

OUTLOOK NEWSLETTER

A newsletter for the Girl Guides Association of Namibia



Welcome to our 3rd Issue

By the Chief Commissioner



As we welcome 2026, the Girl Guides Association of Namibia reflects on a year of renewed momentum and looks ahead to a year of action. In 2025, GGAN strengthened its international presence through participation in the WAGGGS Africa Region Growth Catalysts programme in Accra, Ghana, while also reinforcing internal governance through a successful Annual General Meeting held in Okatana. These milestones laid a strong foundation for growth, accountability, and visibility. Building on this progress, 2026 will focus on implementation, rolling out core educational programmes such as Free Being Me and Surf Smart 2.0, strengthening leadership training, expanding community impact initiatives, and driving youth-led innovation. With a renewed commitment to regional growth and sustainability, GGAN enters the year united in its vision of creating an equal world where all girls can thrive.

Yours in Guiding,

Gretta Gaspar

Girl Reflecting on 2025: Global Reach & Grassroots Governance



The past year was defined by a powerful return to the international stage and a commitment to strengthening our internal structures.

In December 2025, Hanna Mwaala represented GGAN at the WAGGGS Africa Region Growth Catalysts program in Accra, Ghana. This mission was a vital step in re-establishing Namibia's presence in the global movement after a period of limited engagement.

Highlights from the mission included:

Capacity Building:

Participation in intensive training sessions on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and project planning.

The Kusafiri Challenge:

Hanna successfully earned the prestigious Kusafiri badge by completing community-based challenges.

Project Development:

Our representative developed a project proposal to be implemented within GGAN, focusing on mentorship and growth.

International Recognition:

Hanna was awarded a certificate for her successful completion of the Growth Catalyst training.

2025 AGM: Closing the Year in Okatana, Roman Catholic Regional Parish



Our 2025 calendar officially concluded on 14 December with the successful hosting of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Roman Catholic Okatana facilities in Oshakati. This important gathering marked the formal close of the year and provided a strategic platform to reflect on progress made, fulfil statutory obligations, and set clear direction for the year ahead. During the AGM, members attended to key statutory matters, including the reading and confirmation of previous minutes, as well as the adoption of annual reports presented by the President, Treasurer, and Chief Commissioner. These processes reaffirmed the Association's commitment to good governance, transparency, and accountability.

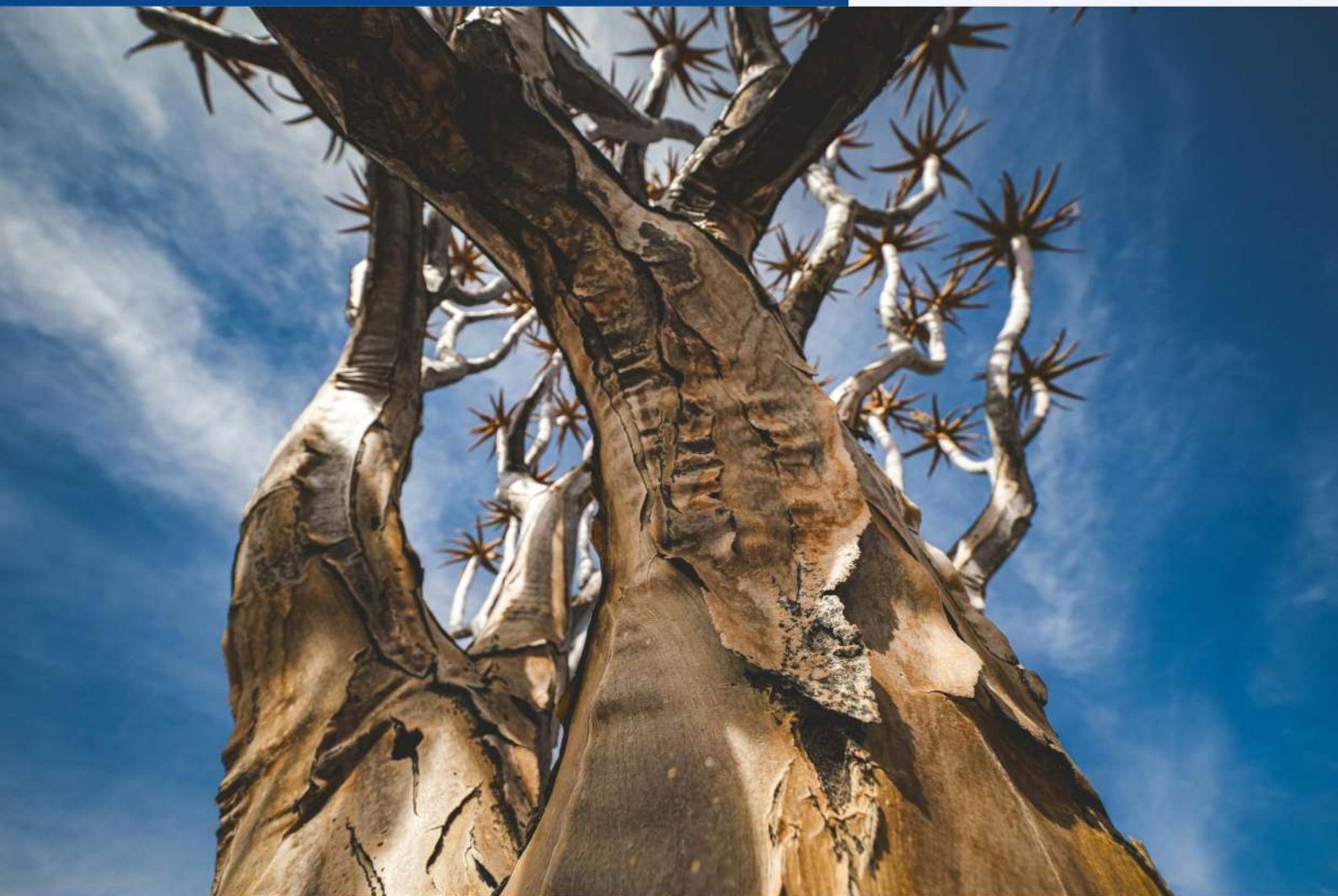
Strong emphasis was also placed on financial oversight. Regional financial reports were reviewed in detail, outstanding payments were discussed, and strategies to strengthen fundraising and financial sustainability were explored to support future programmes and activities.

In addition, structural planning formed a central part of the discussions. The NATEX session focused on proposed National Council changes and assessed the overall health and functionality of regional structures in the Northern, Central, Southern, and Coastal regions, highlighting areas of progress and those requiring further support.

Finally, the AGM underscored the importance of visibility and communication. Deliberations focused on improving GGAN's national presence through more effective use of the Association's website and media platforms, ensuring that the work of Guiding remains visible, accessible, and impactful as we move into the new year.



Projecting the new year



As we step confidently into the year ahead, our focus is firmly on strengthening the foundations of Guiding while expanding opportunities for our girls and leaders across the country. This year is about action, consistency, and visible impact.

One of our key priorities is the completion of our Cambodia registrations, ensuring that our organisational systems are compliant, updated, and positioned to support our long-term growth. This administrative milestone is critical to enabling smoother operations and stronger accountability across all levels of the Association.

We are also placing strong emphasis on camping certification and training, as safe, well-run camps are at the heart of the Guiding experience. By investing in proper training and certification for our leaders, we are strengthening capacity, safety standards, and confidence within our movement.

In line with our commitment to regional equity, we will be providing targeted support to Oranjemund and Mariental, working closely with local leadership to revitalise activities, strengthen structures, and ensure our Guides in these areas are fully supported.

Additionally, our regional work in Swakopmund remains a priority. We aim to deepen engagement, support programme delivery, and improve visibility, ensuring that Guiding continues to grow and thrive along the coast.

This year calls for teamwork, dedication, and shared responsibility. Together, let us translate our plans into meaningful outcomes that empower our girls, strengthen our leaders, and uphold the values of Guiding across Namibia.