House of Safety: Being a home which accommodates vulnerable and orphaned children and babies with HIV are under self-isolation. Currently all are living with the uncertainty of whether they can still be cared for (e.g. diapers, baby formula and nutritious food).



Understandably, we are currently in a situation whereby everyone of us are affected economically. I ask you kindly not to forget those who need our help, those who have nothing but need so very much. In times like these we must not disregard the vulnerable members of society, for they are at the greatest risk. NOW is the time where we need to stand together and fight this epidemic.

Together we always do better and I thank all of you for your continued support. We ask kindly to open your hearts to these certain projects which have been affected the most. Any contributions and donations are valued with the most appreciation.

Every donation received in the aid of these project will receive a report to display the impact you have given and made.



Regards,

Anja Rohwer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Rohwer".

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