

NAMIBIA

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

5TH - 14TH JULY 2012



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THE CHALLENGE

THE NAMIBIA COMMUNITY CHALLENGE IS AN EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES. IT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND HOMELESS INTERNATIONAL'S OVERSEAS WORK, COMBINED WITH AN AWE-INSPIRING TREK THROUGH NAMIBIA'S DESERT LANDS.



During the first half of the trip you will visit a local community in Namibia supported by Homeless International's partner organisation. After meeting community members and visiting a local settlement, you will spend around three days working on a community building project, supporting local people.

Spending time with the community will be an emotional but rewarding journey as you learn how they are working together to overcome challenges to housing, water and sanitation. Experiencing Namibia's true culture, you will meet new people and make a difference to the lives of local people who are working together to improve their communities.

The challenge continues with a three-day desert trek, taking in the sights of the Ugab River and the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. From its parched desert with some of the highest sand dunes in the world, to the fascinating geology and dramatic landscapes of the Brandberg, this trek takes us through a land of extremes. Namibia is home to the largest free roaming population of black rhinos in the world, the desert elephant and numerous other species. Whilst trekking we have a chance to see how these inhabitants live, for a truly unforgettable experience.

The trekking is moderate, but with high temperatures (20-30°C) and trekking of up to 8 hours each day, this is a very rewarding challenge.

Itinerary is subject to change

ABOUT HOMELESS INTERNATIONAL

One billion people live in slums. Homeless International works with local organisations in Africa and Asia to help people in slums improve their living conditions through community-led initiatives. We help communities transform slums by supporting them to secure land, build decent homes, get safe water and sanitation, and negotiate with governments – ensuring that they have a voice that gets heard.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

No previous building experience or skills are required for the project – you will be taught everything you need to know by our leader at the project. All that is required is the enthusiasm and commitment to work hard and make a difference.



THE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The community project is supported by Homeless International through its Namibian partner, Namibia Housing Action Group (NHAG). The nature of the work we will be doing will depend on what stage of development the community is at when we arrive, but will be designed to support a community-led approach and benefit local people. Examples of work you could be doing include making bricks and helping community members construct houses.

HOW YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When you take part in the Namibia Community Challenge, you will be asked to raise a minimum sponsorship amount, over half of which will directly support Homeless International's work. You will also make a direct difference during the community project by helping local people to improve their living conditions.



WHY TAKE PART

Taking part in and fundraising for the Namibia Community Challenge will be a great personal achievement. It is a unique opportunity to work alongside the communities Homeless International supports; you will take away unforgettable memories and meet new people. Through fundraising you will help make a difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest urban communities.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Undertaking practical building work and trekking in Namibia's warm climate will be a challenge, so you will need to be reasonably fit. We will ask you to fill in a medical form as part of the registration process. You also need to be 18 or over to take part.

WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

Homeless International will support you throughout the whole experience. We will advise on fundraising and training, provide kit lists, and a charity representative will be with you on the trip. Full back-up and support on the trip is provided by Action Challenge UK Ltd, who will provide a doctor, experienced guides and support staff.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

We ask for a non-refundable fee of £500 when you register. You will then need to raise a minimum sponsorship of £2,800, which will cover flights, internal travel, accommodation, most meals, medics and guides. Not included in the minimum sponsorship are: airport taxes, fuel surcharges, visas, travel insurance, vaccinations, kit and personal expenses. More than half of the minimum sponsorship amount will go directly towards supporting Homeless International's work.

TELL ME MORE...

For further details and a registration pack, please complete and return the form below. Alternatively, please call us on 024 7663 2802 or email hannah@homeless-international.org. There is no need to send any money at this time.

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Address.....
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Where did you hear about the Namibia Community Challenge?
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Please send me a registration pack for the Namibia Community Challenge:

- By post
- By email
- We like to keep our supporters updated about our work throughout the year. Please tick this box if you would prefer not to receive this information. We will never share your details with another organisation.

There is no need to send any money at this time. When we receive your form we will send you full details, including a registration form and terms and conditions of entry.

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