



## Company profile - Mammadu Trust

**Mammadù' Trust is a non-profit organization** which was established and registered in Namibia in 2008 with the Namibian Ministry of Health and Social Services (according to the Section 19 of the National Welfare Act 12 of 1979).

The primary objective of the Mammadù Trust is to **care for and support orphans, children and minors who are living in extremely vulnerable conditions**, as well as other needy members of the community, by **providing basic health care, nutritious meals and meeting other basic requirements**.

Mammadù Trust is based in Windhoek / Namibia

### Mammadù's Objectives

Acting in accordance with the Namibian culture, **Mammadù aims to help, in a concrete manner, minors living in situations of hardship and degradation** through the implementation of projects aimed at:

1. Improving the living conditions of orphans and children living in situations of social exclusion through the construction of a multi-functional Community Service Centre in Windhoek, which will offer various services;
2. Ensuring adequate formal education providing basic needs, such as school fees, school supplies (notebook, pencils, etc.) and suitable clothing and shoes for going to school (each school has its own uniform);
3. Comparing our organization with other Italian and local organizations or associations for a constructive exchange of information, experience and projects;
4. Promoting activities in Namibia and abroad to raise funds in order to fulfill the objectives that the organization aims towards;
5. Promoting and organizing trips for volunteers who can support, with their professionalism, the activities of the organization;

### *Community help & service centre*

November 2011 the first part of the center (a big classroom, kitchen and ablutions) in Otjomuise was opened. The centre is designed to accommodate children who are living in a situation of abandonment. These situations are frequent in children with parents affected by HIV/AIDS, whose parents are alcoholics, because the children were abused in their homes and are consequently, runaways, or because they come from extremely poor families.

Once the whole centre is finished it will have the capacity to accommodate 120 to 140 children between 3 to 13 years of age and adolescents between 14 and 18 years of age, providing a safe place for them to play, have fun, study and learn away from the dangers of the road. These children



will be provided water, food, education and all the health care and protection they desperately need.

We plan to set up a team of experienced educators who will follow and accompany the children all the way through the basic stages of growth.

### ***The Structure of the Centre***

In July 2010 Mammadu Trust acquired ownership of a block of land of 4,700 square meters in Otjomuise, one of the poorest areas of the capital Windhoek.

Thanks to the availability of the civil engineering company Windhoek Consulting Engineers, Mammadu Trust was able to realize the architectural design of the centre and obtained the necessary building permits.

In the spring of 2011, local building companies started construction work : the foundations of the Mammadù Community Service Centre were laid down. The first part of the centre has been finished beginning September 2011. Today it's operating with 40 kids, in two shifts of 20. During the mornings the pre-primary kids (the pre-primary is officially registered with city of Windhoek), and in the afternoons kids from grade 7 to grade 1 (once complete, the centre is expected to accommodate about 140 children). Providing adequate nutrition and education is the foundation of the Mammadù Community Service Centre project.

The centre is equipped in a way so it is a safe and welcoming place for children to learn, play and have fun outdoors. At the Mammadù Community Service Centre, the following educational and recreational activities are provided:

1. After school activities and tutoring
2. Sports education
3. Leisure and recreational activities
4. Food

The areas of the centre that are built are what was immediately necessary :

1. A large kitchen (55 square meters) and dining area
2. 3 big classroom/assembly hall (55 square meters)
3. Ablutions
4. The play ground
5. The sports field



In 2014 two additional classrooms were built in order to accommodate more children and to extend the activities, now also a workshop where to teach and learn crafts is available for the children.

### ***Basic Services***

The centre in Windhoek provides the following basic needs to children and teenagers

1. Cantina service to ensure nutritional needs with appropriate meals and healthy snacks during the day;
2. Transportation of the children from their schools to the centre and then to their homes;
3. Health and hygiene education (showers, teeth, hair cuts, etc.,...);
4. Basic literacy;
5. Bearing the costs of the school fees and services of the very poor children.

### ***Educational Activities***

The centre offers educational services and tutoring complementary to those offered by the local education system:

1. Educational assistance and integration and more profound explanations of what was taught in school;
2. Study of foreign languages ??(tourism is one of the most important sources of growth and development of the country);
3. Basic computerization (there is a campaign in progress to collect discarded, old and unwanted computers from Italy), learning to use the computer will enable the teenagers to be in a better position to approach and successfully enter into the work force in the future.

### ***Recreational Activities and Sports***

There are many activities that the staff of Mammadù offers the children and teenagers that are taken care of. Extracurricular activities of different types are also foreseen, such as:

1. Expressive play activities that help the children develop their own life experiences, which are often very difficult, through games of representation;
2. Sports activities ranging from organizing team games, to special trainings for kids very talented
3. Trips and visits to farms, excursions in the desert, the national parks and the coast, to let the children become familiar with the territory which we hope will give them hope for the future.

The admission policy is based on the input from social workers who refer kids and family to Mammadu and no fees of any kind are applicable to children attending Mammadu.