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Container No. 2 – loaded and locked

Thanks to a magnificent effort by a band of ~20 volunteers on Sunday morning, 340 bikes along with tyres, tubes and myriad spares were packed for shipping to Africa, to depart from Fremantle on May 3rd.



By arrangement with our partner in Namibia (Bicycling Empowerment Network) this container will resupply 7 existing successful Bicycle Empowerment Centres:

- **Walvis Bay-Welwitschia Bicycle Shop** (HIV/AIDS Support group). Profits help support group members to launch new micro enterprises, for example traditional craft making, kapana (barbequed meat) sales and tuck shops. The support group also launched a can recycling project last year.

- **Windhoek-King's Daughters Bicycle Shop**. Profits support a programme to help get former sex-workers off the streets and into mainstream employment. This project was launched by the Governor General of Australia, Quentin Bryce, during her visit to Namibia.
- **Windhoek-Family of Hope Services**. FHS works with families, particularly the extended families of orphans, to help them provide better support to children. It also runs a kindergarten and daily after school programme to provide education support and a meal a day to local children.



- **Rehoboth, Rainbow Bicycle Shop** (Catholic AIDS Action)*
- **Keetmanshop, Duweltjie Bicycle Shop** (Disability Resource Centre). This project employs people with disabilities, who face strong discrimination in an already difficult job market in Namibia, which has a 51% national unemployment rate. It uses profits to fund support activities for people with disabilities.
- **Noordoewer Bicycle Shop** (Catholic AIDS Action)



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- **Gobabis** (Catholic AIDS Action)* -Container to stay on site at Gobabis.

*CAA is BEN Namibia's biggest partner in Namibia. It provides outreach support services for people living with HIV/AIDS, coordinating a large network of volunteers to do home care visits. It also supports orphans by paying school fees, buying uniforms and running soup kitchens to provide regular meals. Its support is not conditional on faith and its volunteers are drawn from diverse religious backgrounds. Profits from CAA shops are used to support orphan feeding and education schemes.

Bicycles supplied by B4H WA will then have had impact on communities spread across an area 500km by 700km in Namibia.



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