

**NAMIBIAN
REFUGEES
NEED**

URGENT!



Picture by Per Sanden

**10 000 pairs of RUBBER BOOTS
to prevent infection
during November -
March rains .**

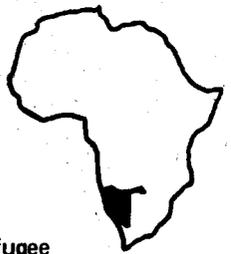
**REFUGEE
FOOTWEAR**

APPEAL

Send cash to:
REFUGEE FOOTWEAR APPEAL
c/o Namibia Support Committee
186 North Gower Street
London NW1 2NB
01-388 5539



WE CALL ON ALL ANTI APARTHEID GROUPS, ANTI RACIST GROUPS, STUDENT UNIONS, TRADE UNIONS, WOMEN'S GROUPS, CHURCHES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR URGENT SUPPORT



WHY?

There are today an estimated total of 40,000 Namibians living in exile as refugees. Most of them are in refugee camps under the care of their Liberation Movement, SWAPO OF NAMIBIA, in Angola and Zambia. They are mostly women and young children. The picture overleaf shows some at Kassinga Refugee Camp earlier this year, before it was destroyed in a South African invasion on 4 May. (Over 600 refugees, mostly children, were killed and thousands left without shelter and supplies in the attack.)

Between 200 and 500 new exiles from Namibia are reaching some of the SWAPO refugee camps *per week* at the moment, as a result of the intensified victimisation and intimidation of SWAPO members in Namibia during the last months. Almost all their leaders are in detention in Namibia, and those who flee are avoiding the forced participation in the forthcoming 'elections' in the territory, staged by the South African authorities.

South Africa occupies Namibia in contravention of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and in defiance of international law and the wishes of the Namibian people.

THE REFUGEE CAMPS temporary homes for thousands

They house Namibians of all ages, and educational and medical centres are being developed for their welfare. Supplies of basic materials, especially clothing and footwear, are very low.

The rainy cooler season starts in NOVEMBER, and the rains last until March. It is expected that the camps will become very muddy.

At the moment most of the refugees have little or no effective footwear *and there is a serious risk of foot infection (ie parasitic ringworm) especially amongst the kids, unless they are provided with good waterproof boots as soon as possible.*

THE URGENT NEED RUBBER BOOTS

Both SWAPO and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have asked the NAMIBIA SUPPORT COMMITTEE (NSC) to help meet this need for footwear, by supplying an initial quantity of **10,000 pairs of Wellington boots** as a matter of urgency.

The Wellingtons, of women's and children's sizes, will be airlifted from London and will be under the care of the UNHCR Office in Luanda. They will then be transported direct to the refugee camps nearby.

For us to do this, we need £10,000 initially, to send a first batch of 5,000 pairs.

WHAT WE ASK YOU FOR

After the Kassinga massacre the British public responded immediately to our KASSINGA EMERGENCY APPEAL and we were able to airlift over £8,000 worth of medical supplies to the victims in a matter of days.

NOW WE CALL ON YOU AGAIN We want to respond rapidly by providing a realistic quantity of wellies before the rain comes – THIS DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT.

ALSO
We are keen to collect good quality children's Wellington boots. Have your kids grown out of theirs? Could you do a welly collection in your school/street/locality? We need boots in good condition – a lot of them – and quickly. Please contact the Appeal office 01-388 5539 for details of your nearest collection centre.

Further details and copies of this leaflet are available from the NSC office

THE NAMIBIA SUPPORT COMMITTEE IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS POLICY ON NAMIBIA

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ADDRESS.....

I enclose cheque/PO/cash for the NSC Refugee Footwear Appeal – Total £.....
(I do / do not require a receipt)

Cheques should be made payable to NSC MEDICAL AID (FOOTWEAR APPEAL)
Bankers: Co-operative Bank Ltd, 78/80 Cornhill, London EC3 – Account No 50140088

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