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" Children working for heritage "

REQUEST FOR EDUVENTURES ASSISTANCE

We would like to request your assistance with the educational and data collecting **EduVentures** programme.

EduVentures is a programme initiated by, and affiliated with, the National Museum of Namibia.



The main activity is a two-week long expedition to remote areas during which a group of learners, accompanied by scientists, teachers, etc. participate in collecting data concerning Namibia's natural and social history. These include mainly biodiversity and archaeological data. Biological specimens and archaeological objects collected during the expeditions are placed in Namibia's scientific collections, while data are given through to the relevant specialists for further investigation.

Small but intense educational efforts can have an escalating positive impact on Namibia at large. Through the nature of the expeditions and the various post-expedition activities, participants are encouraged and equipped to play an active role in society, so as to become responsible and accountable role models not only promoting sustainable living, biodiversity and cultural heritage conservation in all works of life, but also promoting moral and ethical conduct. "Spreading the message", encouraging participants to take responsible leadership in whichever worthwhile cause - a vision well within reach of the still small population of Namibia. Through this focus on individuals, quality personal development is our goal.

Much of the success of **EduVentures** can be attributed to the fact that this programme covers more aspects than only those related to its DIRECT aims: school subject matter are made alive and relevant; sustainability in all actions are encouraged; horizons are broadened; current issues of relevance are discussed and debated; life skills and personal qualities are enriched and motivation and willpower are increased through the way the expeditions are

structured. Learners are trained in different collecting methods, and are exposed to potential career opportunities. Ex-participants continue to participate in routine museum activities, ensuring the educational sustainability of the effort. This programme is a **continually evolving programme, aiming to address more needs, in an holistic manner, as they are becoming evident.**

Participating Schools:

- Immanuel Shifidi Sec School
- Jan Jonker Afrikaner Sec School
- N.I.S.E. for the hearing impaired
- St. George diocesan School
- St. Paul's college
- Windhoek High School
- Deutsche Höhere Privatschule (DHPS)
- Shipena Sec School
- Omuhonga Mobile School (Okongwati)
- Karasburg High School
- Khomas High School
- Combretum Trust School
- SOS Children Village
- Tsumkwe Junior Secondary School
- Home School



To date, nine **EduVentures** expeditions have been completed to areas such as the Brandberg, Namib Desert, Huns Mountains, Baynes Mountains, Sperrgebiet etc., contributing approximately 15,000 specimens and objects of scientific value to and equipment, **EduVentures** is run with minimal funding and depends mainly on outside sponsorships. Given that the programme is currently in a largely expanding phase, funding is stretched even further.

With this in mind we therefore take the opportunity of requesting your assistance.

Kind regards,
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