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David, Elfriede and Swabi



Lucia Shihepo: 'If you are willing to achieve, you will always find a way out.'



Kingston Makoni

Field Officers

Our Field Officers Elfrieda Gaeses, Swabi Kamiyo and David Mushavanga, are the eyes and the ears of the NSU office. Due to geographical distances between their offices and the NSU office it isn't always easy to share important issues quickly. Internet connection is often not available just when they need it. As a result we meet each other regularly at the WIMSA offices. In our last meeting we discussed the transport problems they face in the rural areas and the consequences these problems e.g. it is hard to be in time for the meeting with a community when you get stuck in the middle of nowhere. In the next newsletter the field officers will give us insight of their daily experiences.

Who is Lucia Shihepo?

Lucia comes from Eenhana. She is one of the students who are supported by WIMSA bursary scheme. She studies Adult Education and Community Development at UNAM. Lucia: 'I am especially interested in the historical and philosophical foundations of adult education. In the philosophical lessons I learned that poor people often think that God wants them not to complain about their situation and keep silent, but I now know better. My dream is to work for WIMSA when I complete my diploma. I really want to help disadvantaged people.'

Students' issues

The tertiary students supported by WIMSA bursary scheme meet regularly to share their issues and experiences. Most important issues are – no doubt – money issues. Soon they will return for holidays to their home towns. During that period they will carry out some tasks for the benefit of their people. You will read the results of their contributions in one of the following newsletters.

May I introduce myself...

Kingston Makoni: 'I joined WIMSA as an Education Programme Officer under the NSU Office. My main focus is formulating, implementing and evaluating educational programs under the NSU office. This role gives me an opportunity to share my experience and learn more from the all those involved in the education of the San in Namibia. I hope to share with you more about my work in the upcoming editions.'

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