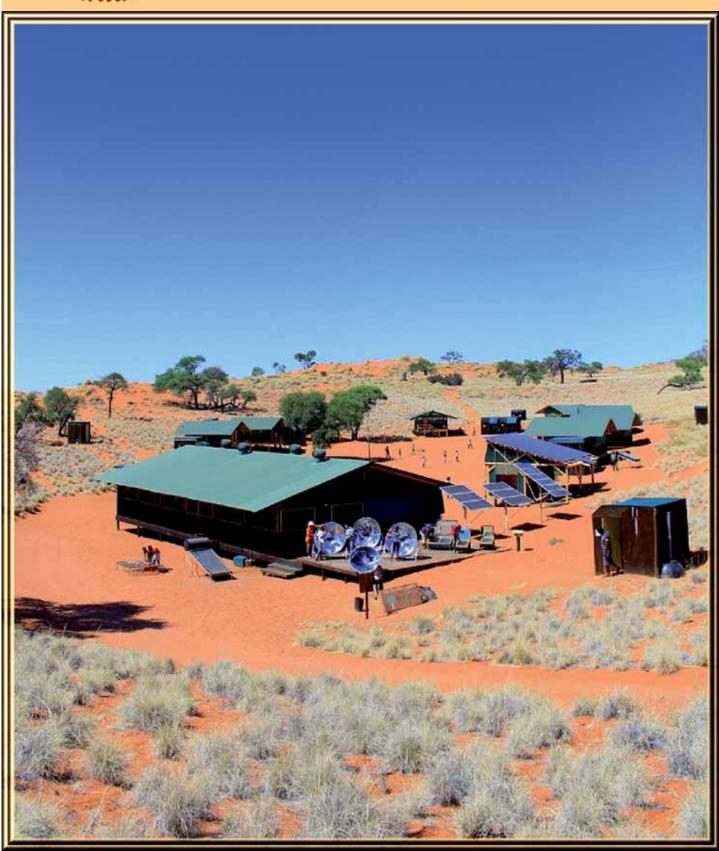


# NaDEET's Annual Report



March 2012 - February 2013

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## OVERVIEW

## NaDEET's mission is to protect the natural environment of Namibia by educating its citizens to practice a sustainable lifestyle

Dear NaDEET friends,

The late Minister of Education Abraham Iyambo gave all children a new chance by abolishing school fund fees as of 2013. Despite the fact that the Namibian Constitution guarantees free primary school education for all, parents have had to pay into a school fund which in effect strained the limited resources of many families and negatively impacted children.

Since we first established NaDEET Centre, we have always maintained our Open Door Policy to ensure access for all with the generous support of our donors. This past year we took a significant step forward to further improve access to NaDEET Centre for all with the support of the Namibian government. The Ministry of Education- Hardap Region has pledged to provide transport for all schools within the region to NaDEET Centre. This removes a huge financial and logistical burden from schools, parents and us.

**NaDEET Centre** therefore was again well visited with 1025 participants in a total of 32 groups. Almost all groups participated in a Monday-Friday programme ensuring ample time to gain experience in sustainable living. Sixty-three percent of the groups were from our local Hardap Region with the remaining visitors from Karas and Khomas regions and two groups from Germany. Approximately half of these groups received transport from the Education Ministry.

Our **community programme** continues to evolve with the introduction of the "voucher system" to earn credit towards a solar cooker. Well received and understood by participants, the use of a voucher system has increased the number of solar cookers distributed in our programmes. Together with our **educator programme**, we can see the ripple effect that these adult programmes have throughout the country. The 2012 educator programme hosted youth officers that work directly with young people on various issues including the environment.

Our **environmental literacy programme** produced two issues of the *Bush Telegraph* and a new "Its' Time to…" book. The *Bush Telegraph* magazines introduced the issues of "Sustainable Energy for All" and "Deserts" to our growing readership of 18,000. The new sustainable living booklet, "Its Time to Grow", is for early childhood and pre-primary level children and aims to integrate environmental topics with the basic numbers, letters, shapes and concepts.

In our **capacity building programme**, two of our past students have returned as employees and for the second time, in addition to our on-going partnership with the Polytechnic of Namibia, we hosted students from the Agricultural Training Centre Krumhuk.

All of the above valuable programmes are only possible if we have the facilities to support them. In 2012 NaDEET Centre had a major upgrade. All of the accommodation houses have been replaced, a new bathroom has been constructed and our solar electricity system has been doubled. All improvements are also in line with our certification as the 1st International Dark Sky Reserve in Africa.

2013 marks the first decade of **NaDEET** Centre which was officially opened on 24 October 2003. We are extremely proud of this achievement and look forward to a year of celebrating with our supporters and most importantly with the beneficiaries of **NaDEET** Centre— our local schools

and communities.

On a personal note, we as a family have moved to Swakopmund to give our children the opportunity to go to school. We have a strong and committed team at NaDEET Centre and therefore with the help of modern communication and regular visits we will continue our work for NaDEET.

Best wishes,

Viktoria Keding, Director

## NADEET CENTRE

#### Vision: To be a leader and model of Centre-based sustainable living education

The 2012 year at NaDEET Centre continued to deliver quality programmes to our participants. The programme and participant number remained constant from the previous year. This is due to continuation of funding existing agreements and objectives.

We anticipate that 2013 will be similar as we already have 32 groups in the booking process. This is very close to our capacity to host groups as we need to leave some weeks free to accommodate other activities.

# Other Adult & Workshop Educator 3% 18% Community 9% 16% Secondary

#### Schools 2012:

Aranos PS\*, Brightstart SS, Cambridge PS\*, Danie Joubert PS\*, Daweb JSS, DHPS\*, Edward Frederick PS, El Natan PS\*, Empelheim JSS\*, JLT Beukes PS, JR Camm PS\*, Jacob Soul PS, Klein Aub PS, Nabasib PS, Oan//Ob PS\*, Origo PS, Rehoboth PS, Ruimte PS\*, St. George's College\*, St. Joseph's PS, Vooruitsig PS, WJD Cloete JSS\*, \*denotes returning group

Youth & Adults 2012: Directorate of Youth, Freundschaft mit NaDEET\*, German-Namibian Youth Exchange of ELCIN, GIZ\*, Klein Aub Community\*, Nath Desert Guiding\*, Namibian Business Innovation Centre, Rotary Club Windhoek, Uibes Community

#### PRIMARY PROGRAMME

We hosted seventeen primary school classes at NaDEET of which 53% were first timers. The remaining classes are from schools that have made NaDEET a part of their annual school calendar. The primary school programme continues to be closely linked to the national school curriculum which NaDEET presented to the Ministry of Education during their visit in 2012.



A look ahead: We aim to integrate teachers more into our programme implementation.



#### SECONDARY PROGRAMME

Five secondary school classes participated in our programme of which 80% were returning for at least the second if not sixth or seventh year in a row.

A look ahead: In 2013 we aim to host the three secondary schools from the Hardap Region that have yet to be at NaDEET.

#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

Members from three communities took part in our programme in 2012 which remains focused on using energy and water more efficiently. The programme aims to assist households with the knowledge and skills to live more sustainably. 70% of the participants now own a solar cooker earned through the voucher system. This is a marked improvement from our previous method of giving one cooker for two participants. Participants also constructed their own fuel-efficient stoves and recycled fire bricks to take home.



A look ahead: In 2013 we will continue to support communities with Centre based programmes and on outreach.



#### **EDUCATOR PROGRAMME**

According to plan, we hosted one educator programme in 2012 for youth officers from throughout the country. This programme is developed to meet the specific needs of the educators. It aims to provide the training needed to better implement environmental education and sustainable living in the workplace.

A look ahead: In 2013 we hope to host a group of teachers from local schools.

### OTHER ADULT & WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

This year NaDEET Centre hosted six other adult groups. Most of these were workshops whereby the organisation had its own programme; for example the Desert Guiding course taught by the Namibian Academy for Tourism and Hospitality (NATH). Others were programmes implemented by us; for example, the "Freundschaft mit NaDEET" travel group.



A look ahead: Several adult groups are again booked for 2013.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT 2012

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NaDEET Centre has continued with its environmental audit as part of all programmes in 2012. Participants are fully engaged in gathering the information needed to calculate the amount of resources used for each day at NaDEET Centre. The audit aims to improve understanding of our impact on the environment and build skills in learning how to monitor this impact.



In 2012 at NaDEET Centre:

- participants' water use remained constant at approximately 17 litres per person per day.
- despite cooking energy hours increasing by 9%, there was a 35% reduction in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) production due to increased solar cooking and fuel-efficient stove use compared to 2011.
- Participants produced less than 1 kg of waste per person per week including compost.

A look ahead: The complete implementation of the environmental audit across all NaDEET activities.

## ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

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"It's Time to Grow" is here! The newest member of the "It's Time to..." sustainable living series is a complete learning pack for young children. Packaged in an envelope are four little booklets, a growth chart, seed paper and wax crayons. Aimed for children between 4-7 years, this learning pack encourages teachers and parents to engage children in learning about the environment while learning basics such as letters, numbers and shapes. It also includes activities to practice looking for differences and understanding the relationship between cause and effect. In 2013 this learning pack will be distributed during NaDEET outreaches to appropriate schools and kindergartens.



The Bush Telegraph was again printed and distributed to our readership of 18,000. The two issues, focused on "Sustainable Energy for All" and "Deserts", supported international education



agendas. Namibians engaged in these topics from a local perspective.

A look ahead: "Its Time to Work"— a new booklet for secondary school learners and out of school youth to explore possible green careers in the technical and vocational fields

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS

This year's capital expenditure projects all went much faster than expected. Generous and timely funding and an enthusiastic team replaced all of NaDEET Centre's accommodation houses and installed a new

bathroom for teachers. These necessary renovations have improved the Centre's facilities and allow us to maintain the high rate of occupancy. The new solar park now provides ample electricity and has allowed us to increase the energy production at the base by shifting panels there from our previous Centre installation. The solar park now also hosts our new information area that gives visitors an opportunity to see and read about our work in a shady area.

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A look ahead: An improved dry sanitation toilet system at the Centre.

## OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

Our local outreach activities this past year primarily aimed to support the communities that participate in our programmes through informal follow-up visits and to deliver solar cookers. On a national and international level we participated in several workshops and conferences primarily focused on climate change and desertification. We also have increased our social media outreach with our Facebook page and constant updates on our website. Several newspaper articles and an Associated

Press TV report about our community programmes helped to bring attention to our work.

The year ended with a generous donation in the form of a new vehicle which will be used for our outreach activities.

A look ahead: In 2013 we are piloting small workshops in communities to earn solar cooker vouchers and to introduce "It's Time to Grow" to pre-primary programmes.



## CAPACITY BUILDING & NODEET STAFF

With the recent change from a Nature Conservation diploma to a bachelor's degree at the Polytechnic, NaDEET now only hosts one in-service training student per year according to their revised requirements. We therefore offered internships to graduates who thereafter joined our permanent staff. NaDEET has also hosted two students from the Household programme from the Agricultural Training Centre Krumhuk for month long practical work. NaDEET encourages staff to improve their skills and build knowledge. NaDEET is offering financial support for several staff to obtain their driver's licenses and NaDEET's director is pursuing her Master's degree in Sustainable Development through a distance programme. NaDEET now has ten staff members comprised of mostly employees, long-term volunteers and students. Here they are in action:



Manuela Schmid (Development Associate) answering emails.



**Karley Drumm** (Centre Manager) identifying insects on dune walk.



Elizabeth Lammert (Kitchen Manager) & Jule Piloth (Centre Assistant '12-'13) entertaining kids at Centre.



Naike Marengo (Intern '12) and Vicky Endjala (Environmental Education: Outreach) on outreach trip.



Viktoria Keding (Director) during a visit in Maltahöhe.



Retatuhe Tjikotoke (Kitchen Manager) solar cooking.



Assistant '11-'12) explaining conduction to schoolchildren.



Nick Heinke (Centre Sem Shilongo (Centre Assistant) conducting the environmental audit.

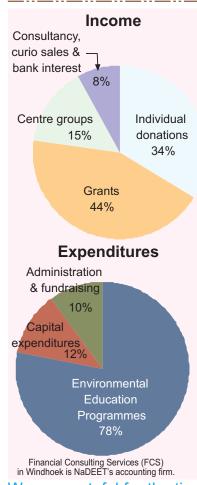


**Andreas Keding** (Technical Director) preparing solar installations.



Vilho Absalom (Environmental Educator: Centre) conducting water count.

## FINANCES & FUNDING



Our March 2012 – February 2013 financial year was similar to past years. A European Union grant remains our main source of income. It is not however reflected in the income graph as no grant instalment was made in this financial year reported. The previous instalment from February 2012 provided funding for a significant portion of NaDEET's environmental education activities that are highlighted throughout this report and are reflected in the reported expenditures.

NaDEET sourced 44% of this year's income from grants from a variety of donor organisations that were given for capital expenditure projects and education programmes. The majority of these grants are from ongoing partners as well as several new grant givers. As in past years a significant portion of our income is from private individuals of which about half is from our German support organisation, *Freundschaft mit NaDEET*. We are very grateful to our on-going regular supporters.

The remaining portion of NaDEET's budget is from contributions made by groups at the Centre. We continue to have an open-door policy to ensure that all Namibians are able to participate regardless of financial means. NaDEET therefore does not foresee this income category to increase. A small portion is generated through sales of booklets and tshirts and through consultancy work.

NaDEET aims to keep expenditures to a minimum by working as efficiently as possible with a small, dedicated staff. It is an on-going challenge to reduce expenditures with rising costs of basic items such as food and petrol. One of our donors recently shared with us that:

"NaDEET is for me THE demonstration project in Namibia."

We are grateful for the time and effort that many of our donors give to raise money for NaDEET and to spread the word about our environmental education work. Here are only a few examples:

## Freundschaft mit NaDEET



This past year many donors have given to our support organisation in Germany, Freundschaft mit NaDEET, on a regular basis or for special events such as birthdays. The organisation has grown to become one of NaDEET's main funding sources in the past year. The board members of Freundschaft mit NaDEET work on an honorary basis and therefore no money is lost to administrative purposes. Throughout the past year, Freundschaft mit NaDEET, has given several talks and established links to develop partnerships. The organisation produces a

newsletter available on our website.



#### School partnership

In July, Andreas and Viktoria, were invited by Nada Schollmeier's school, IGS Wilhelmshaven to speak to her class and to receive a donation raised by her class. Nada participated in a NaDEET programme in 2011 with her father and the learners from Oanob PS from Rehoboth. IGS Wilhelmshaven and Oanob PS have established a school partnership to exchange

ideas about the environment and to support Oanob PS learners to come to NaDEET Centre.

## Weltwaerts volunteers return home and continue to give...

Since Nick Heinke's return home in July 2012 he has continued to support NaDEET. Back in Germany he has given presentations at his former school and the local Lions Club in Schwalmstadt about his experience in Namibia. Both organisations are now providing sponsorship for Namibian children to come to NaDEET Centre. The Schwalmgymnasium took their own environmental action and made cloth bags. We are thankful for the numerous volunteers that have continued to support NaDEET in various ways after their time here.

A look ahead: Watch out for Marseille Namibie's newest theatrical production to raise funds for NaDEET.

## THANK YOU

NaDEET gratefully acknowledges individuals, groups, companies and grant-giving organisations who have made generous contributions from 1 March 2012 to 28 February 2013 for our environmental education projects.

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP



NaDEET depends on individual donations to fund our environmental education projects. Most Namibian school children and their families cannot afford to cover the cost of a NaDEET Centre programme. It is however one of NaDEET's core principles to provide environmental education for everyone, regardless of their financial means.

## Please help us with a donation today!

One child for one day N\$180 (€18, US\$22.50) One child for one week N\$720 (€72, US\$90) One school group for one week N\$28,800 (€2,880, US\$3,600) Community member for one day N\$275 (€27.50,US\$34)

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