



San COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Ju'/hoansi San community of the Nyae Nyae Conservancy can no longer survive exclusively by hunting and gathering; they require a local perspective for education and training. We at TUCSIN TSUMKWE are implementing projects that integrate the perspectives of members of the Ju'/hoansi community and are respectful for the precious – but rare – value systems of traditional hunter-gatherer societies.

Now, however, we are facing an emergency.

Currently, there are no cases of COVID-19 in the Tsumkwe area, but should the pandemic reach this area, we would face a health disaster. Villagers in remote areas represent a particularly **vulnerable population**. These villagers are prone to tuberculosis and they present signs of malnutrition which weakens their immune system. Furthermore, access to health facilities is arduous, and monitoring of the spread of the disease will be rendered almost impossible by the remoteness of many of the settlements and the lack of communication.

We need your help to support our **COVID-19 TASK Force**, involving TUCSIN, the Traditional Authority, the Nyae Nyae Conservancy and the Ministry of Health. Together, our team goes to the most remote villages and delivers information, masks and thermometers. We also bring educational material to the children who are not returning to school. Our goal is to inform and support the villagers, but also to make sure COVID won't contribute to further marginalizing them. **They are not forgotten and we care about their health and well-being** during harsh times. There is also an outbreak of scabies in the villages, that needs to be addressed urgently. It is a virulent form that cannot be rid of without medicine and affects adults as well as children.

Should you want to make a donation, please use EFT to this account — making sure you reference it as “COVID-SAN-RELIEF”. Any questions can be directed to **Alexandra Parrs, TUCSIN Tsumkwe, program manager**: alex.tucsin@gmail.com / <https://tsumkwe-lodge.com> / <http://www.tucsin.org/index.php/en/project/tsumkwe>

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