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CISKE'S COVID TASK FORCE

From an empty town-hall to a fully equipped 15-Bed COVID Care-Facility in less than 3 weeks – the success story of community commitment!

After the first public call for assistance on 24th June this year, the initiative received an amazing response! Volunteers committed themselves and funds started flowing in – and within a few days work could start!

Highest priority was to procure Oxygen Concentrators, but this proved extremely challenging as the whole country was scrambling for these life-saving products! Based on best possible research and balancing prices, quality and availability, eventually twelve Machines were ordered from three different suppliers.

Also, within the first week of starting this project, the Municipality approved the use of the Tamariskia Hall and helped in setting up the facility to meet nursing and medical requirements. Stretchers, mattresses and beddings were swiftly procured and delivered, so the facility was basically ready to take-in patients!

Yet at that time we were still eagerly awaiting the delivery of Oxygen Concentrators!

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community within Swakopmund, Namibia and in Germany, proper hospital beds, essential nursing equipment, supportive medical devices, and basic furniture such as tables, chairs and shelving was received by the end of the second week. And finally, on that Friday the first 8 Oxygen Concentrators were delivered!

With the assistance of a great team of volunteers everything was unpacked, inventoried and properly stored as per designation, and by the **12th July** the hall was looking like what it was intended to be:

a 15 Bed COVID care-facility with Oxygen Concentrators and supportive medical and nursing devices!

With all the essential medical equipment at the ready – and most importantly with Oxygen on hand – only official approval by the MOHSS is outstanding. Apparently, bureaucracy is immune to urgency.

Fortunately, the Covid-19 storm has calmed and the number of patients is manageable by our hospitals, therefore the urgency has subsided. We were aware that this might happen as COVID infections come and go in “waves”. But the efforts were not in vain! The facility will be approved and ready for the next COVID wave. The inventory is insured and we have a volunteer who is taking care of the hall and its content.

We will not be unprepared again!



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Further projects the Task Force is currently attending are:

- Procurement and Distribution of **Multi-vitamin and Vitamin C tablets** to the elderly and needy as a preventative measure.
- Supporting the vaccination efforts by creating additional **Vaccination Spots** (please contact Brigitte von Dewitz for locations and times)
- Actively **acquiring and distributing food parcels** to ease the burden of unemployment and poverty.

If anybody is interested to assist the small Task Force team of volunteers please get in touch! Every helping hand is welcome!

A big THANK YOU goes to all our contributors and donors, big or small, and of course to all the helpers who worked tirelessly around the clock to help those in need.

Below please find a brief financial report of the Task Forces account (*as at 22.07.2021*)

value in NAD	
Donations received CASH	1,670,000
<i>within NAMIBIA</i>	<i>1,245,000</i>
<i>from GERMANY</i>	<i>425,000</i>
Donations received IN KIND	500,000 (<i>estimated value</i>)
<i>such as</i>	<i>Oxygen Concentrators & Hospital Beds</i>
	<i>Linen, Bedding, Towels</i>
	<i>Pulse Oximeter, Nebulizer, Blood Pressure Monitors</i>
	<i>PPE / Safety Clothing</i>
	<i>Container Showers</i>
FUNDS SPENT	585,000
	<i>290,000 Medical Machines (Concentrators, CPAPs)</i>
	<i>120,000 Nursing Equipment (such as Drip Stand, Trolleys)</i>
	<i>45,000 Medical Consumable & Stationary</i>
	<i>45,000 Site preparation</i>
	<i>65,000 Support to other COVID Initiatives</i>
	<i>20,000 Multivitamins & Vitamin C for Elders & Needy</i>
BALANCE ON ACC	1,085,000