



THE GOLDEN MOLE

NaDEET's Endemic Newsletter



Emergency Update

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FIRE BREAKS OUT AT NaDEET CENTRE

At 4:45 pm on the 16th of June, a fire broke out in the kitchen of the main building of NaDEET Centre. NaDEET staff saw the smoke clouds at the office and immediately drove to the Centre 1 1/2 kilometers away. When we arrived at the Centre, the whole kitchen and our two storerooms were ablaze. NaDEET staff used buckets, water from a cut water pipeline and sand to try to contain the fire as much as possible. To prevent the fire from spreading further, we knocked down walls and tore down the shade cloth roof. Approximately 20 minutes later, a gas bottle in the kitchen exploded, causing more damage and increasing the spread of the fire. Although the grass around the Centre then caught on fire, it was still quite wet from rain a few weeks ago and was easily put out. Assistance from NamibRand Nature Reserve, Wolwedans Lodge, Tok Tokkie Trails and Jabus du Toit arrived approximately 45-60 minutes later. Using the water they brought, the fire was then quickly put out.



Needless to say we are all in shock that this has happened. Currently we do not know why the fire started except that it did start in the kitchen. Although a small part of the main building is still standing, the whole structure must be rebuilt. The contents of the building are endless including items such as tables, chairs, cooking supplies, food stuffs and most importantly teaching materials. The kitchen contained our solar system including solar panels, batteries, inverter, low energy fridge and freezer.



We are currently waiting for an assessor to determine the amount that the insurance will pay out under our policy. We are making lists of all of the contents of the building to help determine the monetary value of the loss.

In the meantime we have had to cancel our school group that was due to arrive today from St. George's College. Our next group is due to arrive on the 4 July. We hope to be able to make a temporary plan to accommodate our groups until we can rebuild the kitchen and classroom.

We are very grateful for all of the messages of sympathy and offers of support. NaDEET definitely needs all of the support our friends can offer in whatever way possible. I will be sending out another update soon when we have specific requests to help get NaDEET Centre going again.

On behalf of all of us at NaDEET, thank you

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