

LETTER OF VULNERABILITY AND RESILIENCE

meaningful expressions and understandings from different cultures on how to deal with the crisis



✉ How the Global Pandemic Covid-19 has impacted the lives of our people and especially the Tourism Industry in Namibia

I'm Theo Iyambo Naruseb the chairperson of the Otjimboyo conservancy in Erongo region. Our conservancy actually is not generating income because of the Global pandemic and we can no longer receive visitors, although we were in the process of signing a joint venture agreements with a professional hunter and a tourism operations company to get an income for self sufficiency.

We are currently seriously affected by the world wide pandemic the Covid-19 which stopped both the tourism operations and trophy hunting clients from overseas. Our communities are socially affected as our plans for joint venture partnerships are both stopped and our long term wish and dreams didn't materialize. Women selling crafts are also affected as there are no tourism operations.

We do have our community game guards system which we regard as the backbone of the conservancy. Our 3 game guards and 1 elephant guard are trying all their best to voluntarily monitor our wildlife. It's really tough as they do have families to take care for, but as champions of our precious fauna and flora we are thankful for their efforts.

We are praying and as leaders encouraging our members to prevent themselves from the spread of the virus. We hope that medical practitioners find a cure for this virus otherwise things will get more worse than the current situation.

Kind regards

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