

## The N/a'an ku sê Lifeline Clinic



**Lifeline Clinic**  
"Conservation through Innovation"

N/a'an ku sê relies on voluntary donations and the time and support of volunteers to continue to help Bushman patients like [Frans](#) and [William](#) through our Lifeline Clinic. Read their stories below.

We do not receive any government funding and desperately want to keep this vital service running. You can make a difference by joining our **pay for a patient scheme** to enable us to purchase the medicines, supplies and cover the running costs for the clinic.

**Pay for a patient** – by making a donation of N\$550 (Approx 95€, £40) you could enable us to treat 10 Bushman for free. Email [donationsnaankuse@iway.na](mailto:donationsnaankuse@iway.na) to make a donation or if you are interested in volunteering at the Clinic please email [bookingsnaankuse@iway.na](mailto:bookingsnaankuse@iway.na)

### Our patients

#### **Frans' story**

Seven year old Frans was treated at the clinic this March. His Bushman mum Dina, called out from the street near the clinic to our nurse late one evening. Speaking in Afrikaans Dina explained that Frans had a lump on his tummy and a high fever.

Anna dropped everything to immediately bring Dina and Frans into the clinic for an examination, which revealed a lump by his belly button. Anna diagnosed a tic bite and Frans was given antibiotics to stop any infection and paracetamol to bring his fever down.

If the Lifeline Clinic had not been there, Dina and Frans, would have needed to find the money to pay to go to the state clinic. It is unlikely that they would have been able to find the money and the infection would have been left untreated. In this case, Frans's tic bite could have lead to severe sickness and even death.



#### **William's story**

Bonita, a local volunteer, recently found Bushman William sitting outside the state clinic waiting to see someone. When she asked him what the problem was he told her he had a sore foot so she brought him to the N/a'an ku sê Lifeline Clinic.

When he arrived William was wearing a holey pair of old shoes and one very smelly old sock. When the sock was removed it was discovered that he had recently had his big toe amputated. The amputation had been done at the State Hospital and after 8 days he had been released. We don't know if the foot had been bandaged when he left the hospital, but when he came to us he was just using his sock as a bandage.

Williams wound was very dirty and badly infected. Our Nurse Anna with help from Bonita and Jasmine, a medical volunteer, cleaned out the wound, treated the infection and dressed it. As he was getting ready to leave, William went to put his old sock back on over the dressing. On seeing this, Jasmine quickly ran over to the house and returned with a brand new pair of socks for him.

William was told to come back daily so his dressing could be changed which he did for the first three days. The wound was healing well but he disappeared over the weekend and when he reappeared the following Tuesday his foot had become infected again so his treatment was restarted. He has since been coming in every day since and we're glad to report that his wound is healing nicely.



Our Sister, Anna and patient, William



The foot

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