

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

YOUTH HOPE PROJECT- AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY PROJECT

INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS - PERPETUATING INEQUALITY

Growing up in informal settlements, children and youth are burdened with a series of social and economic conditions, perpetuating and cementing inequality for decades to come. Some of these conditions include:

- Education:**
- Low literacy and early education levels
 - No exposure to a culture of reading and self-education (*a major drawback in their educational development*)
- Social development:**
- **Very challenging social environment:** prevalence of gender based violence, alcoholism, drug abuse, abject poverty, parent absenteeism (generally much more than in the formal part of town)
 - **Very limited opportunities** for children social and educational development.
 - **Limited access to basics that facilitate education** (access to the internet, access to reading material, organized social/educational activities)

THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY PROJECT

- **Development Workshop Namibia** is currently implementing a large sanitation programme in Windhoek's informal settlements, in collaboration with the City of Windhoek, Ministry of Health and Social Services, and Constituency Councillors.
- As part of the programme, all kindergartens in the informal settlements are mapped.

In parallel to the sanitation programme, DWN has launched the KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY PROJECT

It is an initiative to stimulate reading with children at an early age by:

1. Organize workshops for kindergarten teachers in Early Childhood Development with experts in the field
2. Organising sensitization events with parents
3. Organize reading events facilitated by our team and volunteers
4. Establish a kindergarten library network

The kindergarten library network works as follows:

- Lockable boxes with children's books in each, serve as a kindergarten library
- Boxes are handed over to selected kindergartens with trained kindergarten teachers
- These selected kindergartens can lend books to neighbouring kindergartens and day care centers around them
- Boxes are exchanged between the selected kindergartens at regular intervals
- DWN will initiate, supervise and monitor the library network



Our team reading to children at **Nelson Kindergarten** at Okapuka settlement in the Moses Garoeb constituency and at **Happy Kindergarten** in Goreagab, Handino Hishongwa settlement in the Samora Machel constituency



We would hereby like kindly ask for your contribution by providing used children's books, puzzles, literacy materials to this initiative.

If you would like to donate please contact Hilma Weber at 0811 279198 or hilmaweber.nam@gmail.com

Thank you!!

Please link up on our website, at: www.dw-namibia.org to learn about us and the work we do.