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# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP TO THE INGE WEBER DAYCARE CENTER (IWDC) AT THE REMOTE AREA OF OSHITUDHA VILLAGE, OUTAPI CONSTITUENCY, OMUSATI REGION, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, SOUTHERN AFRICA

### 1. Introduction:

It has been proven that education is the biggest equalizer in eradicating poverty and income inequality in any society. In support of this view, the Namibian Government has been the since independence of Namibia, allocating more than twenty percent of its national budget to education. However, much more remains to be done. Thus, it is in this light that we have decided to support the initiative to meet our Government half way concerning education, by establishing a Daycare Center at our village in Oshitudha, to assist our community in early childhood development.

We are a family, residents of Oshitudha village in Uukwaluudhi and we are the Founder of the Inge Weber Daycare Center. The IWDC was officially launched on 18 May 2019; on Lahja's birthday when she has turned Fifty Five years old.

The IWDC is situated at our homestead in the remote area of Oshitudha, Uukwaluudhi, Omusati Region of the Republic of Namibia. Oshitudha village is a distance of 19 Km from Outapi Town (the Capital of Omusati Region) and about 15 Km from Tsandi Village Council (the next nearest town). Our Daycare Center is registered with the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication

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and Social Welfare (Division of Gender Equality and Child Welfare). This is one of the Namibian Government Ministries which is dealing with welfare concerning women and children.

The Inge Weber Day-care Centre will in future be registered as a charity organization. The admission at the IWDC is open to all children irrespective of race, colour and ethnic origin.

Having recognized that education is a shared responsibility between the Government and the citizens, we have decided in raise funds and saving our own funds towards the development of the center, in order to reach the following: the construction of the classrooms, an office, fencing of the school yard, playground facilities, tables and chairs for the children, toilet facilities, matrasses etc. We have been doing this since the year 2013 and the construction of the Daycare Center was planned to start in 2015 but, it did not take place due to the fact that the targeted funds to purchase the materials were not reached. After I have succeeded with securing some funds and with a new plot at the beginning of 2019, is when we have decided to launch with the IWDC in May 2019. Thanks to the assistance of the Weber Family who assisted with most of the funds, who made it possible to enable us to start.

# 2. History and background of Inge Weber Day-care Centre:

We found it appropriate and it is always proper to have a clear background, hence we present a short background of IWDC. Mrs Lahja Lukileni-Ndilinawa, Fifty five years old and husband Mr Soini Ndilinawa Fifty Eight years, are the founder of the Daycare Center. Lahja is the former Namibian Student at the Betriebsschule fuer Getreidewirtschaft from 1982 - 1984, in Bautzen, Province of Dresden. She is as well as one of the former students (30<sup>th</sup> Matrikel, 1985 -1989) at the Ingenieurschule fur Getreidewirtschaft in Greiz, Province of Gera, East Germany. Currently, she is employed by the Northern Regional Electricity Distributor (NORED Electricity (Pty) Ltd), as a Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer for more than fifteen years. Her wonderful husband Soini Nekwaya Ndilinawa, and a retired Inspector (Police Officer), who worked for the Ministry of Safety and Security since 1990, for twenty eight years.

Mr Ndilinawa was on the steering of the establishment of IWDC and he was the first to give his support. Without his assistance, it would not have been possible to have a successful start.

As mentioned earlier, we are residing of Oshitudha village by virtue of my traditional homestead. The IWDC is next to our homestead.

The name of the Daycare Centre (Inge Weber Daycare Center), is named after the Mrs Inge Weber, a professional school teacher, a mother of three children, from a town called Bautzen, in

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the former German Democratic Republic (GDR). Mrs Weber was born on 18 May 1936 and passed on 01 November 2009 due to cancer; may her soul rest in eternal peace. This means that she was born on the same date with Mrs Lahja Lukileni-Ndilinawa.

She was a caring Mother supported by her wonderful husband Mr Rolf Weber, born in 1933 and passed on 25 May 2018 and she further supported by their wonderful adult children Kathrin, Heike and Torsten Weber, who are now parents themselves. The late Mr Weber was a teacher by profession and was the team Leader for the Namibian and other foreign students at the Agricultural College the Betriebsschule fuer Getreidewirtschaft in Bautzen, Germany from 1982 - 1986. These students were from the Namibian Liberation Movement (SWAPO), from refugee camps in Angola and they came to GDR through the International Solidarity and the Solidarity Committee of the German Democratic Republic.



Inge Weber day Care Center at Oshitudha



Late Inge Weber, born on 18 May

Although late Mrs Inge Weber was much older than Lahja, the most important fact herein is the birth date 18 May and the excellent support the Family Weber gave to the Namibian students during their studies during the Namibian liberation struggle.

Both Mr and Mrs Weber loved all these twenty Namibians as if they were their own children. Whenever they met them at the hostel, at their school or at Mr Weber's residence, she always had time for them. Even when some of them were sick, she came to take care of them at school.

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Mrs Weber believed in charity and sharing the little she has. She was born a counsellor and was always ready to render her assistance. She was a teacher who enjoyed teaching at one of the primary schools in Bautzen. One of the subjects she taught was the Russian Language. Mrs Inge Weber was a believer, a real Mother and enthusiastic. She has managed together and invite different crowds of youth groups, students, parents and children for history sharing with foreign students at our school. The parents and the community of Bautzen were so grateful to her because she made them to know so much about other countries they did not know, these were countries like Namibia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Nicaragua etc. She sunlit a candle and spread the gospel of the Namibian Liberation Struggle through our speeches, singing the SWAPO revolutionary, discussions about the SWAPO of Namibia (the liberation Movement for Namibia). This was done in different schools and community hall in Bautzen from 1983 to 1986 on numerous occasions.

It is imperative to state in the background of IWDC that the liberation struggle for Namibia was bitter and not easy, especially for the younger children like Lahja Lukileni (Ndilinawa) who was just seventeen years at that time. But through the assistance of good people like Mrs Inge Weber and her family, they made it through to the independence of Namibia. Despite the fact Mrs Inge Weber of battling with sickness of cancer was bitter during her last days on this earth, the winning pole became her final destination where she is now resting in peace by the grace of God; for God gave her the chance to defeat the sickness with the faith she had in the Lord. Mrs Weber gave courage to every foreign student at the Agricultural School Bautzen where her lovely Husband, Mr Rolf Weber was lecturing. She has motivated the students to face the hard struggle life and encouraged them that one day we will be in a free, peaceful and independent Namibia. She used to say: One day, your country Namibia will be free and all of you comrades will be going back home and be with your families".

We will remember Mrs Inge Weber forever as being a real Mother, a humble person, a wonderful teacher, obedient, open, and peaceful with a big smile on her face, a very good friend, hardworking, trustworthy, a counsellor and a wonderful human being.

It is in the above light that this is another main reason as to why we decided to name the Daycare Center after her, in order for Mrs Weber's legacy to be remembered forever on 18 May every year. She respectfully deserves that for all what she did for mankind. May the soul of late

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Mrs Inge Weber rest in eternal peace! Her legacy shall continue through the Inge Weber Daycare Center in Oshitudha village Namibia.

We love children very much and we have our community at heart; therefore, we have realized the empathy for many years that little or nothing is taking place at my village with regards to development and education of younger children between the ages of one to five years.

The community of Oshitudha is marginalized and there is a big need regarding to education of younger children. Lahja as a former Kindergarten Teacher myself and a founder of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Kindergarten in Oshakati East in 1991 and Soini as a former Police Officer who worked with the community (different level of people for so many years, the love for children, really touched our hearts.

This is why we have developed the idea of responding to the need of our community and decided to establish a Daycare Centre in order to help our community. This will be helpful and will enable the children to get a good basic education; it brings the services closer to the community. Thus, we have a big hope that this will enable the children to get a better fundamental knowledge prior to beginning with their primary school/education.

The parents in the surrounding community have realised the concern and more especially due long distances to the existing schools in the area. This motivated us to respond to the need and establish a kindergarten in order to help their children come together, play and engage in different activities, instead of sitting at their homesteads due to long distances. The number of children who have already started thus far were seventeen in 2019, and for the year 2020, there is a great anticipation for the increase in the next year as more parents have confirmed and are still coming for registration.

We are currently operating in four classrooms made from iron sheets. The plot is already secured with the authorization of the headman, where the extension/further construction of the place is intended to be erected.

# 3. Staff Compliment, Working Hours, Financial Income and Number of Children:

The IWDC has currently three staff members and these are: the two Kindergarten Teachers and the Care taker who is at the same time a cleaner. These staff members have started on voluntary basis with the recommendations of the parents. Parents have as well agreed that they will

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volunteer themselves during the weekend to come and clean the yard. Mr and Mrs Ndilinawa are the Directors of the day-care, while one of the teacher s is the Principal/Head teacher.

The teachers are working from 07h30 in the morning up to 18h00. This is a big assistance for parents who are working to pick their kids up after work. There are currently 19 children (12 girls and 7 boys).

Attached hereto is the list of children names at IWDC that is registered with the Ministry of Gender and Child welfare.

As stated above that the community is so marginalized, they do not earn an income, and they are only contributing N\$150.00 per month (for children of 3-5 years) and N\$200.00 (for children of 1-2 years), which is very little for the allowances of the three staff members and or to cover other school needs/expenses. Since this is an individual's idea that has just been implemented; the objectives will only be achieved with the assistance and contribution of various stakeholders and good Samaritans, to ensure a child-friendly school that provides a safe and enabling learning environment where the children can thrive. Consequently, there is a need for suitable infrastructure and requirements as well as relevant resources required to ensure effective teaching and learning.

# 4. Our Mission Statement and IWDC Motto:

The IWDC strives to provide its learners with an early childhood education of a high standard that will enable the children to have a strong foundation in education at an early age. The strong educational foundation will moulid them into competent and responsible individuals, capable of living up to national and international challenges.

The motto of the IWDC is: "*Preparing for future*". It means that the children will be prepared in their education to have a solid fundament which will enable them to have a good educational development.

# 5. Needs and Challenges of IWDC:

In this respect that we humbly request your good office/company/organization/institution/family to please assist in raising fund or providing or sponsoring/donations materials for the daycare Centre or to render assistance of any kind from the attached list to make the dream a reality.

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There is no doubt that your contribution will put a big smile on many childrens' faces at the IWDC and the community at large.

In recognition of your contribution, your name/organization name will with your permission be listed on names that will be erected at the daycare Centre. Your financial contribution can be deposited into the following banking details: Name: Inge Weber Daycare Centre (IWDC: Account Number: 62272540496; Bank Name: First National Bank; Account Type: Platinum Business Account; Branch: Ondangwa, Namibia; Branch Number: 281373, Swift Code: FIRNNANX, Tel: +264832822000.

In the case of materials, they can be sent to the following contact details for the IWDC: Name: Inge Weber Daycare Center (IWDC); Attention: Mr & Mrs Ndilinawa; Address: P.O. Box 1633, Oshakati, Namibia; Southern Africa, Physical Address of IWDC: Oshitudha Village, Uukwaluudhi, Outapi Constituency, Omusati Region; Republic of Namibia, E-mail: <a href="mailto:loingeweberdc@gmail.com">loingeweberdc@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:loingeweberdc@gmail.com">l.ndilinawa@nored.com.na</a>; Contact Number: 0811 240534/+264 8112470243.

The below required items are listed as per priorities needs:

- 1) Three Pit Latrine Toilets (One for boys, one for girls and one for the teachers). The digging of the three toilets has been completed and the three plastic toilet pots are bought. What is requires are the iron sheets, poles, doors and labour) – this one has been sponsored already by good Samaritans)
- 2) Play Ground Equipment (Currently there is only one outdoor playground equipment and old used tyres) this one has been sponsored already by good Samaritans)
- Bricks for classrooms (the current classrooms are made from iron sheets and thus needs for bricks);
- 4) Tables (small tables for the children and big tables for eating and activities)
- 5) Solar Panels for electricity (to enable children to watch stories on laptop or TV)
- 6) Stationeries Ongoing (workbooks, paint colours, paint brushes, pencils, colour pencils, scissors, plastic pockets)
- 7) Big Floor Mats (the mats are required to be placed in the classroom especially during winter time)
- 8) Matrasses (needed for the children 1 -2 years, to sleep on during the day since it is a Daycare Center and some children are staying up to 17h30)

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- 9) Games (various game activities are required for development and thinking skills of the children)
- 10) Toys for children to play during activities
- 11) Abacus- for calculations, mathematic skills
- 12) Kids laptops for Games (various game activities are required for development and thinking skills of the children) and other toys
- 13) Laptops for Teachers and a printer (to prepare their activities);
- 14) Chairs (for adults and kids) for parents to sit when there is a parents meeting or activities at the day-care centre
- 15) Printer to print out activities, pictures, etc. for the children
- 16) Any other relevant items that might be necessary for the day-care centres
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For any further information or enquiry please do not hesitate to contact us at the aforementioned numbers or e-mails. Thanking you in advance and looking forward to receive a positive response.

We would highly appreciate to receive any assistance to enable me to purchase some of the above items.

Thanking you in advance and wishing you all the best.

Yours Sincerely,

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# DAYCARE CENTER

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We are situated at Oshitudha Village, Uukwaluudhi, Omusati Region

# DIRECTIVES/PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION AT THE IMPO

- PURPOSE: We take care of children from One year to Five Years
- Registration Fees: NSB0.00
- Application Form: N\$25.00
- Opening Hours: Time: 07h00/am 19h00
- O Playing Outdoors: Colourful Outdoor Play Area/Playground
- Fees to be paid per Month
  - (a) 1 -\2 years (N\$ 200.00)
  - (b) Children 3- 5 years (N\$150.00)
- O Food: Children should come with their own food to the Daycare Center.
- Extra Clothes: Children that remain after 13h00 should bring extra outfit with them.
- EXTRA HOURS: Extra hours spent at the Daycare Center are N\$ 15.00 per hour .

# SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Available for FREE every Sunday from 14h00 to 15h00 for registered children only but not compulsory.



Come and register your child to prepare for a better future education!

For more information please contact us:

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# CONFIRMATION ON THE EXISTENCE AND OPERATIONAL STATUS OF INGE WEBER DAY CARE CENTRE

The Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare has noted the existence of the Inge Weber Day Care Centre since its establishment in 2019. Inge Weber Day Care is located at Oshitudha Village in Outapi Constituency and currently it enrolled a total of 16 children comprised of 10 girls and 6 boys. Its staff consists of two young vibrant teachers who are highly qualified in the field of Early Childhood Development (ECD), which enables them to put their academic experience to practical use with children.

One of the most impressive things about Inge Weber Day Care is that, within a very short period of its existence, the Centre managed to reach a commendable number of achievements in terms of infrastructural development at the facility, these include two toilet facilities (Pet latrines), and in addition to that, the Centre also has a variety of playground equipment available. The management of the Centre is currently busy working on installation of water at the facility. This process is expected to finish in due course.

Based on the above, the Centre operates in accordance with the set standards for Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres/ facilities in Namibia stipulated in both, the National ECD Policy and the Guidelines for the establishment of ECD Centres.

Inge Weber Day Care Centre is a visionary institution, I therefore strongly recommend for development partners and other institutions to provide support or assistance of any kind that might be required from them by the Centre.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for more information.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Janhet Jilonga

Chief Community Liaison Officer- Omusati Region

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD WELFARE

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