

# 20 years of Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.



**Arthur Rohlfing**  
**1. chairman**



## A true success story

Almost 1,000 sponsorships to school children, 900 successful school graduations, an aid volume of a good 1.1 million euros. These are success figures that none of us would have thought possible when we launched the Sunkids Project 20 years ago on a small scale. After two decades, the association and the people involved in it can look back on a true success story.

The foundation stone for this living example of international understanding was laid in April 2003 during a privately organised trip to Namibia. At that time, the rather primitive conditions at a primary school in Swakopmund caused concern and set in motion a willingness to help which has continued to this day and has grown steadily over the years. In 2004, the aid volume amounted to 7,500 euros, and today the amounts per year have reached six figures. Back then it was one class that was supported, today it is several schools. All of them are offered help for self-help, continuously and comprehensibly controlled on site.

The Sun Children Project thanks the local schools for their support and the establishment of school partnerships. This has created awareness on both sides and opened up further fields of activity. Sustainability and climate protection are now a matter of course for all those involved in the project. What has remained is the goal of providing the supported children with a good school education and vocational training, thus opening up a life of free self-determination for them.

The Sunkids Project is pleased that the financial support and voluntary work is now no longer provided by the members alone, but that the Foreign Ministry, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Bingo Environmental Foundation, Lions, Rotarians, companies, local associations and countless other organisations have also joined in. "People like you and me" contribute. To mention the names of all the many supporters would go beyond the scope of this greeting.

For all this, the sponsored children from Namibia and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur Rohlfing". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairman Sun Children Project

## Greeting

**Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia  
H.E. Mr Martin Andjaba**



Dear friends of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.,

20 years of *Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.* is another milestone that the Embassy of the Republic of Namibia in Berlin takes note of with great pleasure, because it testifies to success, commitment and above all perseverance.

On the African continent, we share a proverb in many different languages: *A child who is not accepted by his village will burn it down to feel the warmth.*

This expresses the responsibility we have as individuals, as communities and as governments to ensure the well-being of our youngest and, in the long run, of society as a whole. After all, a child is always a creation of all that an individual passes on. Surely we agree that the upbringing and education of a child is the sine qua non for building a successful and peaceful future for all.

Indeed, it is our duty to equip children and young people in particular, but also adults, with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes needed to develop and create more equitable and sustainable frameworks and societies in an increasingly uncertain and unpredictable world.

Therefore, the focus on education in the activities of the *Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.* is very welcome, as it is the key to development. It is an exceedingly noble goal to give every child and youth in Namibia a realistic and fair chance at a good education, especially children whose families are struggling with their financial situation. And in times of climate change, sharing knowledge and teaching action skills in nature conservation and environmental protection is an important priority that the Namibian government and our people share with you.

In this sense, the spiritual but also financial value of your work cannot be appreciated highly enough.

The list of schools you support in your *solar children project* is impressive - above all, your commitment is reliable and sustainable. You make it a point to ensure the rehabilitation and maintenance of the selected educational institutions and provide green energy not only for them but also for individual households through solar panels. The provision of affordable energy is a major developmental step for people to be able to shape and determine their own lives, e.g. it enables children to read and do schoolwork at home even when the sun goes down, and schools are able to prepare hot meals for their pupils, among other things.

We all know that child nutrition is a "long-term investment in human capital that yields a triple dividend, namely for today's children, tomorrow's adults and future generations", as our President, H.E. Dr Hage Geingob, stated in his *State of the Nation Address* on 16 May 2023. The Namibian government therefore continues to focus on food and nutrition security interventions: for example, in 2022, the government spent 104 million Namibian dollars (approximately 51,124 thousand euros) on the national school feeding program, which reached 320,000 children in primary and secondary schools. Although we have made significant progress in this area, many children are still severely malnourished today.

Nevertheless, we are pleased, but not complacent, that Namibia is one of the top performers in the region in terms of education expenditure in Eastern and Southern Africa. In the financial year 2021/22, we spent an annual average of 20.7% of the total budget on education and 7.8% of gross domestic product (GDP). With an average expenditure per learner of EUR 1,096, Namibia's total expenditure on education is relatively high in order to improve the quality of education. In the 2022/23 financial year, the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) was allocated N\$14.1 billion (approximately EUR 694 million). This corresponds to 19.9 % of the total budget.

This underlines the importance the Namibian government attaches to facilitating access to education, including for disadvantaged and marginalised children. Already 10 years ago, in 2013, Namibia introduced free primary education for both primary and secondary school. However, we still face other challenges. For example, many students have to repeat a grade, and low pass rates in mathematics and science prevent high-quality results, which in turn affects a skilled workforce. After all, today's children will be tomorrow's adults.

Non-governmental organisations like the *Sunkids* are important partners on the path of further development of our country. Every person in our society counts here. Only if we pull together will we be able to continue on our path successfully.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you on your 20th anniversary, which is marked by many years of active and hard work on behalf of the most vulnerable, namely the children of Namibia. I wish you strength and continued persistent commitment.

As our President remarked:

*We as a government understand the need of our people to find work, shelter and food, but also to strive for self-fulfilment. Therefore, we continue to strive to improve the livelihoods of all our citizens, knowing that only through the creation of prosperity for all can peace be maintained.*

## Greeting

**District Administrator Cord Bockhop**



### **Greeting for the commemorative publication on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.**

Dear board and association members of the Sunkids Project, dear helpers on site,

Education is of central importance for every human being. It opens doors and enables people to shape their own future in a self-determined way.

However, education is not always a matter taken for granted, at least not in all parts of the world. While we in the district of Diepholz are concerned with issues such as truancy, in Namibia not all children and families have the financial means for a school education.

It is now 20 years since Arthur Rohlfing founded the Sonnenkinderprojekt and systematically offered help with his organisation - help that arrives exactly where it is important and necessary: with the children in Namibia. Through the numerous sponsorships that have come about in the meantime, hundreds of girls and boys have the opportunity to attend school. This not only gives them the chance of a good quality of life, but also a bit of security in everyday life, especially for those who have to grow up without parents.

The Sunkids Project is undoubtedly one of the flagship projects in the Diepholz district. I am extremely pleased to see how much commitment and willingness to help is there: numerous volunteers as well as active and passive members of the association are now involved in the project - people who make a difference, even beyond national borders.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary, I would like to congratulate all members of the association and all those involved - also on behalf of the district council - and thank them for their great commitment. I wish all sunchildren much success at school and a happy future!

Kind regards

your



Cord Bockhop

-Landrat-



# 20 years Sunshine Children Project Namibia e.V.

## Greeting

**Dear members of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.,  
dear supporters and friends of the association,  
Ladies and Gentlemen!**

On 14 October 2023, the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding.

The Sunkids Project Namibia has set itself the goal of supporting and promoting as many disadvantaged girls and boys as possible at schools in Namibia.

Mark Twain once said: "A little education makes the whole world kindred". In this respect, the Sunkids Project makes a valuable contribution to international understanding, among other things, by arranging "school sponsorships". In addition, funds are used specifically for individual measures and projects, e.g. to finance teachers and teaching materials and to ensure the maintenance of schools.

Without citizens who show great commitment, the Namibia Sunkids Project could not exist. The association is supported by community spirit, idealism and commitment. All those involved, whether the association's board, members or supporters, who volunteer their time and effort for the good cause, therefore deserve a very special thank you.

It is with respect and gratitude that we can look back on the 20-year history of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. On behalf of the municipality of Schwaförden, I would like to congratulate the association on its anniversary and wish it continued success in the future.

Helmut Denker Mayor of the Joint  
Community



## Greeting

**of the Friends of the Varrel Secondary School and the  
Kirchdorf Joint Community  
Heinrich Kammacher**



*"Coming together is a beginning. Cohesion is progress. Cooperation is success" ~ Henry Ford*

Dear members and supporters of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V., dear friends of Namibia and the association, ladies and gentlemen!

On 14 October 2023, the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. will celebrate its 20th anniversary. It has set itself the goal of supporting and promoting as many disadvantaged girls and boys as possible at schools in Namibia. A good education is the key to a worthwhile and successful future.

The aim of the Sunkids Project is, among other things, the intensive exchange of knowledge and the teaching of action skills in nature conservation and environmental protection. As tomorrow's decision-makers and consumers, children and young people have the most important role to play here. Children should be made aware of the issues of climate, climate change, energy saving and renewable energy at an early age.

Together with Namib High School from Swakopmund and Varrel Secondary School, a North-South partnership for climate protection is to develop. The topics of global environmental degradation and knowledge about climate change and climate protection are to be promoted at both schools. A planned exchange program, initially as an introductory meeting, is to take place in the near future. The Friends of Varrel Secondary School will of course support this contribution to international understanding so that pupils who are not financially well off can also take part.

I would like to particularly emphasise that all those involved are volunteers and put themselves at the service of a good cause. Without the will to work tirelessly for something, one would not be able to look back on the 20-year history of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.. This commitment deserves special thanks, recognition and respect.

On behalf of the Friends of the Varrel Secondary School and the Kirchdorf Municipality, I would like to extend our well-deserved congratulations for 20 years of continuous work.

I wish the association continued success in the future and that many more years of support will follow.

Heinrich Kammacher

Chairman of the Friends of the Varrel Secondary School Joint Mayor  
of the Kirchdorf Joint Municipality

# Milestones

## How it all began....

**"Only by moving forward do you reach the end of the journey." (Ovambo proverb)**

The Sunkids Project was founded on 11 October 2003 in the restaurant "Zur Post" in Neubruchhausen.

### **Founding members:**

Arthur Rohlfing (Schwaförden), Bärbel Oltmann (Sulingen), Elvira Lange (Bramstedt), Günter Sakulowski & Karin Kastner-Sakulowski (Syke), Lisa Schmidt (Sulingen), Werner Schmidtdorff (Oldenburg), Edda Koopmann (Schweringen), Maren Pjede (Wetschen), Wolfgang Weise (Sulingen), Dieter & Susanne Schulz (Sulingen).



*First partner school of the Sun Children Project  
Namib Primary School in Swakopmund*

At the founding meeting it was decided to support the Namib Primary School in Swakopmund by setting up sponsorships.

At the suggestion of Namibia, the association was founded with the name "Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V."

A great help was the support of employees of the tax office in Sulingen and the register of associations at the district court in Sulingen. With the advice and guidance, the foundation of the Sunkids Project succeeded in a very short time. The founding members remember this support with gratitude.

As early as 2 December 2003, the Sunkids Project was registered as a non-profit association in the register of associations at the Sulingen district court and on 18 December 2003 it was recognised as a non-profit association by the Sulingen tax office.

In July 2004, the former governing mayor of Bremen, Dr. Henning Scherf, supported the Sunkids Project with his visit to Syke.



In November 2004, Namib High School Swakopmund is included in the Sunkids Project.



*Namib High School Swakopmund*

At the beginning of December 2005, the first sponsored children leave the Namib Primary School and can attend the Namib High School with the support of the Sunkids Project.

In April 2007, Augeikhas Primary School from Windhoek joins the Sunkids Project.



*Augeikhas Primary School*

One year later, at the end of April 2008, 180 children are already being cared for by the Sunkids Project. All schools are additionally provided with a four-digit amount to purchase teaching materials and urgently needed school uniforms for the sponsored children.

In June 2008, the Sunkids Project hires two teachers to teach German as a mother tongue at Namib Primary School.

On 19 March 2009, the German Ambassador Kochanke appointed Namib High School in Swakopmund as a partner school (PASCH) of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The "Drei-Freunde-Grundschule" Scholen becomes a partner school of the Sunkids Project on 18.07.2009, takes over a sponsorship for a child in Rehoboth and establishes an "Africa AG" at its school.



*Donation handover at the Three Friends Primary School*

In February 2010, Rehoboth Primary School in Rehoboth becomes a partner school of the Sunkids Project.



*Rehoboth Primary School*

The High Court of Namibia in Windhoek, as the highest court, registered the Sunkids Trust of the Sunkids Project as an Official Organisation on 07.07.2010.

In October 2011, the cooperation with the Naturfreunde International Wien, Landesverband Bremen begins.

21.02.2012: Climate scout training begins at Namib High School in Swakopmund.

On 20.03.2012, Swakopmund Primary School in Swakopmund is included in the **Sunkids Project**.



*Swakopmund Primary School - Coat of Arms*

At the end of 2012, the Sunkids Project has 382 members and the aid volume in 2012 rises to over 60,000 euros.

In the first 10 years, the aid volume provided by the Sunkids Project amounted to over 280,000 Euros or 3,200,000 Namibian dollars.

At the beginning of March 2013, the Sunkids Project in Ondangwa installs a photovoltaic system worth 6,000 euros at the Okatale Combined School. This will ensure power supply at the school and the commissioning of a water well.



*Photovoltaic system at the Okatale Combined School*



02.05.2014: At Rehoboth Primary School in Rehoboth, the Sunkids Project is building a new classroom for 22,000 euros.



*Photo of the new building*

In July 2014, the Sunkids Project donated 3,000 euros for the purchase of Pico Solar Home Systems. The solar systems are equipped with 2 lamps and a radio. This will finally bring light to the huts of our sponsored children in Rehoboth.

On 6 August 2015, the Sunkids Project applied to Engagement Global gGmbH (bengo) for a grant from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to renovate the roof of the Swakopmund Primary School.



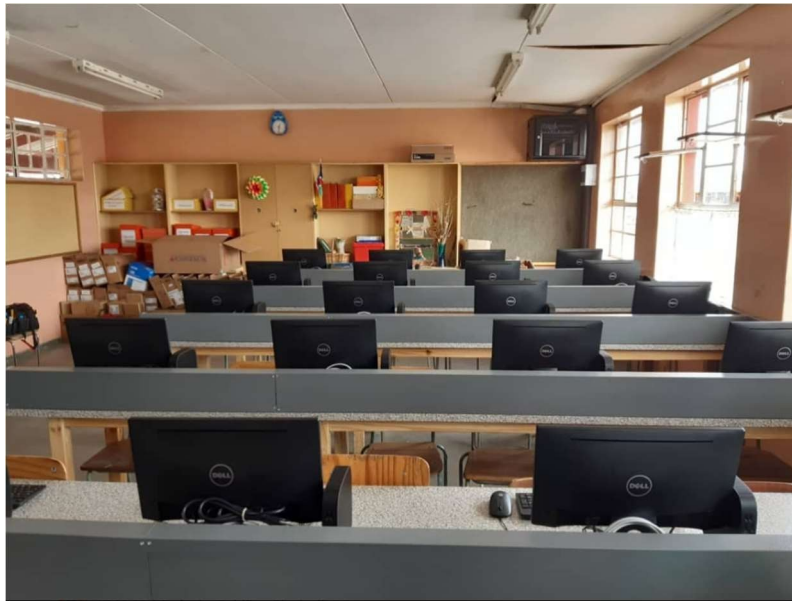
*Swakopmund Primary School in Swakopmund*

The inauguration of the new kitchen building at Khomas Primary School in Windhoek took place on 10 March 2017. This new building was made possible by the "Lions Club Graftschaft Diepholz" with a donation of 51,545.00 Euros. The TSV Schwaförden donated 3,000 Euros. Thus, the new kitchen building could be constructed for 54,545 Euros.



*Handover of the new building in Windhoek*

The installation of a PC room at Khomas Primary School in Windhoek took place on 29.11.2019. There was great joy when the Sunkids Project was able to set up a new computer room at their partner school for approximately 21,000 Euros.



*Computer room at Khomas Primary School*

In 2022, the Sunkids Project embarked on its largest renovation project to date. The listed building of the Namib High School in Swakopmund had fallen into disrepair. The reason was the dilapidated and asbestos-contaminated roof. Thanks to a generous grant of 108,750 euros from the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin (Cultural Preservation Fund), the renovation could be tackled. The work was completed in January 2023. The renovation costs amount to 164,323.54 euros. The Sunkids Project contributed 55,573.54 euros to the costs.



*Namib High School, Swakopmund*

# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Swakopmund Primary School, Swakopmund

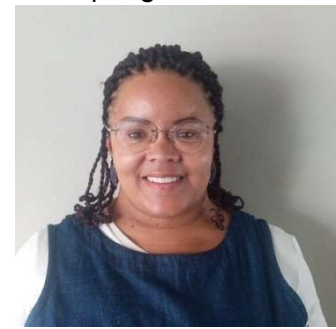


Number of pupils: 1462  
Number of teachers: 38  
Classrooms: 38 School meals:  
yes

F.



Sechogele  
Principal



SpringbokVanessa  
SKP Confidential Teacher

Since 2012, the Swakopmund Primary School has been a partner school of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.

We, the principal, staff and learners would like to express our sincere gratitude for the continuous support you have given to the school by renovating the entire roofs of our school, the school toilets, the external doors and the windows of the school.

They have been instrumental in preparing the children of our school for a self-determined life, who have received an important foundation for their future lives with their school-leaving certificate.

So many students benefit greatly from your program and it gives them a sense of security and relief that they do not have to worry about their schooling.

We wish the Sunkids Project all the best for its 20th anniversary and look forward to many more successful years.



# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Rehoboth Primary School, Rehoboth



Number of pupils: 1420  
Number of teachers: 46  
Classrooms: 44 School meals:  
yes

Collin E. Cloete



Principal



Tracey van Wyk  
SKP Confidential Teacher

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the entire team of the Sun Children Project in Namibia, I would like to thank you very much and express my sincere appreciation for your support and encouragement over the years. It is a special occasion for us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sun Children Project this year. This momentous occasion would not have been possible without your continuous financial and moral support.

Since the beginning of the project in 2013, we have set ourselves the goal of improving the education and living conditions of children from disadvantaged families in Namibia. With your help, we have achieved many successes in the past years, including the opening of two schools and a kindergarten, as well as the creation of numerous jobs for local people. Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to help not only the children but also their families by providing educational materials, food and medical care. We have seen how the living conditions of local people have improved and how the Sun Children Project has become an important part of the community.

We are proud to have achieved so much together with you over the past 20 years and look forward to continued successful cooperation in the future. Thank you again for your valuable support and contributions to improving the lives of children in Namibia. We hope that you will continue to accompany us as we work to create a better future for these children.

With warm greetings, God bless you.

Headmaster: Mr Collin E. Cloete / Mrs Tracy van Wyk and the entire staff of Rehoboth Primary School

# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## M & K Gertze High School, Rehoboth



Number of pupils: 1090  
Number of teachers: 41  
Classrooms: 36 School meals:  
yes

P.A. Louw



Principal



Julie's



SKP Trusted Teacher

Dear Sunkids Project,

I would like to inform you that the Namibian children, especially the students from M & K Gertze High School are very appreciative of the Sunkids Project.

But more than that, we appreciate the heart we can see in your project.

When I think back over the years of our collaboration, I can't help but think of the poem Footprints in the Sand by Mary Stevenson:

"We will have left footprints in many hearts". Thank you for the positive impact on the lives of our children.

During the years of cooperation, it serves as motivation for the students to focus on what they can achieve instead of focusing on problems and circumstances that negatively affect their lives.

Through their helping hands, the Sunkids Project has made life easier for all students from all walks of life.

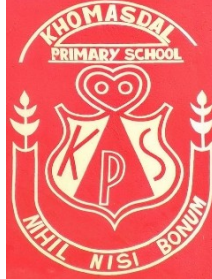
It also teaches our students to be grateful and appreciative of people who live in the same conditions as they do. Thank you for your generous support, we appreciate it.

P. A. Louw (Deputy Headmaster)  
N. Julies (SKP Confidential Teacher)

# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Khomas Primary School, Windhoek

Bonny P. Matengu



Number of students:  
1279 Number of teachers: 43  
Classrooms: 38 with up to 50  
Pupils  
School meals:  
yes

Principal

### **A letter of thanks and greetings**

Khomas Primary School congratulates and thanks the entire organisation of the Sunkids Project Namibia, for your generous support in the form of infrastructure, money and donations that we receive from you on a monthly basis.

They fulfil an important mission to feed our most vulnerable students and the school community.

Without their support, it would be impossible for our learners to have access to new media and computers. The students are very happy to have this opportunity.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Ingrid Diehl for working with us since 2016 with great zeal and understanding for our school.

She is indeed a "right hand woman" of the Sunkids Project in Namibia.

The Sunkids Project enables our young students to lay a very important foundation for a self-determined life.

Thank you for your generosity and your undivided trust in our school. We thank every member of the Sunkids Project.

God bless you.  
Mr BP. Matengu (Principal)

# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Varrel Secondary School



Number of pupils: 225  
Number of teachers: 23  
Classrooms: 12 School  
meals: no

Carola Labbus



Headmistress

On behalf of all pupils and teachers of the Varrel Secondary School, I would like to congratulate the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. on its 20th anniversary.

OBS Varrel is also pleased to be part of the Sonnenkinder family since last year by starting a partnership with Namib High School.

We are looking forward to working together on climate protection and to the many exciting impressions that await us.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Sunkids Project continued success and strength for its future work.

Here's to the next 20 years...

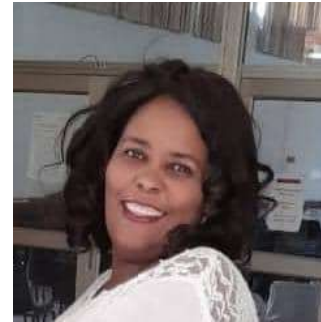
## Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

### Gammams Primary School, Windhoek



Number of pupils: 1187  
Number of teachers: 47  
Classrooms: 37  
approx. 40 pupils per class  
School meals: yes

Elsophine Tjiramba



SKP Confidential Teacher

Congratulations!

Dear Mr. Arthur Rohlfing, we, the school management of Gammams Primary School, would like to express our immeasurable appreciation to the Sunkids Project and wish your work continued success.

Since 2013, Gammams Primary School has appreciated her tireless loving and kind support. Until today, without ceasing.

Your support makes a big difference in the lives of our students, especially the orphans and the vulnerable.

The Sunkids Project puts smiles on little faces as they enjoy their school lunches because they no longer have to spend their school hours hungry.

We would like to congratulate you on your 20th anniversary.

May your generosity bring further blessings to our school.

We wish you continued success and positive energy for your work. Yours

sincerely

Elsophine Tjiramba  
SKP Confidential  
Teacher



# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Namib High School, Swakopmund



Number of pupils: 788  
Number of teachers: 30  
Classrooms: 27 School meals: no



Roosmarie September  
Headmistress



Bonita Franz  
SKP Confidential Teacher

We would like to congratulate the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. on its 20th anniversary.

It is with deep gratitude that we write this letter to thank the Sunkids Project for their financial and material support of our school over the years.

The financial support from the Sunkids Project has removed a significant financial burden and given our students a chance to receive a quality education.

We will continue to work actively with the Sunkids Project to strengthen our cooperation by highlighting the efforts that the Sunkids Project is making to promote communication between Germany and Namibia.

Congratulations again, the Sunkids Project makes the difference!

RoosmarieSeptember  
Headmistress

Bonita Franz  
SKP Confidential Teacher



## Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

### Cusanus Grammar School St. Wendel, Saarland

Holger Büch



Number of pupils: 712  
Number of teachers: 60  
Classrooms: 43 School  
meals: Yes



Deputy Headmaster

Dear Friends and Patrons of the Sun Children Project,  
Dear Arthur Rohlfing,

Even though the Sunkids Project has its cradle in Schwaförden, the radius of its radiant power is so large in the best sense of the word that it reaches as far as the small Saarland in the south-west of our Federal Republic. This has mainly to do with my mother-in-law from Diepholz. It is thanks to Ute Gorten-Dinkel that my wife and I were introduced to the idea and the work of the Sunkids Project very early on and that we have regularly sponsored children since 2006.

Since 2003 - 20 years now - the Sunkids Project has made it its mission to enable disadvantaged children in Namibia to attend school. Although there is no official school fee in Namibia, the schools are usually forced to charge parents a contribution in order to keep the school running more or less. Thanks to German sponsors, the association has been able to provide schooling for countless children.

In addition to sponsorships, the association also promotes infrastructural measures such as the renovation of dilapidated school buildings or the installation of solar systems, which help a school become self-sufficient in terms of its electricity supply. This is of great importance, as Namibia is still far from having a nationwide energy supply. Books and writing materials are financed as well as breakfast and a warm meal at school.

Unfortunately, even in 2023, the children in Namibia are still far from experiencing a carefree childhood and youth as we know it here in Germany, for example: While our pupils actually always look forward to the holidays - especially the summer holidays - the anticipation in Namibia of the time off from school is usually clouded because they often have to go hungry during the holidays because their families - they often live with uncles or aunts because the biological parents have disappeared or are addicted to alcohol - lack the financial means. This remains a seriously dark stain and a crime against young people.

In addition, the project is involved in training, accompanying and bringing together so-called climate scouts. The young ambassadors for climate and environmental issues thus perfectly bring together environmental protection and international understanding, elementary concerns of our time.

After the visit of Arthur Rohlfing and Carsten Putz in spring 2017, the Cusanus-Gymnasium had high hopes of sending young climate scouts from grade 10 to Namibia and thus establishing a long-term exchange. Good things come to those who wait - and when things were ready, the global pandemic intervened. However, I am confident that I will be able to set off again with the Cusanus-Gymnasium ... And I can certainly continue to rely on the support of Arthur Rohlfing and his team ...

Finally, in addition to the sponsorships and infrastructural support that the Sunkids Project has in its repertoire, there are also schools in Namibia that have decided to become school sponsors with German schools. Here, too, the project is busy, as the school sponsorship - in the sense of sustainable help for self-help - allows the concrete support of an institution, by means of which future generations of pupils may also experience how "their" school in Namibia is changing positively.

In the context of the visit of the Sunkids Project to the Cusanus Grammar School in spring 2017, which has already been reported on above, my school entered into a cooperation with the association and decided, together with the working group "Misheni Moyo" - which is dedicated to supporting social projects - and in cooperation with the Protestant Church of St. Wendel, represented by Mrs. Pastor Unrath, to support the Sunkids Project in many ways.

In addition, the all-day classes in Grades 5 and 6 have each decided to sponsor a child of their age. It is a wonderful story, considering that the children watch each other grow up and thus a bond is formed until the end of grade 12, which is also the end of high school in Namibia.

Dear Arthur,

I am very impressed that your team and you have succeeded in creating a new 20 years of doing so much good in the sense of solidarity, subsidiarity, humanity and international understanding in this part of the world - for which we as Germans also bear a special historical responsibility. Your appearance and commitment, your experience and your constant presence on the ground have contributed to the fact that the people who support the Sunkids Project have always known what happens with "their" money and that it arrives where it is needed.

The school community of the Cusanus-Gymnasium in St. Wendel congratulates the Sonnenkinderprojekt e.V. on its 20th anniversary! Let us toast to all that has been achieved so far and express the hope that the project will be able to continue to provide support in such a wonderfully humane way to fellow human beings in a part of this globe who do not have the privilege of growing up as our children - also here at the Cusanus-Gymnasium - are able to do.

With this in mind: Happy Birthday, Sonnenkinderprojekt! Here's to the next 27 3/4

years! Sincerely,

Yours and yours Holger Büch, Deputy Headmaster

# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Three Friends Primary School Scholen and Sudwalde



Number of pupils: 210  
Number of teachers: 14  
Classrooms: 10 School  
meals: no

Renate Mohrmann



Headmistress

Christine Hoppe



Teacher

### **On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.**

Great things came out of a trip to Namibia twenty years ago!

As a partner school, Drei-Freunde-Grundschule Scholen with its branch in Sudwalde congratulates Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. on its 20th anniversary!

Twenty years in which many children in Namibia have been able to attend school, in which many things have been renewed and achieved for these children. We are happy and proud to be able to contribute to this.

Since 2009, our school has been sponsoring the school fees for a child from the Sun kids Project. In the meantime, we have been able to enable three sponsored children from Rehoboth to attend school: David, Delvilene and Leonie. It means a lot to our pupils to collect donations every year during the autumn holidays and to be able to hand them over personally to Arthur Rohlfing. Through this, they learn the value of sharing and that many small things can make a big difference, even from afar.

The children help on a voluntary basis in the family, with neighbours or acquaintances. They rake leaves, sweep the yard, mow the lawn, help with the household and more. For all these activities, the children receive a small amount of money, which they then donate to the sponsored child. Some children even forgo a visit to the cinema or the ice cream parlour, some organise a small flea market and donate the proceeds. There are hardly any limits to the imagination.

In order to bring Africa closer to the children, we organise the project day before the autumn holidays.

"Africa", to which Arthur Rohlfing is always invited as a discussion partner. This creates a connection to the fundraising campaign, which motivates the children very much.

The regional connection to the SCP is particularly valuable and meaningful for us in Scholen and Sudwalde. This makes the action tangible, visible and comprehensible for the children. And through direct contact with Namibia, photos and greetings can even be sent to the delight of all.

We sincerely wish the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. a long continuation and all the best to those responsible for it! As a partner school, we would like to continue to be part of this community and, together with the SKP, ensure that the world becomes a little bit better!

On behalf of the staff of the Three Friends Primary School Scholen with its branch in Sudwalde, we send our warmest regards to

Renate Mohrmann  
(School management)

Christine Hoppe  
(organisation of the fundraiser)



# Partner schools of the Sunkids Project

## Coastal High School, Swakopmund



Number of pupils: 840  
Number of teachers: 41  
Classrooms: 28 School  
meals: yes



Colvin Martin

Headmaster

Coastal High School in Swakopmund is a technical school in the Erongo Region. We are very grateful to be a partner school of the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. since 2018.

In addition to the normal school curriculum, our main task is to train students with skills in woodwork, motor mechanics, metalwork and welding, hospitality, home economics and kitchen. Furthermore, skills in fashion design, computer science, office practice, agriculture and business administration are taught.

We also have a vegetable garden at the school that supplies our kitchen with vegetables. Students in need get their food here.

Coastal High School benefits from funding from the Sun Children Project for much needed tools and equipment, for the technical branch and the establishment of a hospital laboratory.

Coastal High School has also been catering for students with special needs since 2022. Two sign language interpreters have been employed to support our hearing impaired students.

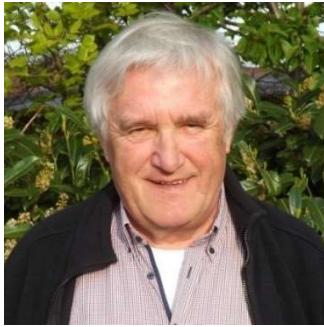
The Coastal High School family wishes the Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V. all the best for its 20th anniversary and we pray for Arthur Rohlfing and the board of the Sonnenkinderprojekt.

In God we trust.

Teachers, school authorities and students of Coastal High School



## Board Members Sonnenkinderprojekt Namibia e.V.



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**For us means:**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Problems:      | Call for solutions  |
| Childhood:     | Growing up safe and carefree  |
| Education:     | An opportunity for a secure and self-determined future              |
| Globalisation: | That all people on earth through the new "proximity"<br>profit      |
| Future:        | A further commitment to socially disadvantaged people in<br>Namibia |

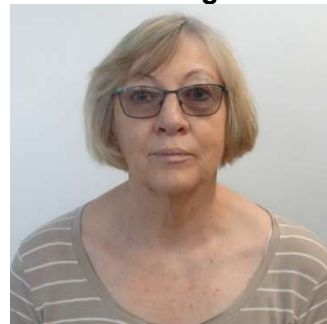
Many small people, in many small places, doing many small things, can change the face of this world (Xhosa proverb).

## Board Members Sunkids - Trust - Namibia

**Chairman Arthur  
Rohlfing**



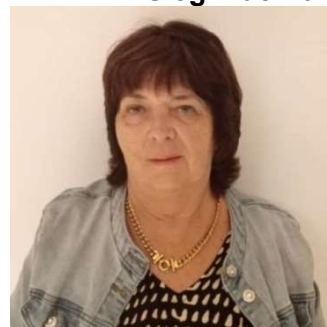
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Bonita Franz**



**Committee Member  
Hartmut Diehl**



## SKP Trust

The SKP Trust was established in 2009 for the business operations of the Sunkids Project in Namibia. The SKP Trust is a structure in which financial resources are transferred from the Trust Board to beneficiaries in Namibia. The trust assets are managed by the trust board. The board members are therefore not the owners of the assets, they only manage the affairs of the trust for the benefit of the designated beneficiaries in Namibia. The SKP trust is subject to an annual audit in Namibia and Germany by the High-Court in Windhoek as well as the tax offices in Germany and must comply with the associated regulations.

# Staff of the Sunkids Project in Namibia

## Swakopmund



**Sieglinde Hall**  
SKP Coordinator  
at Swakopmund Primary  
School  
and Coastal High School

Secretary of the  
Sunkids Trust Namibia



**Bonita Franz**  
SKP Confidential Teacher  
at Namib High School

Sunkids  
Trust Namibia  
Associate Member



**Vanessa Sechogele**  
SKP confidant teacher  
at Swakopmund Primary School.

## Windhoek



**Ingrid Diehl**  
SKP Coordinator at  
Khomas Primary School and  
Gammams Primary School  
Vice Chair Sunkids Trust  
Namibia



**Hartmut Diehl**  
SKP representative  
for Rehoboth  
Associate  
Sunkids Trust  
Namibia

## Rehoboth



**Tracy van Wyk**  
SKP Confidential  
Teacher at Rehoboth Primary  
School



**Nicolaas J.F. Julies**  
SKP Confidential  
Teacher at M & K Gertze High School and  
Pastor

## Honorary members of the Sunkids Project

**Ute Scuda**



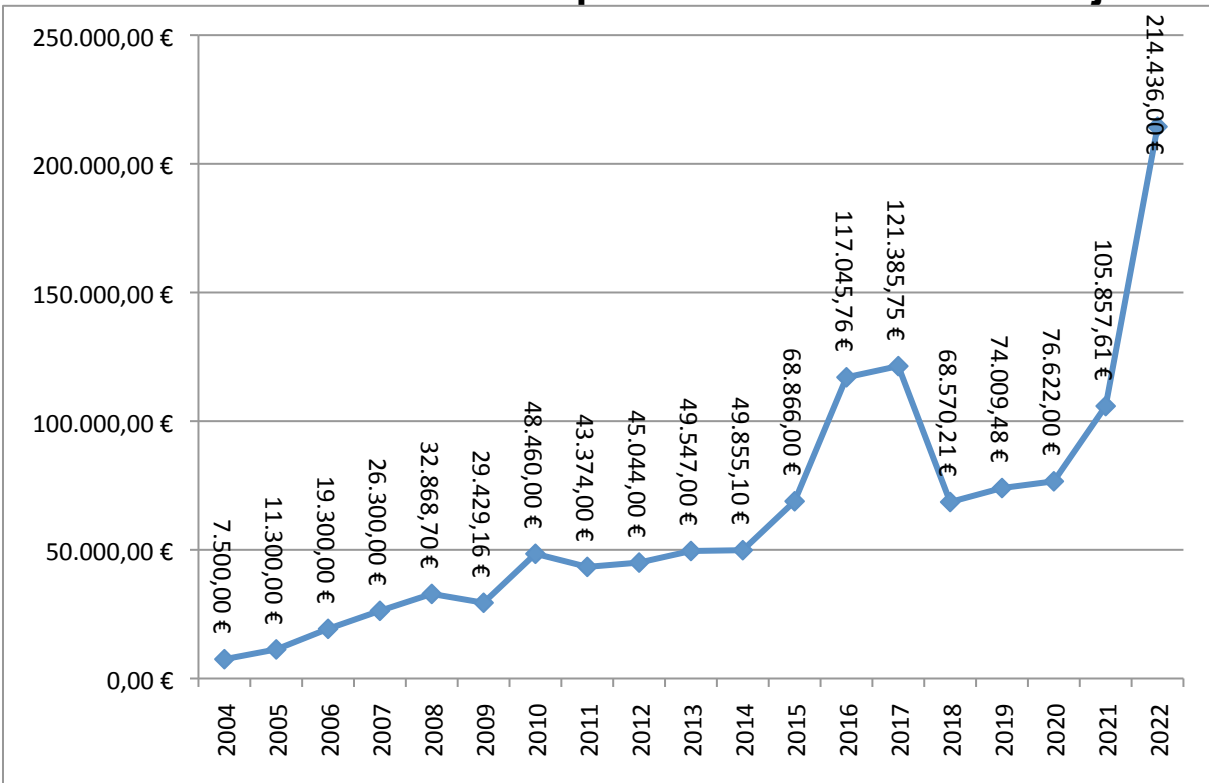
**Lisa Schmidt**



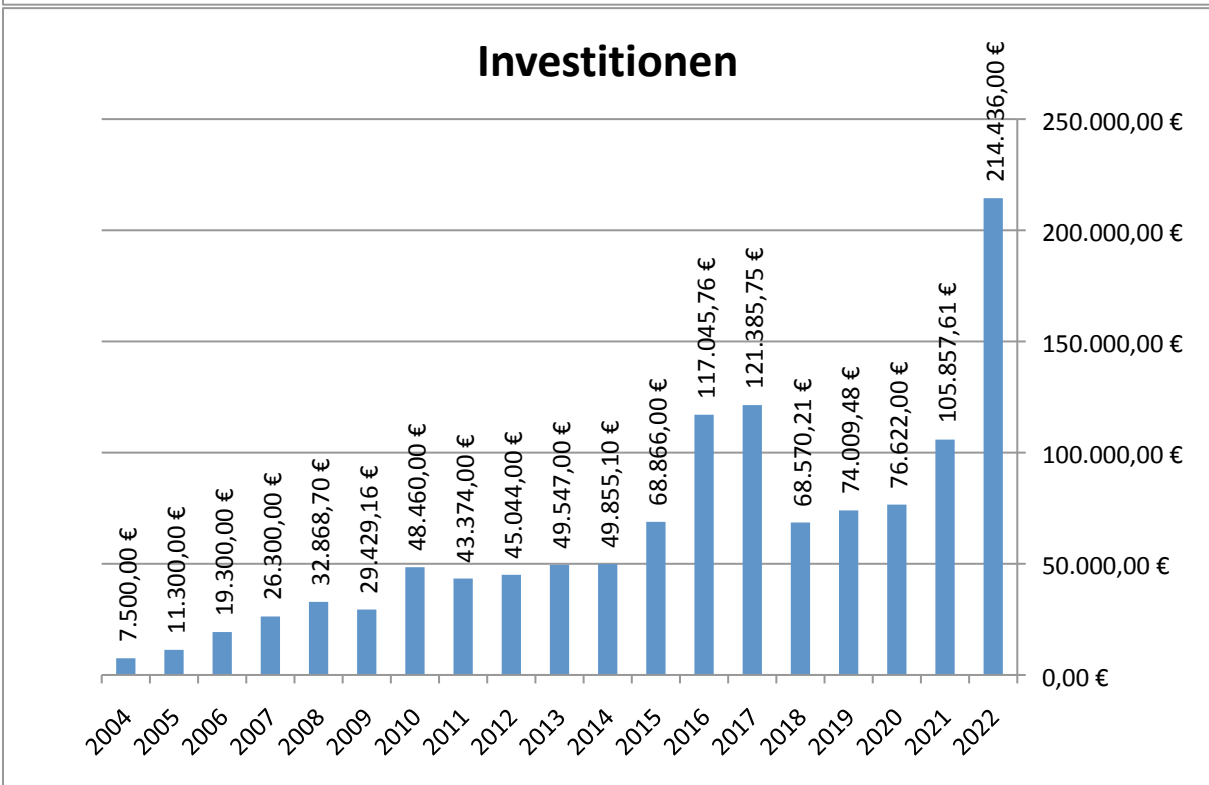
On 25 October 2014, Ute Scuda was appointed 1st Honorary Member of the Sunkids Project. From April 2008 until the end of 2013, Ute Scuda worked as a foreign service officer (ADLK) at Namib High School. Ute Scuda introduced the German Language Diploma at NHS. With great commitment, a high sense of responsibility and reliability, Ute Scuda has rendered great services to the Sunkids Project in Namibia.

On 30 January 2018, Lisa Schmidt, a "sun child" from the very beginning, was awarded honorary membership. Lisa Schmidt has taken on responsibility as a board member from the very beginning and has helped shape the work of the Sunkids Project for 15 years. Through her commitment, Lisa Schmidt has rendered great services to the Sunkids Project.

## Financial development of the Sunkids Project



## Investitionen

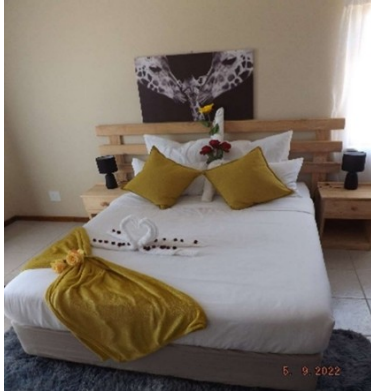




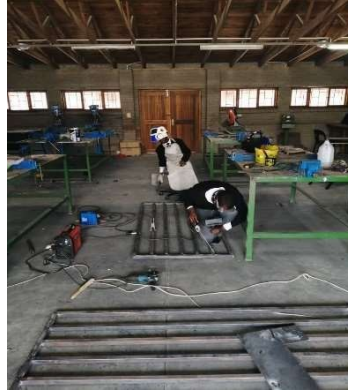
# Activities of the Sunkids Project in pictures

## ***Coastal High School in Swakopmund***

Apprenticeship hotel trade



Training Workshop-Metal



Donation container



## ***Gammams Primary School in Windhoek***

Distribution of food



Visit from godparents



Christmas shopping



## ***Three Friends Primary School Scholen & Sudwalde***

Sales stall for Leonie



Shopping for Leonie



Christmas





**Climate scouts**

Forest Education Centre  
Schwaförden/Erdschichten



Arrival in Germany



Braai party with pool



**Khomas Primary School in Windhoek**

Inauguration of the new kitchenbuilding



Dance of the learners



Dance of the adults



**M & K Gertze High School in Rehoboth**

Distribution of food and  
school uniforms



Food donations



Workroom





**Namib High School in Swakopmund**

Food donation books



Media Centre New school



**Varrel Secondary School**

Secondary school



School community



**Rehoboth Primary School in Rehoboth**

Food Donation



New Gate



New Classroom Building



**Swakopmund Primary School in Swakopmund**

New school books Campaign



Christmas shopping



FÖJ/Tree Planting



## Press review (excerpts)

### **"Sponsoring parents help with school fees".**

*Allgemeine Zeitung Windhoek, Namibia | 29 March 2004*

### **"Support for the Sun Children"**

*Syker Kurier, Germany | 8 July 2004*

Henning Scherf promotes Namibia project in Syke

### **"School instead of a shanty: with only 17 euros".**

*Kreiszeitung | 28 November 2005*

Committed citizens pay school fees

### **"Finally hope for a better life"**

*Sulinger Kreiszeitung | 9 May 2006*

32 godparents visited their sun children in Namibia

### **"With 2.50 euros against hunger".**

*Special page Kreiszeitung | 24 December 2007*

Eat your fill once a day. Arthur Rohlfing (59) promotes sponsorship in Africa

### **"Sunshine children visit their godparents"**

*Kreiszeitung Syke | 2 May 2008*

Girls from Namibia get to know everyday life in Germany...

### **"Going to school without food"**

*Special page Kreiszeitung | 16 March 2009*

Primary school pupils in Katutura live in abject poverty

### **"School fees for David in Namibia"**

*Sulinger Kreiszeitung | 12 November 2010*

Girls and boys of the GS Scholen earn 977 Euro for the godchild

### **"My grandma prays for you every day".**

*Sulinger Wochenblatt | 2 November 2011*

David and his classmates are grateful for the support from Germany

### **"A chance for Sunkids children" Special**

*page Kreiszeitung | 23 November 2012* Project

seeks new sponsors

### **"The big 10th anniversary" Special page**

*Kreiszeitung | 28 September 2013* Sponsors

make dreams come true

### **"Prize for Arthur Rohlfing"**

*Kreiszeitung | 18. December 2013*

Schwafördener receives human rights award from the Syke Amnesty International group

### **"Schoolchildren in Rehoboth get light to learn"**

*Allgemeine Zeitung Windhoek | 18 September 2014* Solar

light in the huts



**"Match of the Year at Schwaförden Sports Ground"**

*Weekly Mail | 15 July 2015*

Werder traditional team against local traditional team

**"Federal Cross of Merit for Arthur Rohlfing"**

*Kreiszeitung | 30. November 2015*

Arthur Rohlfing receives Federal Cross of Merit for his voluntary work

**"35,000 euros for school kitchen"**

*Kreiszeitung | 25. April 2016*

Anniversary donation: 50 years of Lions Club Grafschaft Diepholz

**"56,000 euros for school kitchen in Windhoek".**

*Diepholzer Kreisblatt | 3. April 2017*

Large Anniversary Donation from Lions for Sunkids Project Namibia

**"Climate scouts as guests"**

*Sulinger Kreiszeitung | 18. April 2018*

Namibian pupils travel to Sulingen in August

**"Book Bazaar: Pupils of the Grammar School Donate Proceeds to the Sunkids Project".**

*Sulinger Kreiszeitung | 3. July 2019*

The pupils of classes 5c and 6c of the Gymnasium Sulingen presented....

**"Donations against starvation"**

*County Newspaper | 30 November 2020*

In the Corona pandemic, people in Namibia fight for bare survival

**"A future day that lasts".**

*Sulinger Kreiszeitung | 12 October 2021*

Oberschule Varrel: Working for a good cause - the Sunkids Project

**"Building a North-South partnership for climate protection".**

*Sunday Tip | 3 July 2022*

Varrel secondary school pupils have found a new partner school

**"Federal Foreign Office promotes building project".**

*County Newspaper | 10 January 2023*

110,000 Euros from Cultural Preservation Fund/SKP implements rehabilitation in Namibia

**"More than just tracks in the sand"**

*Panorama | 18.03.2023 County Newspaper*

A journey that changed his life and that of many others

## **We say thank you for the support:**

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## Typical Namibian recipe

### OMAJOVA

Omajova is the termite mushroom. You only get it when it has rained well, because then it sprouts at the termite mound. It is a relatively large mushroom and usually one is enough for 2-3 people. Omajova is usually eaten as a meatless meal.

1. Wash the omajova well and cut into pieces. Fry in butter with onions and season with salt and pepper. When the mushrooms are cooked, mix in chopped parsley. Serve with potatoes. You can also mix in diced ham.

OR

2. Wash the omajova well. Cut into slices. Season with salt and pepper and then toss in breadcrumbs. Fry briefly in butter. Serve with potatoes.



*Termite Mound in*



*Namibia Ovamoja - Mushroom*

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