



SWAPO MEDICAL KITS APPEAL



Namibia
Support
Committee
Health Collective



THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA

South Africa is in illegal occupation of Namibia, and over the past sixty years has imposed its brutal and dehumanising apartheid policies on the Namibian people. In their efforts to consolidate their rule and crush the spirit of the Namibian people, South Africa has sent 100,000 troops into the territory, and has become involved in a classic counter-insurgency war against SWAPO (South West African People's Organisation).

The indiscriminate nature of South Africa's destruction of village life in Southern Angola and much of Namibia, and the wide use of torture have been well documented, for example by the Namibian and the British Council of Churches, although this has received little publicity in the British press.

WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED

Those of us in Britain who support the Namibian struggle for liberation must be aware of this country's role in supporting repression in Namibia. South African security forces are equipped with British bombers, tanks, guns and Landrovers. British oil companies supply the South African army with oil while British banks service the troops of occupation and British mining companies illegally export Namibia's natural resources.

As the war escalates, with Britain backing the South African occupation, our support for SWAPO must increase. Casualties have grown and the Namibian refugees (now numbering over 70,000) have multiplied; the need for medical supplies has now become desperate.



Victims of the massacre near Oshikuku.
Killed by S.A. soldiers, March 1982.



Medical kits in use in Angola.

MEDICAL KITS

In June 1981 Dr Libertine Amathile, SWAPO's Deputy Secretary for Health and Social Welfare, wrote to the Namibia Support Committee regarding the needs of Namibian refugees as follows: "Since January 1981 we have received children between the ages of 10-17 at the rate of 300-400 a week. We are more than ever in need of medical kits — same size and content. Could you please try your utmost to get us 200 kits as soon as possible."

Dr Nickey Iyambo, head of SWAPO's military hospital, visited London in 1982 and again urged the NSC to step up the campaign for medical kits. (An interview with Dr Iyambo is contained in the Health Collective's publication *Action On Namibia*.)

In response to these requests the Health Collective has dispatched 180 medical kits (50 in 1977/78 and 130 in 1981/82). The kits cost £120 each, including shipping costs, which means that we have sent kits worth £21,600. *Our immediate target is to send a further 100 kits — which means that we need to raise £12,000 URGENTLY.*

OTHER CAMPAIGNS OF THE HEALTH COLLECTIVE

The Health Collective has been sending material aid to SWAPO's Department of Health since 1977. This has included relief supplies in response to the Kassinga massacre, 9,000 pairs of rubber boots to combat foot diseases, a Landrover and a childcare and maternity clinic in conjunction with the SWAPO Women's Solidarity Campaign. Medical books and other educational materials have been sent out recently.

The Health Collective also works with other organisations which support SWAPO, helping them to send material aid — such as water pumps, hand tools, dentist kits etc.

CONTENT OF KITS

Dressings:

30 gauze pads, 3 plaster dressing strips, 30 anchor dressings, 6 zinc oxide plasters, 8 cotton and crepe bandages, 3 triangular bandages, 60 melolin dressings, 10 soffra tulle, absorbent gauze, cotton wool, 15 wound dressings, 10 strei-strip sutures, 16 standard dressings (medium and large), 1 bar gidal soap and 4 tubes hibitane cream.

Instruments:

Scrubbing nail brush, 2 inflatable splints (arm and leg), 3 pairs of forceps (5 inch, angle end and tissue), scalpel handle and 10 scalpel blades, 2 sizes, 30 safety pins, 2 glass hypodermic syringes, 20 disposable hypodermic needles, 5 sutures 3/0 with needles, airway, torch and scissors.

Pain Killers:

1,000 aspirin tablets, 250 paracetamol tablets, 10 x 10 lignocaine plain 1% inject., 3 x 1ml pentazocine 60mg. injections.

Antibiotics:

500 penicillin V tablets 250mg., 500 oxytetracycline 250mg., 10 ampoules tripropen inject., 10 ampoules water for inject. 2ml.

Vitamins:

500 Multivitamin tablets, 1 x 1.5kg. tinglucose oral electrolyte mixture, 2,500 ferrous sulphate tablets 300mg.

Specific drugs:

1,000 Chloroquin phosphate tabs (anti-malaria) 250mg., 250 Chloramphenicol capsules (anti-typhoid) 250mg., 500 Codeine phosphate, 100 Piperazine adipate tabs (anti-worm) 300mg., 4 tubes tineafax ointment, 8 tubes tetracycline eye/ear ointment, 4 tubes acriflex aeriflavine cream (insect sting/skin lesion), 250 Metronibazole 200mg.

Kit bag, green waterproof nylon.

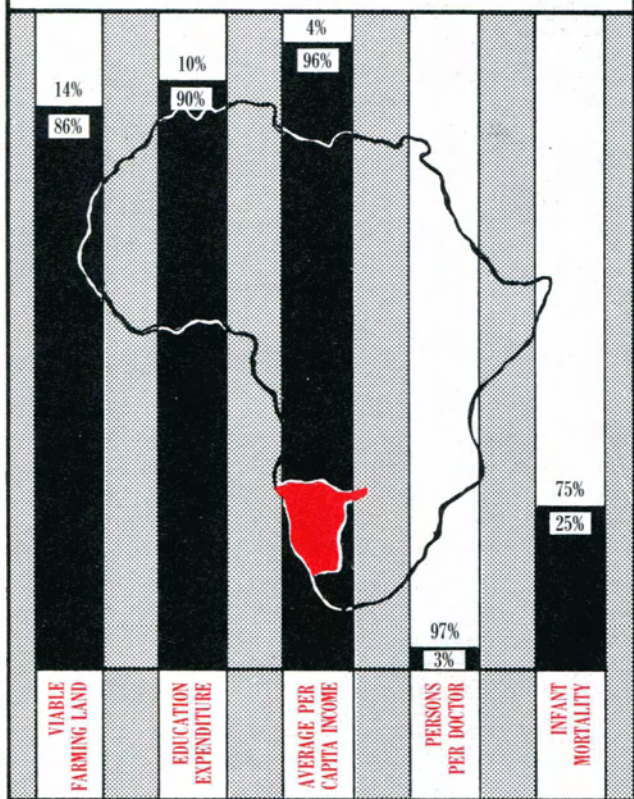
Total cost £120.



Contents of a medical kit.

APARTHEID IN NAMIBIA

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

Buy a medical kit for SWAPO — cost £120.

- ★ Get your union, college, church or other organisation to pass a resolution supporting SWAPO and making a commitment to buy a kit.
- ★ Organise fundraising events to raise money.
- ★ Arrange a meeting with speakers, films (available from NSC) to inform your constituency about SWAPO's struggle for liberation.
- ★ Subscribe to *Action On Namibia* and find out about NSC's other campaigns including the Campaign Against the Namibian Uranium Contract (CANUC), the SWAPO Women's Solidarity Campaign (SWSC) and the Political Prisoners Campaign.

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

Please fill in and return as soon as possible:

NAME

ADDRESS

TEL. NO.

I enclose a cheque/PO/cash

(I do/do not require a receipt) Total £

Cheques should be made payable to NSC MEDICAL AID.
Bankers: Co-operative Bank Ltd, 78/80 Cornhill, London EC3. Account number 50140088.

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Preparing kits for dispatch.