

Sister Namibia in Ongwediva

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Since the opening of Sister Namibia's Satellite Office in Ongwediva in 2009, women in northern Namibia have been able to access feminist information through the Sister Namibia magazine as well as at outreach meetings, in which women come together to discuss, share experiences and exchange empowering ideas.

At these meetings they read, analyze and personalise stories in the Sister Namibia magazine and have lots of fun together. These meetings have created a public and safe platform for women to discuss private issues that they face in their day-to-day lives.

I, as Sister Namibia's Outreach Officer, have also dedicated myself to making the important information in the Sister Namibia magazine available to all visitors of the ELCIN Church Center. Through a magazine display table at the centre, members of the public have access to free copies of the magazine.

Magazine distribution is also done through various organizations dealing with HIV and AIDS as well as human rights issues. The distribution of the magazine, done together with the collection of feedback on the magazine, has led to readers commenting on various topics and giving suggestions of what they would like to see more of in the magazine.

All women and girls in northern Namibia, who want to engage with other women in discussion meetings and get to know more about feminism, are in for some really interesting activities to start soon. Sister Namibia, through her Satellite Office, plans to host video shows featuring contemporary social issues. Similar shows followed by discussions will also be shown to various youth and young women.

Sister Namibia also plans to make presentations of topics related to gender, HIV, women's rights and health on the NBC Oshiwambo radio station. Outreach meetings at the Oshakati Multi-purpose Center will continue, and old and new members are welcome to use these really informative platforms.

Sister Namibia invites constructive suggestions and ideas for activities in the North. This is women's chance to let their voices be heard! Let us make feminism fun!

For all women living in the north of Namibia:

You can contact Sister Namibia's Outreach Officer Justina Shivolo at number 065- 230 568 or cell number 081 4463 651. You are also welcome to visit the Sister Namibia Satellite Office in Ongwediva.



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