We are now looking for a larger property in a better, more child-friendly location. With the company Polycare Research Technology GmbH & Co. KG, we would like to build a solid house for the children in Okahandia. We envision that the new house will be built with sustainable bricks made from desert sand and recycled plastic, for example PET bottles. The construction company was founded in Suhl-Gehlberg. These environmentally-friendly special bricks are manufactured in the capital of Namibia and used beyond Namibia's borders.

#### About 1,500 bricks are required for the construction of the "Children's House".

For this reason, the Lions have called for a unique fundraising campaign. Everybody who cares about the welfare of children can buy and donate one or more bricks:







#### Each donor receives a certificate for his brick as a memento.

All donations will be used directly for this project. The approximately 25 Lions members organize this project on a voluntary basis and free of charge. Therefore, the donations go directly to the construction and material costs.

In 2023, we want to open the new children's home in Okahandja for several dozen children.

In the new house, the children will be well cared for and fed. Without attending a kindergarten, the children from the slums have no chance to successfully attend the school.

## Do You want to help, too?

Donation account

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BIC: **FLESDEMXXX** 

Account owner:

Lions-Förderverein Suhl – Zella-Mehlis e. V.

Reason of donation: BRICKS (+ Name and Address of the donor to issue the certificate)

Or donate directly via





To ensure the maintenance of the new children's house and the permanent food supply, we are also looking for child sponsorships for the duration of three years. Already from 5.00 € per month, the supply for a child can be ensured!



**Lions Club** Suhl – Zella-Mehlis

### More informations on our Website: lionsaktiv.de

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# **1,500 Bricks** for LIONS Children's House in Okahandja





**DO YOUR PART!** 

In the townships, in the slums on the outskirts of Okahandja in Namibia, people live in wooden shacks or tin huts without sanitary facilities, water or electricity. The children play on the countless piles of garbage between the huts.





The parents are very poor. Often mothers and fathers are unemployed. They have no money for food.

State kindergartens have not existed there since the declaration of independence in 1990. Private kindergartens receive no support

from the state. These institutions must register as a business and pay annual taxes.



Therefore, at the end of the 1990s, Gottfried Brenner from Weilheim/ Germany built and financed a kindergarten for the three-to-sixvear-old children on the outskirts of Okahandja. This kintergarten for "the



children in need" was financed with donations.





Here, the children escaped their misery for a few hours, studied letters and numbers and had a warm meal every day. This meal was often their only meal of the day.

**Gottfried Brenner** died in 2019. And unfortunately, this project died with him.



The teacher, Toini Nampadhi, initially ran the kindergarten alone in a leaky, much-toosmall tin hut.





She is a single mother with four children living in the townships.

As members of the Lions Club and the Lions-Förderverein Suhl – Zella-Mehlis e. V., we were deeply touched by the story. Therefore, we decided to help.

# We will build a new "Children's House"!

Temporarily, we built a larger tin hut on the approximately 300-square-meter property in the middle of the townships. The children get a daily

> warm meal again.

