



Wake up! Daycare Centre
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Wake up! News



During the past months the builders have been busy putting the last hands to the structures: painting, plumbing, tiling and so on. The building has become a landmark in the area to be truly proud of!

Classrooms have been painted in green and yellow. On the handover of the building in a few weeks time, we promise you a visual tour of the building on our website.

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From the Editor

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. Whereas the rest of Namibia is slowing down and the summer holidays are round the corner, we are gearing up towards the opening of our centre on the 13th of January 2010.

In mid-November we did a first round of enrolling children, and so far we have received 10 applications. We will only take in children from Otjomuise and reserve an initial 10 places for orphans and vulnerable children. We are busy talking with teachers, acquiring school furniture, learning materials and so forth. The official opening will take place once the centre is up and running. We will keep you posted!



Loes Bellaart
Project Coordinator and Editor

Wake up! Appeal

To cover the running cost of the centre, we need many friends to make a small contribution. If you can help, please visit our website and register as a Friend. Through our newsletter and website we will keep you up to date with how we are making a difference in the lives of our young learners.



Namibian Elections

Presidential and parliamentary elections were held on 27-28 November 2009. It was the fourth general election since independence in 1990. The South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), the party that has governed since independence, is widely expected to win a large victory, with the Rally for Democracy (RDP) considered SWAPO's biggest challenger. Fourteen political parties competed for seats in the National Assembly of Namibia and twelve candidates ran for the presidency. An official count may not be announced for a week.

Democracy has firmly settled into place in Namibia, and yet, as with its neighbours South Africa and Botswana, each election has been dominated by a single party. Voters remain loyal to those who led the way to liberation. Opposition usually forms within political elites rather than at the grass roots. The opposition's hope is to find more support within the country's urban and youth populations. The so-called born-frees, Namibian voters born after Namibia gained independence, are less devoted to SWAPO than the older generation. With an official unemployment figure of close to 50% there is still much to wish for in The Land of the Brave.

Adapted from John Grobler, reporter in Windhoek

Dutch Leaflets

The Stichting Wake up! Windhoek has prepared fundraising leaflets in Dutch. If you would like to help raise awareness in The Netherlands, please send an email to: secretariaat@wakeupdaycarenamibia.com

Minds are like parachutes,
they only function when
they are open.

Nigerian proverb

IWAN supports Wake-up!

The International Women's Association of Namibia donated N\$10,000 (€1000) towards Montessori learning materials for the centre. These have now been ordered with a company in South-Africa which imports quality wooden materials from India. We would like to thank IWAN for their generous support!

For more information visit our website: www.wakeupdaycarenamibia.com