

## Agriculture against Disasters



### **BACKGROUND: DARE TO CARE DISASTER FUND**

During the fierce veld fires in 2000, the Namibia Agricultural Union (NAU) decided to create a fund to give financial aid to farmers, farmworkers and any other persons who were wounded or died whilst fighting veld fires. The NAU thus approached further members of the “agricultural family” (Meatco, Agra, Meat Board, Agronomic Board, Feedmaster, Namib Mills, AgriBank and Farmers Meat Market). They got together and decided to annually host a Golf Day to collect funds for these veld fire victims. It was decided that the NAU would do the administration of the fund and also the arrangements for the golf days. In 2005 it was decided that the Fund should also assist victims of natural disasters, farm attacks and other worthy cases.

Thus the Fund paid inter alia for all funeral costs of the farm workers of the murdered Erasmus couple and in 2008 an amount of N\$30 000 was paid for water purification tablets for flood victims in the North of Namibia. Up to date the fund has paid a total amount of N\$140 445.30 of which N\$80 000 was for the flood victims in the North of Namibia.

During 2013 the Fund also assisted the San Community in Ekonkolo in the Ohangwena region and bought food to the value of N\$40 000 over a period of 12 months and arranged that the food was delivered to this San Community by Kunene for Christ.

In 2016 the Fund paid an amount of N\$50 000 into the Willie Grobler Trust for medical assistance (after Mr Grobler’s Medical Aid was exhausted).

Although the main source of funding of the Dare to Care Fund is the proceeds of golf days, any other contributions to the Fund are highly appreciated.

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