

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2025

**USAKOS NEEDY
CHILDREN SUPPORT
ORGANISATION**

January 13th to June 13th 2025



TABLE OF

VOLUNTEERS AND NEW KIDS

of the term 1/2025



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Greeting

With this newsletter, we—the volunteers of the 1st term of 2025—would like to share our experiences at the wonderful day center of UNCSO in Usakos. We look back on months filled with both small and big unforgettable moments that will stay in our hearts and that we will take with us when we return home.

We have learned a lot about the children, their cultural background, and the challenging life circumstances in which they are growing up. With all the warmth, love, and inspiring talents of the children, we feel that we have received at least as much from our time here as we were able to give.

To give you a better insight into the project and our inspiring time in Usakos, we would like to take you on a journey through the last term of 2025 with this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Esther and Hanna

UNCSO VOLUNTEERS 2025



gleee

It's not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.



Hanna Charlotte Detlefsen (18) -1. März bis 6. Mai- Abiturientin



Carmela Hillert (37) -27. Januar bis 5. März- Arbeit in der Film Regie



Jonah Kluth (18) - 01. Februar-25. März- Abiturient



Esther Harms (25) -1. April bis 23. Mai- Psychologiestudentin



Kids that joined the Center this year





After spending some time at the Center, we visited the homes of the newly arrived children to better understand their living conditions and identify how we might be able to support them further.

We were warmly welcomed by the families, who kindly showed us around their homes. Seeing where the children come from added a new layer of understanding—it was heartbreaking to witness their difficult circumstances, especially knowing these children personally. Despite everything, they continue to greet us with smiles, gratitude, and a remarkable sense of joy, which left us deeply moved.

Many of the children live in extremely small shacks, offering little protection from the elements or insects. These cramped spaces are often shared with large families, and many lack basic necessities like mattresses, blankets, food, electricity, and running water.

These visits were not only emotional but also incredibly eye-opening. They allowed us to see the children from a new perspective and admire their resilience even more. Their positivity in the face of such hardship inspires us to continue our work with greater dedication and to extend our support beyond the Center, reaching their families as well.

**"It always seems impossible until it's done."
-Nelson Mandela**



This semester, we were once again reminded of the incredible kindness that exists in this world—thanks to all the generous donations that brought comfort, warmth, and joy to the children at our Center. Because of your support, the kids were able to face the cold Namibian winter wrapped in warm blankets and cozy hats. Even more special: they received custom-made tracksuits designed to match their school uniforms—allowing them to stay warm while proudly wearing clothing that reflects their school identity. For many, it was the first time they had something new, made just for them.

Towards the end of the school year, we volunteers also launched a fundraising project within our own circles of friends and acquaintances. The response was overwhelming, allowing us to begin a house construction project for a family whose children are also part of the Center.


It touched us deeply to see how many people were ready to give—whether through time, money, or simply showing they care. In a world that so often feels heavy with crisis and uncertainty, moments like these remind us that hope is not lost.

What stays with us is the feeling of connection. Of hope. Of the quiet but powerful belief that goodness will always find a way—and that when people come together with compassion and purpose, truly anything is possible.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

If you feel inspired to support the Center and its children, we warmly welcome your help.

Even small contributions can go a long way—whether it's helping to provide warm clothing, school supplies, or supporting ongoing projects. Together, we can continue making a positive difference in everyday lives. You can find the bank details on page 10.

Thank you for being part of this  shared journey.



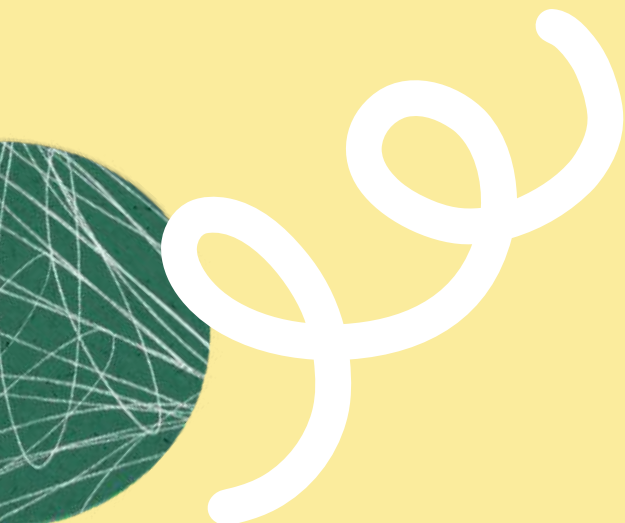
We are currently volunteering with UNCSO, a donation-based organization that supports children with their schoolwork and assists their families. Our daily work here is both meaningful and challenging, and we see firsthand how essential continued support is for the center to operate. Donations help us provide food, hygiene items like toothpaste and plasters, medicines, and shoes—basic necessities needed every single day. However, the need goes far beyond that. Some children urgently require mattresses, blankets, clothing, and funds for repairing or building simple homes. Access to clean and sufficient water is also a constant concern, along with the need for school supplies such as pencils, folders, and other learning materials. To sustain this important work, UNCSO depends not only on financial contributions but also on dedicated individuals willing to volunteer their time and energy. We hope that more people will feel inspired to get involved—whether by donating or applying for an internship or volunteer position. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a meaningful impact and helps us bring hope and support to those who need it most.



*"The smallest act of kindness
is worth more than the
grandest intention."*
—Oscar Wilde



Looking ahead, we wish for every child to have a safe and stable home, enough space to grow and learn, and the opportunity to thrive in school. We hope that in the future, families will no longer have to worry about having enough food, water, or warm clothing. It is our goal to help create an environment where children can focus on their education without being burdened by basic needs. With continued support and engagement from donors and volunteers, we believe this vision can become a reality—step by step, family by family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*From one heart to many: A tribute to Marianne
and our Donors*

We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to
Marianne, the founder of the UNCSO.

Without her vision, commitment, and tireless dedication, none of this
would be possible. Marianne has built this project from the ground up,
putting her whole heart into creating a safe and supportive
environment for children and their families. Her energy, compassion,
and determination inspire not only those around her but also everyone
who visits the center.

We also want to sincerely thank everyone who has donated—whether
it was food, clothing, school supplies, or financial support. No matter
what or how much, every contribution makes a real difference. It is
because of your generosity that we can continue supporting those who
need it most. Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping
to keep this incredible project alive.

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