

## **REPORT OF THE FINNISH AACRLS PROJECT 2005-2007**

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This paper is a summary of the work of the Finnish AACRLS Committee and its project workers during October 2005 – May 2007. The project has been funded by the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) until the end of May 2007. Despite numerous applications for further financing, none other financier has not so far agreed on funding the project. The aim of this report is to make possible the continuation of the project in the future. This report focuses on the work of the two project workers, Tommi Lehtonen and Marja Olli.

## **1. Background information**

In the end of the year 2000 the government of Namibia launched a project called Archives of the Anti-Colonial Resistance and the Liberation Struggle with purpose to locate and arrange documents concerning the liberation struggle of Namibia. The project is jointly funded by the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Federal Republic of Germany. It has a National Steering Committee, which coordinates the AACRLS project secretariat. The secretariat is responsible for monitoring the progress of researchers in the field and facilitates their work through technical, logistical and material support.

The Steering Committee has set up four Sub-committees to support its work. Established sub-committees are involved in Education, Research and Publications, Collections and Capacity-Building. One of the aims of the project is to establish regional committees to all thirteen regions in Namibia. Committees are supposed to be established internationally also. So far AACRLS-Country Committees have been established in Germany, Russia and Finland.

## **2. Finnish AACRLS Country Committee**

Preliminary charting of the Finnish archives containing documents on the Liberation struggle in Southern Africa was done by Sisko Mattila and Mikko Helminen during 2004. Their work was funded by the Nordic Africa Institute. This work formed a basis for the Finnish AACRLS Country Committee's work.

The Finnish Country Committee was established in December 2004. It includes representatives from interested organisations as well as independent researchers. After the establishment of the Country Committee, it applied funds from the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) for executing the project.

The application was accepted, and in October 2005 the Finnish AACRLS Country Committee hired two project workers to start collecting and digitising relevant material concerning the liberation struggle of Namibia and the Finland's role in it. The project workers were locally administrated by the Mission Museum.

### **3. Cultural Cooperation Finland-Africa 10.10.2005 – 28.10.2005**

The Finnish AACRLS Country Committee organized a seminar on archival principles, practices and solutions in Finland during October 2005. Purpose of the seminar was to give broad understanding about archival processes in Finland. The seminar was financed by the Finnish Ministry of Education and the Finnish Literature Society.

The participants of the seminar were Mr. Jade McClune from National Archives of Namibia, Dr. Shekutaamba Vainö Vainö Nambala, Director of Finance and Development from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia, Dr. Ezekiel Alembi from Kenyatta University, Kenya and Tommi Lehtonen and Marja Olli, two project workers from Finnish AACRLS. Mr. McClune is the project coordinator of the AACRLS in Namibia and Dr. Nambala is member of the Namibian AACRLS history committee.

The seminar was appreciated by the participants and they found it very useful in various ways. All the participants agreed that there is a need to continue cooperation on international level in the field of various archival issues.

## **4. How the work proceeded**

### **4.1. The Archives of FELM and Africa Committee**

The actual work started in the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission Archives. During three months (January 2006-March 2006) the project workers scanned about 2000 pages and 300 slides and photos. At the end of March 2006, project workers moved to the People's Archives to digitise The Finnish Peace Committee's Africa Committee's material. The organisation had stopped its activities during 1990's and the documents were left as such to the People's Archives. So the material of the Finnish Peace Committee's Africa Committee was not organised at all. Therefore before picking the relevant material for describing and scanning, it was found necessary to organise the Africa Committee's material according to People's Archives classification scheme. Organising work took about two months. After organizing the material the scanning took five weeks.

### **4.2. Nordic-Namibian AACRLS-seminar 7.-8.6.2006**

The Finnish AACRLS Country Committee, together with the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), organised a two-day seminar (Nordic-Namibian AACRLS-seminar) in Helsinki in 7th.-8th June. The focus of the seminar was in sharing experiences with other digitising projects and discussing different technical solutions for digitising documents.

### **4.3. The Finnish Labour Archives**

In September, the project workers moved to the Finnish Labour Archives. There they catalogued and scanned the Espoo-Namibia Committee's archives, Namibia related

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part of the Worker's Education Association's archive and big part of the International Solidarity Foundation's archive. This work lasted for two months.

#### **4.4. Visit to the Nordic Africa Institute**

Mr. Tommi Lehtonen visited Nordic Africa Institute (later referred as NAI) in 8.-9.10.2006 and delivered them the digital copies of the FELM and Africa Committee's material. It was noted there that NAI does not have any use for such an amount of digital archival material for now. Only some examples and catalogues for web pages are needed. It was agreed that more effort should be put on oral history part of the project.

#### **4.5. Idea of microfilming the material**

The new idea of microfilming the documents instead of scanning was brought into discussion later that year. Microfilming was seen as more efficient and faster method than scanning. It was also seen as more secure way of saving the documents since the preserving time for microfilm cards is hundreds of years. It was also marked that the resources of the National Archives of Namibia might be limited for the time being, so using and preserving digital copies might cause some problems. The director of the National Archives of Finland, Dr Jussi Nuorteva, also recommended microfilming the material.

To get more knowledge about microfilming processes, the project workers visited a microfilming services company, Monikko Oy, and the microfilming department of the National Archives of Finland. These visits, especially the visit in Monikko Oy, were convincing about the benefits of the microfilming compared to digital copies when considering archiving material, which requires long-term preservation. The needed resources are considerably lower.

#### **4.6. Adjusting the agreements**

Drafts of the agreements for transferring the copies of documents and photos were made in cooperation with the FELM lawyer in Finnish. These agreements should protect individuals, whose personal data might be in transferred documents. The development of the agreements has been ongoing process in early spring also.

#### **4.7. Starting oral history interviews**

One part of the project was to collect oral histories of the Finnish people who supported various ways the liberation struggle of Namibia or who otherwise followed closely the Namibian situation through their work. Realisation of this part of the project started gradually at the end of 2006. By the end of April 2007 project workers, Tommi Lehtonen and Marja Olli, interviewed nine people who represent different fields professionally: missionaries, teachers, a doctor, diplomats and NGO actives. Transcriptions/summaries based on the interviews were also done. The level of exactness of the summaries may vary.

The used interviewing method may be classified as semi-structured interview. The structure of the interview has usually followed the pattern of a lifespan. Interviewees

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have told about their background, the development of their interest towards Namibia, their work, their experiences and memories from that time.

#### **4.8. Private photo archives**

Some private photo collections and/or document collections have also been scanned. More details about scanned private collections can be found in Appendix II.

#### **4.9 Mapping out materials in other archives**

Because the funding from NAI was ending after 2007, the project workers started immediately find out how much Namibia related material there still is in Finnish Archives. This work would also help starting the microfilming process in the future. (It has to be noted that this estimation work was done partially so there are still some archives and collections that are not yet researched or estimated)

The archives of SAK (Central Organization of the Finnish Trade Union), SYL (The National Union of University Students in Finland) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs was researched. More detailed information about the archives of SAK and SYL, see appendix I.

##### **Ministry for Foreign Affairs**

Archives of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Development Agency (FINNIDA) were not thoroughly researched, but some point could be made. There were only reseats and brief summary of the projects that FINNIDA was only financing partly. Those projects, in which FINNIDA was more directly involved in planning, were documented more properly. The level of documentation varied a lot. Some preliminary listing was made, but there is no proper catalogue because the archives of the 1980's were catalogued in some kind of old database. One must always consult the Ministry's archivist to get access to the FINNIDA's 1980's collection.

##### **SAK**

Archives on SAK's work are at SAK Archives, also called the Union Archives (Hakaniemenranta 1, 3. floor). The most adequate material seems to be the minutes of the **Peace Committee's** meetings, but most of them are in Finnish. The correspondence was alphabetically organized in these files. But it is possible that some of the Namibia related material is organized in A as Angola, because all the SAK work was in Kwanza Sul refugee camp in Angola. However, most of it seems to be organized in the files containing N – countries.

##### **SYL**

The archives concerning the development cooperation of the SYL is largely disorganized. The SYL archives from 1921 to 1961 have been organized and can be found in the National Archives of Finland. Archives concerning the activities of Students' International Aid (YKA) are also organized and can be found in the National Archives of Finland. However, SYL's archives after 1961 are in very bad shape. Only minutes of the Board of SYL are in order. Activities concerning

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scholarships and development cooperation are not in order, so it is not possible to catalogue them. SYL archives are located in the SYL office, Lapinrinne 2, 00180 Helsinki.

## **5. Working methods**

After the seminar the project workers started to collect information about building a digital archive. They consulted several people who had experience in digitising archival material and researched principals of archiving and digitalisation. They also had to do some research concerning the equipment needed for the project.

Because the material that was going to be digitised was/is quite numerous, creating a good cataloguing system was found vital for managing the project. So the weight was put on planning the proper structure for cataloguing.

### **5.1. Using Excel for cataloguing**

The Excel-sheet was found as a useful tool for cataloguing. For describing the material project workers researched metadata standards like Dublin Core. It was found necessary to use international and widely accepted standards for describing because then the database would be more accessible and flexible for future users. By using the standards would also allow easier transfer from Excel to database.

### **5.2. Data formats**

First the default data format was TIFF-format for photos and PDF-format for documents. For photos there are also separate JPG-files for viewing. PDF-files were scanned in searchable format, so that it would be possible to search information from the PDF files.

### **5.3. Prioritising the material for digitising**

Because the material concerning liberation struggle in Namibia available in Finnish archives is quite extensive and varied (see Sisko Mattila's and Mikko Helminen's works), some decisions concerning what material should be prioritised for scanning had to be made. Dr. Peltola made a preliminary work on this area (see Appendix IV).

## 5.4. Equipments

Scanners and another laptop were delivered in January 2006. One film scanner (Nikon Coolscan V) and one flatbed scanner with automatic document feeder (HP Scanjet 7650) were leased for the project. Photos were scanned as TIFF-format with 300 dpi resolution and documents as PDF-format with 300 dpi resolution. PDF were scanned as searchable using the scanner's own software.

Interviews have been recorded by using a Sony NET MD Walkman MZ-N710minidisk recorded provided by the Mission Museum. In addition, the interviews have afterwards been recorded as WAV-files and saved to the external hard drive Lacie 250 Kb. The minidisk copy will be archived to the Finnish Missionary Society's archives and the WAV-files will be sent to the National Archives of Namibia.

## 6. Work to be done

### 6.1. Microfilming

After researching these various archives, it would be worthwhile to discuss the usefulness of microfilming the material. Archives can include a lot of material without any historical relevance. The major problem with such archives is that the selection of material to be archived has not been done. Paperwork has been multiplied during the years. Before microfilming the material, it would be necessary to organise the relevant material and dispose the material which is not meant to be preserved permanently. Microfilming hundreds of pages without any real information value is not reasonable. See *Researching the archives* for more details.

#### Suggested collections

In the People's Archives there are some interesting collections which should be researched. For example a project called "Väiskin pumppu" (ask archivists for more details). EELAK (Isolate South Africa) campaign is also worth checking.

Operation One Day's Work's collection and M.P. Kimmo Kiljunen's private collection are in the Finnish Labour Archives. These collections should be noted as well.

### 6.2. Storing digital copies

The collected material is gathered in the external hard drive, LaCie USB 2.0. 250 Gt. This material should be taken care of properly. Safety copies to another hard drive, external or internal are recommendable. Although the digital material is kept in external hard drive and the access to it will be kept restricted, it is always possible that the hard drive itself will get some sort of malfunction or something similar happens. One cannot be totally sure about functionality of the electronic devices, especially when they are meant to preserve material for many years. It is also highly recommendable that this issue could be discussed with experts of IT technology, like the IT department of FELM.

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When delivering the material to Namibia, it is necessary to make sure that there is also one safety copy here in Finland. Anything can happen even during the travel and all sorts of surprises are possible. Safety copies have to be taken in regular intervals.

### 6.3. Interviews and private archives

There are still many people in Finland who were somehow involved in Namibia related issues during 1960-1990 and who should be interviewed in the future. Early “Namibia activists” are also getting older so this work should continue as soon as possible. It should be noted that many of those might also have interesting private collections (photos, slides and/or documents) which should be saved as well.

Ms. Sisko Mattila’s list of the private archives is a good starting point when planning future interviews. It should be though noted that employees of FELM, who worked in Namibia during 1960-90, are not included in that list but can usually be traced with the help of the FELM staff.

#### Some smaller tasks to be completed later

**Ms. Tuija Stenbäck’s** private collection contains two very interesting and well documented photo collections. Photos are taken during 1984-1988 when ARLA-institute organised two courses in Espoo for visually handicapped SWAPO students and their instructors. Tuija Stenbäck also has a VHS-video tape recording from those courses, which also should be transferred to DVD-format. The tape is in English.

**Mr. Börje Mattsson** promised also to check his photo collection. This has not yet happened.

M.Sc., Ms. **Marja Väisälä** has got some very interesting documents at her home in Turku. She has promised to donate the documents to FELM’s archives. This material should be acquired from her.

SYL’s archivist **Seija Pyökeri** found a slide collection from the Operation One Day’s Work’s 1982 campaign (SWAPO, Building Kindergarten to Kwanza Sul, Angola). She is still looking for the slide texts but they should also be found at SYL’s archives.

**Mr. Seppo Ylinen** from the Worker’s Educational Association/Työväen Sivistysliitto (TSL) agreed that the digital copies made from the TSL’s archival documents can be transferred to the National Archives of Namibia. The project is still waiting for a signed agreement from WEA. Seppo Ylinen suggested that he could be interviewed with Mr. Jukka Pääkkönen from SASK.

Late Ms. **Kirsti Pakkala’s** estate contains photos and letters which might be interesting. This estate is in a possession of her sister, Pirkko Pakkala. Permission to research the estate has to be asked from her. Right now the estate is being sorted and cannot be researched or copied until the current project is finished.

The personnel of SASK have promised to check their archives concerning cooperation with Namibians during the 1980’s. Mr. Jukka Pääkkönen is acquainted to this. So far

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there has been no further development. Mr. Pääkkönen has also promised to go through his private collections which might be relevant to this project. Contact information: [jukka.paakkonen@sask.fi](mailto:jukka.paakkonen@sask.fi)

In addition, there are two important private collections to be invented, namely the collections of Dr. **Hannu Paajanen** and Mr. **Markku Vesikko**, who were important actors in Kwanza Sul and probably have interesting information.

## APPENDIX I

### DIGITISED MATERIAL FROM ORGANIZATIONS

#### 1. Archives of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)

Documents from 1967 onwards are situated at the FELM archives, Vuorimiehenkatu 17 A, Helsinki

Archives are accessible via the FELM archive unit. Consult the archivist for detailed information: [arkisto@mission.fi](mailto:arkisto@mission.fi). The list below contains some of the parts of the archives that are most likely to contain information on FELM work in Namibia, co-operation with other organizations and Namibian affairs in general. Some sets of documents, such as the ones related to FELM economy, have been omitted as less relevant.

##### Letters to the mission director (Ea.)

Note: restricted access. A written authorization is required for accessing material that is less than 50 years old.

Letters sent to the mission director are divided into three main categories:

- 1) Letters from Finland (Eaa.): Nine volumes, years 1961-1991. Contents: letters from workers in Finland, private persons, associations and organizations, church.
- 2) Letters from other countries (Eab.): Nine volumes, years 1967-1991. See archive catalogue at FELM library for details.
- 3) Letters from working areas (Eac.): A large collection starting from 1960. Letters and circulars from working areas.

##### Letters from abroad (Eab.)

**File:** **Eab 21**  
**File title:** Letters to the mission director from abroad. Africa  
**Time span:** 1967-1980  
**Description:** Letters from different countries from Africa. SWAPO and Namibia related documents are selected. Contains confidential material. PDF only.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 42

**File:** **Eab 24**  
**File title:** Letters to the mission director from abroad. Asia, Africa, America  
**Time span:** 1967-1991  
**Description:**  
**Number of scanned pages:** 1

**Letters from working areas (Eac.):****File: Eac 69**

File title: Letters from South-West Africa

Time span: 1960-1968

Description: Documents from South West Africa and Tanganyika (Tanzania). Selection principles are in the file "Eac 69, not scanned subfolders.doc". PDF only.

Number of scanned pages: 44

**File: Eac 69a**

File title: Letters from South-West Africa

Time span: 1966-1970

Description: Documents from South West Africa and Tanganyika (Tanzania). Selection principles are in the file "Eac 69anot scanned.doc". PDF only

Number of scanned pages: 71

**File: Eac 72**

File title: Letters from working areas.

Time span: 1966-80

Description: Documents from Namibia and Tanzania. Selection principles are in the file "Eac 72 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 85

**File: Eac 73**

File title: Circulars from working areas

Time span: 1975-1976

Description: Circulars from Namibia are selected. Documents are in alphabetical order. Selection principles are in the file "Eac 73 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 71

**File: Eac 74**

File title: Circulars from working areas

Time span: 1977-1978

Description: Circulars from Namibia and Tanzania are selected. Documents are in alphabetical order. Selection principles are in the file "Eac 74 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 61

**File: Eac 75**

File title: Circulars from working areas

Time span: 1977-1978

Description: Circulars from Namibia and Tanzania are selected. Documents are in alphabetical order. Selection principles are in the file "Eac 75 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 43

**File:** **Eac 98**  
 File title: Letters from working areas: Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia  
 Time span: 1981-1991  
 Description: Documents from Namibia and Angola. Selection principles are in the file "Eac 98 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.  
 Number of scanned pages: 20

### **Correspondence: director of the Overseas Department (Ee.)**

Correspondence with international organizations, correspondence in Finland, with working areas (Namibia). Years 1982-.

**File:** **Ee 3**  
 File title: Correspondence with working areas  
 Time span: 1983-1988  
 Description: Namibia related selected documents. Selection principles are in the file "Ee 3 not scanned.doc". PDF only.  
 Number of scanned pages: 15

**File:** **Ee 4**  
 File title: Correspondence with working areas  
 Time span: 1988-1990  
 Description: Namibia related selected documents. Selection principles are in the file "Ee 4 not scanned.doc". PDF only.  
 Number of scanned pages: 6

### ***Documents of Africa Secretary, Africa Secretary's Office and Africa Work Field Secretary***

The following folder titles (originally in Finnish) are mentioned in the FELM archive catalogue. For further details or complete catalogue, consult the FELM archivist.

#### **Documents of the Africa secretary (I.)**

**File:** **I 23**  
 File title: Miscellaneous documents  
 Time span: 1958-1970  
 Description: Literature and Bible translation 1965-1969, Students in South Africa 1961-1963, Work at Nkongo 1961-1963, 1966-1969, Ongandjera 1962-1963, Oshigambo 1963-1970, Otjimbingwe Seminary 1961-1967, Finnish School in Swakopmund 1961-1970, Ongwediva 1961-1962, 1964-1965. Selection principles are in the file "Not scanned sub-files\_I23.doc". PDF only.  
 Number of scanned pages: 67

**File:** **I 30**  
 File title: Africa Secretary's letters  
 Time span: 1961-1968  
 Description: Minutes of meetings, covering letters, correspondence with ELOC. TIFF and PDF.

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Number of scanned pages: 3

**File: I 33**

File title: Letters

Time span: 1965-70

Description: Correspondence with the FMS field secretary and assistant field secretary in S. W. Africa 1965-1970, 1969-1970. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 21

**File: I 34**

File title: Letters

Time span: 1965-1978

Description: Correspondence with missionaries in S.W. Africa. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 14

**File: I 40**

File title: Correspondence concerning refugees and various projects

Time span: 1968-1976

Description: Selection principles are in the file "I 40 not scanned.doc". PDF only. Some of the documents have restricted access: confidentiality time 50 years (starts 1976)

Number of scanned pages: 310

**File: I 43**

File title: Letters of the Africa secretary

Time span: 1969-1980

Description: Ambo-Kavango Church, contains agreements, reports etc. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 68

**File: I 45**

File Title: Documents of the African secretary

Time span: 1969-1972

Description: JCSA (Joint Committee on Southern Africa. Selection principles are in the file "PRIORISOINTIPERIAATTEET kansio I45.doc". PDF only

Number of scanned pages: 146

**File: I 50**

File title: Letters of the Africa secretary

Time span: 1971-1975

Description: Correspondence with the FMS field secretary in S.W. Africa 1971-1975. TIFF and PDF. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 49

**File: I 51**

File title: Africa secretary's documents

Time span: 1971-1977

Description: Correspondence with the FMS field secretary and assistant field secretary in S. W. Africa 1971-1977. TIFF and PDF. Contains confidential material.

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Number of scanned pages: 53

**File: I 59**

File title: Correspondence concerning African guests

Time span: 1961-1981

Description: Correspondence concerning African guests. TIFF and PDF

Number of scanned pages: 47

**File: I 118**

File title: Letters, Namibia projects

Time span: 1985-1989

Description: Letters and documents concerning various projects in Namibia. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 39

**Other Documents (II)****File: II 9**

File title: Material concerning South -and South West Africa

Time span: 1968-1977

Description: Material on South and South-West Africa 1968-1977. TIFF and PDF. Selection principles are in the file "not scanned II 9.doc".

Number of scanned pages: 137

**File: II 13**

File title: Documents concerning Ethiopia, South-West Africa and Tangayinga

Time span: 1971-1976

Description: Only one report scanned. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 4

**File: II 35**

File title: Namibia: Project plans, project reports 1986-1988, project committee's minutes 1988-1989

Time span: 1986-1989

Description: Contains various reports and action plans between the years 1986-1989. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 94

**File: II 36**

File title: Namibia Finance Office

Time span: 1983-1989

Description: Joint projects of FELM and ELCIN, memos, reports, budgets. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 45

**Documents concerning Namibia (III)****File: III 1**

File title: Newspapers, letters and newspaper clippings concerning Namibia.

Time span: 1960-1976

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Description: Letters and newspaper clippings concerning Namibia.. Selection principles are in the file "Not scanned III 1.doc". PDF only.

Number of scanned pages: 18

**File: III 2**

File title: Tape containing Namibian songs, reports, newspapers, and newspaper clippings concerning Namibia

Time span: 1960-1977

Description: Tape containing Namibian songs, reviews, booklets, papers. Selection principles are in the file "Not scanned III 2.doc". PDF only.

Number of scanned pages: 131

**File: III 3**

File title: Letters, reports, SWAPO conference, Christian Institute etc.

Time span: 1966-1977

Description: Letters, reports, SWAPO conference, Christian institute etc. 1966-1977, and incl. visit of SWAPO information officer. Contains two photos from Ondangwa trial in autumn 1973 in the subfolder "Letters, reports, stories etc. 1971-1977 About tortures 1967". Selection principles are in the file "Not scanned III 3.doc". PDF only. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 100

**File: III 6**

File title: Letters, reviews, statements etc.

Time span: 1967-1980

Description: Papers, reviews, statements a. o. 1967-1980. Selection principles are in the file "not scanned III 6.doc". TIFF and PDF. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 223

**File: III 7**

File title: Letters, writings (including Bishop Auala)

Time span: 1968-1969

Description: Letters, writings (including Bishop Auala). TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 63

**File: III 13**

File title: Newspapers, letters, reports, reviews, SWAPO statements etc.

Time span: 1969-1975

Description: Papers, letters, reports, SWAPO publications etc. 1969-1975, Reviews, general information on SWAPO etc. 1969-1980, incl. press clippings. Selection principles are in the file "not scanned III 13.doc". TIFF and PDF. Contains confidential material.

Number of scanned pages: 356

**File: III 14**

File title: Reports on the situation, common information about SWAPO etc.

Time span: 1969-1980

Description: Reviews, general information on SWAPO etc. 1969-1980, incl. press clippings. TIFF and PDF.

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Number of scanned pages: 21

**File: III 16**

File title: Documents sent from Ovamboland by information officer

Time span: 1971-1972

Description: Information officer's correspondence from Namibia 1971. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 19

**File: III 19**

File title: Letters, telephone calls etc.

Time span: 1971-1972

Description: Letters, telephone calls etc. (Auala, Groth, Hukka, Ihamäki, Juva, Milk, Reeh, Winter, greetings of two Kavango priests). TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 48

**File: III 52**

File title: UN, SWAPO abroad, negotiations, parties etc.

Time span: 1978

Description: UN, SWAPO in exile, neighbours, prisoners, negotiations etc. (II-IV) 1978, press clippings. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 10

**File: III 57**

File title: Minutes of meetings, reports

Time span: 1976-1982

Description: Articles from "Namibia and Racism as challenges to the Churches" which was published as a result of an Ecumenical Council of Finland, CCIA Department- seminar on November 14-15.11.1980. TIFF and PDF.

Number of scanned pages: 36

## 2. FELM photo archives

A large collection of colour slides (a total of over 30 000) is available at the FELM photo archives. These are indexed according to country and subject, but not dated in every case. The photo archivist will help in locating the original material. Selection for scanning has been made more or less according to preliminary priorities made by Pekka Peltola (See Appendix xx).

### 2.1. Scanned slide programs (35 mm slides) on Namibia

Slide programs are placed in the same place where FELM keeps its document archive. They are kept in folders. Best way to get access to this collection is to contact FELM archivist. Slides are scanned in TIFF format and also JPG versions have been made for easing the viewing.

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- Slide program title:** **Onandjokuen lähetyssairaala (Onandjokwe hospital)** 18 slides + text  
Slide program number: 4  
Folder: 25  
Time span: 1957-1960(?)  
Description: Photos from Onandjokwe hospital between the years 1957-1960. Unknown photographer.  
Number of scanned slides: 15
- Slide program title:** **“Kontrahtiambolaiset” (“The problem of migrant workers in S. W. Africa. Would you be ready to do hard work on a monthly salary of 40 Finnish marks?”)** 26 slides + text  
Slide program number: 49  
Folder: 42  
Time span: 1969 or before  
Description: Photos related to contract workers in South West Africa. Slides 1-10, 15, 19-21 and 25-26 are missing. Slide program text is missing. Unknown photographer.  
Number of scanned slides: 10
- Slide program title:** **Mustavalkoinen Ambomaa (“Black and White Ovamboland”. The South African government, Ovambo-Kavango Church and Finnish Missionary Society working in Ovamboland. Conflict or coexistence?)** 21 slides + text.  
Slide program number: 51  
Folder: 43  
Time span: 1970 or before  
Description: Photos from celebrations concerning self-government of Ovambo 1969, missionaries, contract workers, whites, photos of the Uushona Shiimi. Some of the photos might have been taken by Juhani Ojutkagas.  
Number of scanned slides: 21
- Slide program title:** **Oniipan kirjapainon tuho, 1973 (“The Destruction of Oniipa Printing House”. The church printing house before and after destruction. Accounts by eyewitnesses on the destruction and church service on the ruins)** 17 slides + text  
Slide program number: 68  
Folder: 31  
Time span: 1973  
Description: Photos are taken just before the explosion of the Oniipa printing house in 1973, just after the explosion and from the memorial ceremony. Unknown photographer.  
Number of scanned slides: 17
- Slide program title:** **Kestääkö Namibia? 1976 (“Will Namibia Endure?” freedom fighters, police and South African troops. Common people caught in the crossfire. Church defending the oppressed (...) prayer.** 20 slides + text  
Slide program number: 92  
Folder: ?  
Time span: 1960(?)-1976

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- Description: Pictures of refugees, clerical activities and notable individuals. slides programme text is in PDF format. Photographers: Voipio, Rauha; Pietilä; Ailonga, Anita; Ihamäki; Eriksson, Olle; Ojutkangas, Juhani; Lattunen, Pirkko; Voipio, Rauha; Seppälä, Matti; Hukka, Alpo; Mäkeläinen, Jaakko; Pakkala, Kirsi
- Slide program title:** **Kärsivän Kansan kirkko, 1984 (“Church of Suffering People”, Namibian people and Ovambo-Kavango Church struggling for life and peace.)** 24 slides + text
- Slide program number: 141
- Folder: 39
- Time span: Year 1984 or before
- Description: Photos of diamond mines, workers, church activities, school activities, military vehicles etc. slides programme text is in PDF format. Photographers: Paunonen, S., Mustaniemi, H., Syrjä, K., Holopainen, Raimo, Ojutkangas, Juhani, Holopainen, Raimo, Hirvonen, A., Eriksson, Olle, Lattunen, P., Korhonen, T., Mäkelä, L., Asunta, K., Voutilainen, V.
- Number of scanned slides: 23
- Slide program title:** **Tatekulu: kuvia piispa Leonard Aualan elämästä, 8/1984 (a biographical set of pictures of Bishop Leonard Auala)** 43 slides + text by Raimo Holopainen
- Slide program number: 147
- Folder: 39
- Time span: Year 1984 or before
- Description: Mostly pictures of Bishop Auala and his colleagues. Slides programme text is in PDF format. Unknown photographer, some of the pictures might have been taken by Raimo Holopainen.
- Number of scanned slides: 38
- Slide program title:** **Yhdessä eteenpäin, 2/1991 (“Forward, together”. A short history of Namibian struggle for independence. The challenging task of the church to build the society together with the government.)** 28 slides + tape (15 min.) and text in Finnish and Swedish
- Slide program number: 167
- Folder: ?
- Time span: Year 1991 or before
- Description: Pictures of returning refugees, independence celebrations, clerical activities and notable individuals. Slide programme text is in PDF format. Photographers: Holopainen, Raimo; Herranen, Anneli; Lattunen, Pirkko; Kaarto, Reijo; Järviluoma, Sisko; Sieviläinen, Sirkku
- Number of scanned slides: 21
- Slide program title:** **Työntekijäsarja TT-Namibia -76 (“Missionary serie -76”)**
- Slide program number: TT-Namibia 1976
- Folder: 46
- Time span: Year 1976 or before
- Description: Pictures of refugees, missionary activities in Namibia, etc. Slides programme text is in PDF format. Photographers: Urvanta, Tapani;

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Holopainen, Raimo; Eriksson, Olle; Lattunen, Pirkko; Voutilainen; Ailonga, Anita; Ihamäki, Mikko; Hukka, Alpo; Pulikka, Liisa; Kyrönseppä; Voipio, Rauha; Lattunen, Pirkko

Number of scanned slides: 12

**Slide program title:** Työntekijäsarja TT-Oshigambo 1980 ("Missionary serie -80")  
**Slide program number:** TT-Oshigambo 1980  
**Folder:** 46  
**Time span:** Year 1980 or before  
**Description:** Pictures of students and teachers in Oshigambo high school. Slide program text is in PDF format. Photographers: Pullinen, Pirkko; von Schantz, Märtha; Pennanen, Tuovi Kaarina; Lundmark, Anna-Liisa

Number of scanned slides: 19

A large collection of colour slides (a total of over 30 000) is available at the FELM photo archives. These are indexed according to country and subject, but not dated in every case. The photo archivist will help in locating the material.

## 2.2. Other scanned slides (35 mm slides) on Namibia

In addition to the slide programs, there are other slides which are in possession of the FELM Department of Information. To get access to these slides, one must consult department's photo archivist. Slides are grouped and titled by the case, where they are been held.

**Serie title:** Namibia History Independence 21.3.1990  
**Time span:** 1989-1991, mostly 21.3.1990  
**Description:** Mostly pictures from the Namibia independence celebration. Slides are in the same case called "Namibia History Independence 21.3.1990". One slide is missing. Photographers: Holopainen, Raimo; Lattunen, Pirkko; Sieviläinen, Sirkku; Mattila, Tuula

Number of scanned slides: 19

**Serie title:** SWAPO I-II  
**Time span:** 1989-1991  
**Description:** Pictures of returning refugees, elections in 1990 and independence celebrations. Slides are in the same cases called "Namibia history SWAPO" I and II. Two slides are missing. Photographers: Kaarto, Reijo; von Schantz, Hans; Latva-Hakuni, Jukka; Holopainen, Raimo; Mattila, Tuula; Laukkanen, Pauli; Herranen, Anneli; Eriksson, Olle

Number of scanned slides: 31

**Serie title:** "Namibia sota pommihautajaiset 1988" (Namibia war bomb funeral)  
**Time span:** 1982, 1988-1989  
**Description:** Pictures from funeral of the 17 victims of the bomb attack happened in Oshakat Barclay bank 19th February 1988. Few other pictures. Slides are in the same case called "Namibia sota pommihautajaiset 1988" (Namibia war bomb funeral). Photographers: Pentti, Kaija; Linkola, Anneli; Kaarto, Reijo; Lattunen, Pirkko

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Number of scanned slides: 10

**Serie title:** UN in Namibia 1989

Time span: 1989

Description: Pictures of UN troops, personnel and vehicles in Namibia. Slides are in the same case called "UN in Namibia 1989". Photographers: Lattunen, Pirkko; Kaarto, Reijo; Eriksson, Olle; von Schantz, Hans; Hakala, Ilkka

Number of scanned slides: 14

### 2.3. Namibia-related black-and-white prints

The prints are sorted in Finnish alphabetical order. The Finnish titles (written here as they are on the original listing) will help in locating the sets of pictures mentioned below. Many of the archived prints are not dated and persons appearing in them may not be identified. This part of the picture archives includes an uncounted amount of prints from the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's. These photos locate in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mission House, conference room 4, and are accessible through FELM photo archivist in Department of Information.

#### Drawer called "Namibia"

Folder: Kirkko piispa Dumeni ("Church bishop Dumeni")

Time span: 1970's to 1990's

Description: Pictures of Kleopas and Aino Dumeni from the years 1970-1999. Photographers: Kaarto, Reijo; Pentikäinen, Ulla; Eriksson, C. Photographer is unknown in some of the photos.

Number of scanned photos: 12

Folder: Tärkeitä henkilöitä ja tapahtumia (ei kirkko) ("Important persons and events (not church)")

Time span: 1963, 1988-1989

Description: Recording of the first radio program in Ovambo language, The first Ovambo novelist/writer, Hans Namuhuya (only backside photographed), The king of Ondonga, Immanuel Elifas and the first Ndonga-English dictionary. Photographers: Marttunen, Jalmari; Salmi, Raija; Lehtonen, Lahja

Number of scanned photos: 5

Folder: UN/War situation/Independence/SWAPO/Ahtisaari

Time span: 1960's to 1990's

Description: Pictures of Ahtisaari, elections, demonstrations. Photographers: Eriksson, Christine; Pennanen, Tuovi; Kaarto, Reijo; Ihamäki, Kirsti; von Schantz, Hans; Voutilainen, V.; Saarelma, Minna; Eriksson, Olle

Number of scanned photos: 18

Folder: Pakolaiset ("Refugees")

Time span: 1970's and 1980's

Description: Pictures of refugees and refugee camps. Photographers: C. Eriksson; von Schantz, Hans; Kaarto, Reijo; Asunta, Kirsti

Number of scanned photos: 12

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**Drawer called “Angola”**

Folder: AN 4.08 SWAPOn pakolaisleiri ("SWAPO refugee cam")  
Time span: 1980's  
Description: pictures from SWAPO refugee camp in Kwanza Zul, Angola.  
Photographer: Eriksson, Olle.  
Number of scanned photos: 2

**3. The Finnish Africa Committee (FAC)/ Finnish Peace Committee (FPC)**

The Finnish Africa Committee was established in 1970 As soon as it was established FAC introduced an information work about the situation in Africa on “struggling to release itself from colonialism”. UN resolutions and statements were taken as guiding principles. In the beginning, its paper was called *Africa Committee Bulletin* (Afrikka-komitean tiedote).

FAC took upon itself to inform political parties and their youth organisations about the struggle going on in different parts of Africa. It is evident, that from the very beginning FAC tried to work in good cooperation with other organisations in Finland, with all those who had the same wish to help the liberation struggles in Africa.

In 1973, FAC established its own fundraising wing together with the Peace Committee – Peace Fund. The fundraising started by supporting MPLA, but soon broadened its activities to include ANC and SWAPO. The aid was mostly material support and was often sent to Africa through the GDR Solidarity Committee. The requests from the liberation movements were met to the possible extent. Health and education were the main areas that FAC wanted to support. The first funds raised went to deliver an ambulance to Angola to help South-West African refugees, and to deliver school equipments to ANC-Morongoro.

At the end of 1970s more focus was put on anti-apartheid work. Racism had for some time been an important topic of conversation in Europe. In 1980, FAC, FPC and its fundraising organisation Peace Fund started a campaign: Help the victims of Apartheid in Southern Africa. (Auta rotusorron uhreja Eteläisessä Afrikassa) It was a fundraising and information campaign. One important theme in the campaign was to encourage people to boycott South-African goods, which were still sold on the market. The Finnish Africa Committee kept this topic in the conversation with the Isolate South Africa Campaign (EELAK), which was founded in December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983 and participated in EELAK's work also after it had received a wide acceptance within different areas of life in Finland.

**Health Project in Kwanza Sul** started in 1980. In the beginning, FAC worked together with the Swedish organisation called Africa Groups of Sweden (Afrikagrupperna i Sverige) and its recruitment organisation (ARO) on sending doctors to Kwanza Sul. Dr. Merja Saarinen worked at Kwanza Sul in between 1984-1986. Other doctors in Kwanza were: Birgitta Lång (ARO), Liisa Taskinen, Pekka Jurvelin and Hannu Paajanen 1986-1987. In addition FAC sent also medical equipments to Kwanza Sul throughout the cooperation.

**Constructing project in Viana, ANC Moses Kotane Self Reliance Centre in Angola.** Carpenters, electricians etc. who worked in the project were Markku Vesikko, Pekka Kunnari, Unto Lehtoranta and Pertti Virtanen. FAC also sent volunteers to help in non-professional and constructing work.

**Nuorallatanssi** – The FPC Youth section organised collections in order to support students and youths of ANC in Tanzania. They supported Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College together with FAC and also informed the youth in Finland about the situation in Southern Africa. Nuorallatanssi was also busy in boycott work, for example Outspan oranges were not to be eaten in 1980s. Boycotting SHELL was also one of the tasks of Nuorallatanssi. SHELL Boycott Committee had its office at the same address.

As a conclusion, FAC (and FPC) were extremely active. Delegations came to visit Finland and others visited Southern Africa and meetings were held all over the world, as well as tours to speak around Finland. Not forgetting exhibitions or music and dance groups which toured around. Africa Committee worked actively till 1990's when period of depression affected also Committee's activities.

### 3.1. Archives of the The Finnish Africa Committee (FAC)

Finnish Africa Committee's material is kept in People's Archive, Vetehisenkuja 1, Helsinki. Most of the Finnish Africa Committee's material in People's Archive has been organised and catalogued. It is possible that some of its material can be still found in Finnish Peace Committee's unorganised files. Although the FAC was part of the Finnish Peace Committee, the FAC archives has been organised independently. Most of the material is in Finnish. Some of the material such as arrived letters and correspondence are most parts written in English.

#### Minutes with attachments (C.)

##### Minutes from annual meetings (Ca.)

**File:** 2  
**File title:** 2  
**Time span:** 1970-1990  
**Description:** Annual meeting of the Finnish Africa Committee. Some years are missing. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 100

##### Minutes from commission meetings (Ce.)

**File:** 2  
**File title:** 2  
**Time span:** 1980-1982  
**Description:** Minutes of the Africa Committee's commission meeting 5.9.1980: reorganising the Africa Committee. PDF and TIFF. Finnish.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 4

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**Publications, action plans, newspaper articles (D.)****Statements, contentions, appeals (Db.)**

**File:** 5  
File title: 5  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Africa Committee's statements, contentions and appeals. PDF only.  
Finnish and English.  
Number of scanned pages: 7

**Press releases (Dc.)**

**File:** 5  
File title: 5  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Africa related press releases, mostly made by the Africa Committee.  
PDF only. Finnish.  
Number of scanned pages: 9

**Announcements (Dd.)**

**File:** 5  
File title: 5  
Time span: 1971-1988  
Description: Announcements of the Africa Committee. PDF (in Finnish, one in  
English).  
Number of scanned pages: 21

**Arrived letters (E.)****Other letters from abroad (Eb.)**

**File:** 6  
File title: 6  
Time span: 1971-1990  
Description: Miscellaneous arrived letters from abroad to Africa Committee. PDF  
only. Mostly in English.  
Number of scanned pages: 26

**Letters from Finland (Ec.)**

**File:** 7  
File title: 7  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Miscellaneous domestic arrived documents to Africa Committee. PDF  
only. Finnish and English.  
Number of scanned pages: 27

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**Other arrived documents from Finland (Ed.)**

**File:** 7  
File title: 7  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Miscellaneous domestic arrived letters to Africa Committee. PDF only. Finnish and English.  
Number of scanned pages: 17

**Arrived documents from Nordic solidarity organisations (Ee.)**

**File:** 8  
File title: 8  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Miscellaneous documents and letters from Nordic solidarity organisations, for example Africa Groups of Sweden and ARO. PDF and TIFF. English, Swedish, Norwegian.  
Number of scanned pages: 139

**Arrived documents from other international organisations (Ef.)**

**File:** 9  
File title: 9  
Time span: 1970-1991  
Description: Miscellaneous documents and letters from several international organisations, for example Africa World Peace Council and Organisation of African Unity. PDF, only some of the documents are in TIFF also. English.  
Number of scanned pages: 31

**Arrived documents from international solidarity organisations (Eg.)**

**File:** 11  
File title: 11  
Time span: 1970-1990  
Description: Miscellaneous documents and letters from several international solidarity organisations, for example Anti-Apartheid Movement in the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin and Holland Committee on Southern Africa. PDF and TIFF. English.  
Number of scanned pages: 138

**Copies of sent letters (F.)****Letters to organisations and authorities (Fa.)**

**File:** 12  
File title: 12  
Time span: 1971-1990  
Description: Letters sent to authorities and domestic and international organisations. PDF and TIFF. English and Finnish.

Number of scanned pages: 20

### **Letters to private persons (Fb.)**

**File:** 12  
**File title:** 12  
**Time span:** 1973-1990  
**Description:** Letters sent to private persons, both domestic and international. PDF and TIFF. English and Finnish.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 14

### **Sent membership letters (Fc.)**

**File:** 12  
**File title:** 12  
**Time span:** 1973-1990  
**Description:** Letters sent to members of the Africa Committee and Peace Committee. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 56

### **Correspondence (EF.)**

#### **Correspondence with SWAPO (EFd.)**

**File:** 15  
**File title:** 15  
**Time span:** 1972-1990  
**Description:** Correspondence with SWAPO about projects, visits and other cooperation. Mostly PDF only, some are TIFF also. English only.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 125

### **Account books and economical activities (G.)**

#### **Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (Gb.)**

**File:** 19  
**File title:** 19  
**Time span:** 1983-1988  
**Description:** Documents concerning economical activities. Applications to Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 53

**File:** 20  
**File title:** 20  
**Time span:** 1989-1991  
**Description:** Documents concerning economical activities. Applications to Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 67

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**Documents filed by content (H.)****Domestic and international campaigns (Ha.)****File: 26**

File title: Help the victims of apartheid (Auta rotusorron uhreja)

Time span: 1980-1982

Description: Domestic and international campaigns. Help the victims of apartheid – campaign. General campaign collection, youth campaign and health care campaign. PDF only. Finnish and Swedish.

Number of scanned pages: 63

**File: 28**

File title: Other campaigns (Muut kampanjat)

Time span: 1971-1990

Description: Domestic and international campaigns. Miscalleneus campaigns in between 1971 and 1990, incl. Southern Africa campaign 1971, Solidarity campaign for Southern Africa 1979, Load the ship-campaign 1989 and Home from the world -campaign. PDF only. Mostly Finnish, some English.

Number of scanned pages: 115

**Domestic events and seminars (Hb.)****File: 29**

File title: Domestic events and seminars (Kotimaiset tapahtumat ja seminaarit)

Time span: 1970-1990

Description: Domestic events and seminars, incl. Students and the African Liberation Movement 14.-18.2.1971, Namibia Day 1983 and Meetings with the ambassadors of the frontline states 1985-1989. PDF only. Finnish and English.

Number of scanned pages: 126

**Press clippings: Domestic press (He.)****File: 35**

File title: 35

Time span: 1971-1990

Description: Press clippings from the various Finnish newspapers. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.

Number of scanned pages: 21

**Visits (Hh.)****File: 35**

File title: 35

Time span: 1973-1987

Description: Visits, incl. Sam Nujoma's visit 27th-28th August 1980. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.

Number of scanned pages: 16

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**Reports, travel accounts, memos, essays (Hj.)**

**File:** 36  
File title: 36  
Time span: 1973-1987  
Description: Raports, travel accounts, memos, essays. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English, one in Norwegian.  
Number of scanned pages: 69

**Projects (Hm.)**

File: 39  
File title: Projects  
Time span: 1980-1988  
Description: Africa Committee's project, incl. medical group in Kwanza Sul, Nursery school project in Kwanza Sul, Medical Aid for SWAPO 1985-1986, Health care project in Angola 1987-1991 and establishment of the SWAPO and ANC offices to Finland. PDF only. Finnish, English and Swedish. One in Portuguese.  
Number of scanned pages: 252

**Agreements (Ho.)**

File: 44  
File title: 44  
Time span: 1985-1987  
Description: Agreements, incl. agreements with SWAPO. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English.  
Number of scanned pages: 12

**Child prisoners in South Africa (Hp.)**

File: 44  
File title: 44  
Time span: 1987-1988  
Description: Documents concerning child prisoners in South Africa. Tarja Vakimo's article. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
Number of scanned pages: 5

**Material from other organisations (I.)****Namibia Caravan (Ib.)**

File: 46  
File title: 46  
Time span: 1973  
Description: Documents concerning Namibia Caravan. PDF and TIFF. English only.  
Number of scanned pages: 16

### 3.2. FAC photo archives

There are also some slides and photos in People's Archive related to activities of the Finnish Africa Committee. Unfortunately they are in unorganized state. Some of the slides and photos were identified.

#### Scanned 35 mm slides on Namibia

**Serie title:** Kwanza Sul  
**Time span:** 1980-1982  
**Description:** Pictures are from SWAPO refugee camp in Kwanza Sul, Angola. They are probably from doctor Birgitta Lång's first assignment in Kwanza Sul 1980-1982. These slides were probably used in "Help the victims of apartheid"-campaign. Photographer is unknown.  
**Number of scanned slides:** 25

#### Other photos on Namibia

Miscellaneous photos from People's Archives related to activities of the Finnish Africa Committee. Photos were unorganized in a large box. Only four photos were scanned, three of them might be from Namibia and one pictures the "Load the ship"-campaign.

## 4. International Solidarity Foundation

The International Solidarity Foundation (ISF) was founded in 1970 by the Finnish Social Democratic Party. ISF is a Finnish Non-Governmental Organization which implements development cooperation projects in developing countries.

The Namibian independence movement SWAPO presented their plans for the Kwanza Sul building project to the Finnish organizations in the latter half of 1983 and an application for Finnish government assistance for the project was filed during the autumn of the same year. The whole of the next year was spent on making the plans and preparations in Finland and collecting funds for the work from Finnish sources, the first machinery and equipment being purchased in November 1984 and shipped to Kwanza SuI immediately. The Finnish Workers' Educational Association and the International Solidarity Foundation, with support from FINNIDA, executed the project in the years 1984-1986:

### 4.1. Archives of the International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)

International Solidarity Foundation's material is kept in The Finnish Labour Archives, Paasivuorenkatu 5 B, Helsinki. Most of the International Solidarity Foundation's material in Labour Archives has been organised and catalogued. ISF archives can be found under signum Humanitarian organisations, 327.2 (Humanitaariset järjestöt)

**Activities (H.)**

**File:** H6  
File title: H6  
Time span: 1985, 1988  
Description: Housing project. Kwanza Sul, brick factory, memos, Namibian refugees in Angola. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English.  
Number of scanned pages: 104

**File:** H12  
File title: H6  
Time span: 1985 – 1989  
Description: Worker's Educational Association's development cooperation. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
Number of scanned pages: 113

**File:** T 757  
File title: T 757  
Time span: 1989  
Description: Nicaragua & Namibia calender 1989 made by International Solidarity Foundation. January, February and March scanned only. PDF and TIFF. Finnish only.  
Number of scanned pages: 3

**Projects (HA.)**

**File:** HA 2  
File title: HA 2  
Time span: 1985-1988  
Description: FINNIDA. Decisions, project calculations, information. Kongo SWAPO, Kwanza Sul, Nicaragua, miscellaneous. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish, some in English.  
Number of scanned pages: 147

**File:** HA 3  
File title: HA 3  
Time span: 1989-1990  
Description: FINNIDA. Correspondence, applications, presentations, decisions, project planning, accounts. Reports: Kwanza Sul, Kongo. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish, some in English.  
Number of scanned pages: 108

**Africa (HBB.)**

**File:** HBB 2  
File title: HBB 2  
Time span: 1989-1990

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Description: Loudima, Kongo. Letters, reports. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English, some in Norwegian.

Number of scanned pages: 189

**File: HBB 3**

File title: HBB 3

Time span: 1984 – 1989

Description: Suve Pääsukene's radioreports and diary concerning elections in Namibia November 1989. Finnish only. PDF and TIFF.

Number of scanned pages: 33

**File: HBB 4**

File title: HBB 4

Time span: 1987

Description: Loudima, Kongo: Correspondence, construction sketches, other documents, notes. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English, some in Norwegian.

Number of scanned pages: 96

**File: HBB 12**

File title: HBB 12

Time span: 1984 – 1986

Description: Kwanza Sul (Angola). Reports, newspaper clippings, cumulative catalogue, correspondence, applicant, Namibia. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English.

Number of scanned pages: 158

**File: HBB 13**

File title: HBB 13

Time span: 1987-1988

Description: Kwanza Sul, Sumbe and others. SWAPO: negotiations in Kwanza and minutes of the negotiations. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English.

Number of scanned pages: 133

## 4.2. ISF photo archives

International Solidarity Foundation has also some photos archived in the Finnish Labour Archives. Photos can be found from photo archives under signum 327.2, Humanitarian organisations (Humanitaariset järjestöt)

### **Kwanza Sul, Angola 1988**

Time span: 1988

Description: Photos are in envelope called "Kwanza Sul, Angola 1988 +negat". They are from Kwanza Sul. Persons in the picture: Ilkka Laamanen, Ilkka; Tahvanainen. Photographer is unknown. TIFF and JPG

Number of scanned photos: 5

### **Photos. Namibia 1989-90**

Time span: 1980's

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Description: Photos are in envelope called "Valokuvia. Namibia 1989-90". There is one photo from Kwanza Sul brick factory and one from Finland. Rest of the photos are probably from Namibia. TIFF and JPG.

Number of scanned photos: 8

## 5. The Namibia Committee in Espoo

The Espoo Namibia campaign started when Dr. Helena Kekkonen returned from her visit to Nyango in 1983. She suggested that wealthy city of Espoo should start supporting the refugee camp in Nyango, Zambia. Peace Friends of Espoo started their Namibia campaign in 1984. The target audience were mainly school children, and aim was to inform children about developing countries in general and specifically situation in Namibia. More practical aim was to collect support for one of the Namibian refugee camps. The actual Namibia Committee of Espoo was formed in January 1985 for further campaigning. It was not independent organisation but was part of the Peace Friends of Espoo. A full container of clothes, medicines and other supplies worth 150 000 FIM was sent to Nyango camp to Zambia in 1985. The second container filled with supplies was sent to Nyango in February 1986. In June 1986 Committee sent a generator worth 150 000 FIM to Nyango camp. Third container was sent in December 1987. In 1987 Committee started planning home economics project by using ecological solar stoves. In summer 1988 there was negotiation trip to Nyango concerning the project. Home economics project included sending solar stoves to Nyango. Solar stove course in Nyango was held in summer 1989. Project continued in summer 1990 with another solar stove course. In Finland, The Namibia Committee of Espoo organised different exhibitions, collections and happenings relating to Namibia. There were also several Namibian visitors in Espoo during the campaign (Nahas Angula, Hifikepunye Pohamba, Toivo ya Toivo).

### 5.1. Archives of the Namibia Committee of Espoo

International Solidarity Foundation's material is kept in The Finnish Labour Archives, Paasivuorenkatu 5 B, Helsinki. Most of the International Solidarity Foundation's material in Labour Archives has been organised and catalogued. ISF archives can be found under signum Humanitarian organisations, 327.2 (Humanitaariset järjestöt)

Archives can be found at Labour's Archive. There are some pictures in Labour's Archive, more pictures and documents can be found in private archives.

#### Documents filed by content (H.)

**File:** H 1  
**File title:** H 1  
**Time span:** 1985-1990  
**Description:** Material of the Namibia Committee of Espoo and Peace Friends of Espoo. Minutes, memos, reports, letters. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 335

**File:** H 2  
**File title:** H 2  
**Time span:** 1986-1996  
**Description:** Materials of the Namibia Committee of Espoo. Applications, reports. Miscellaneous material of Peace Friends of Espoo. PDF and TIFF.  
**Number of scanned pages:** 177

## 5.2. Photo archives of the Namibia Committee of Espoo

International Solidarity Foundation has also some photos archived in the Finnish Labour Archives. Photos can be found from photo archives under signum 327.2, Humanitarian organisations (Humanitaariset järjestöt). All photos are in the same folder (327.2 Namibia Committee of Espoo).

### Colour photos

**Time span:** 1986-1989  
**Description:** Three pictures are from Namibian delegation visiting Gumböle mansion 1986. In the picture there are Niilo Taapopi, Hifikepunye Pohampa, Nahas Angula, Nickey Iyambo, deputy mayor of Espoo Mauri Alasaari and Helena Kekkonen. Other miscellaneous pictures from campaigns and meetings. Photographers are unknown. TIFF and JPG.  
**Number of scanned photos:** 13

### Black and white photos

**Time span:** 1985  
**Description:** Photos from the visit of the leaders of the Nyango refugee camp in Espoo. Opening ceremony of the photo exhibition in the Espoo City Council house, visit at the Tuulimäki bomb shelter, visit at schools. TIFF and JPG.  
**Number of scanned photos:** 10

## 6. Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

**Workers' Educational Association (WEA)** is an education organisation of the Social Democratic Party. It was established in 1919 after the Finnish civil war when education of the working class was seen important in improving their situation.

In the beginning most important working methods were study circles supported by WEA. Other working methods were lectures, courses and correspondence school. Later separate committees were established to promote workers' interests in art, film education and recording their traditions and oral history. Even though course activities grew all the time, studying in study circles kept its important position. Instead letter studies eventually stopped, but the tradition is still continuing in new forms such as computer based studying.

Since the establishment of WEA, the state has supported its work financially. After the short silent period during the Second World War, educational activities grew

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rapidly when society started to change. In the 1960's when state's financial support grew, WEA was able to increase its activities and hire more employees.

WEA published paper called Työläisopiskelija. The name was later changed to Aikamerkki. Paper was published till 1991 when new communication solutions were adapted.

During the 1980's WEA had its own development cooperation projects and it organised education and information campaigns related to them. For example WEA supported adult education in Nicaragua and helped SWAPO to construct kindergarten in Kwanza Sul refugee camp in Angola.

During the 1981 WEA organised a collection for Namibian students and via collection funds it was able to donate school supplies to SWAPO in Namibia. WEA started its own %-movement in 1982. To finance the %-movement's goals they established the Development Cooperation and Peace Fund. The first aim of the %- campaign was to help Namibians in the refugee camps in Angola and Zambia by donating school and hospital tents to SWAPO. Eventually in December 1982 WEA was able to donate twelve tents to SWAPO. In 1983 WEA did cooperation with SWAPO and Operation One Day's Work. Through collection funds it was able to deliver one building for the kindergarten project and send one carpenter to assist building up the kindergarten. From this on 1984-1987, WEA continued its development cooperation project by assisting in adult education and professional education. It started up in cooperation with International Solidarity Foundation an independent housing construction project in Kwanza Sul. Aim of the project was to create conditions for teaching and starting up housing and other construction so that it was be based on the independent activity of the Namibian refugees, on their manual skills and as far as possible on their own raw materials and other materials. WEA also administered a project to teach practical subjects in SWAPO School in Loudima, Congo at years 1986-1989.

## 6.1. Archives of the Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

WEA's archives can be found in Finnish Labours Archive. Archives are organised till the year 1980. The material concerning Namibia is yet unorganised. We were able to find five Namibia related files from the years 1982-1985 which contained mostly material about WEA's development cooperation projects there. Because of WEA's and International Solidarity Foundation's project cooperation, some WEA's project material from the year 1986 onwards is in the files of International Solidarity Foundation.

<b>File:</b>	<b>WEA's Namibia-project 1982</b>
File title:	WEA's Namibia-project 1982
Time span:	1982
Description:	Material about WEA's development cooperation projects, incl. kindergarten and brick factory in Kwanza Sul. Letters memos, minutes. Unorganized. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish, some in English.
Number of scanned pages:	89

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- File:** **WEA's Namibia-project 1983**  
 File title: WEA's Namibia-project 1983  
 Time span: 1983  
 Description: Material about WEA's development cooperation projects incl. kindergarten and brick factory in Kwanza Sul. Letters reports, agreements. Unorganized. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish, some in English.  
 Number of scanned pages: 74
- File:** **WEA's Namibia-project 1984**  
 File title: WEA's Namibia-project 1984  
 Time span: 1983-1985  
 Description: Material about WEA's development cooperation projects incl. kindergarten and brick factory in Kwanza Sul. Letters reports, minutes. Unorganized. PDF and TIFF. Mostly Finnish, some in English.  
 Number of scanned pages: 137
- File:** **WEA's Namibia-project 1985**  
 File title: WEA's Namibia-project 1985  
 Time span: 1984-1986  
 Description: Material about WEA's development cooperation projects incl. kindergarten and brick factory in Kwanza Sul. Letters reports, minutes. Unorganized. There are two WEA's "Namibia-project 1985" files. This description concerns both of them. PDF and TIFF. Finnish and English, some in Swedish.  
 Number of scanned pages: 114

## 6.2. Photo archives of Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

Most of the WEA's photos were in Finnish Labour Archive's photo archive but a few photos could still be found inside the document files. Photos can be found from photo archives under signum 327.2, Humanitarian organisations (Humanitaariset järjestöt). All photos in the photo archive are in the same folder (327.2 Namibia. SWAPO refugee camps and school work of the refugee children (SWAPO:n pakolaisleirejä ja pakolaislasten koulunkäyntiä Angolassa))

### Photos from the photo archive

Time span: 1982  
 Description: Miscellaneous black and white pictures from Kwanza Sul refugee camps. Mostly photos of the school work of the refugee children. Photographer unknown. TIFF and JPG.  
 Number of scanned photos: 16

### Photos from document files

Time span: 1982  
 Description: One photo was found in WEA's Namibia -project 1982 file. Representatives of WEA, Mr. Salo and Mr. Pikkusaari are donating the school -and hospital tents to SWAPO Photographer unknown. Six photos

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were found in the WEA's Namibia -project 1985 file. These photos are from Finland, and probably are related to WEA's brick factory project. It looks like WEA is buying a tractor for the project. Seppo Ylinen and Elia Kaakunga are in the photos. TIFF and JPG.

Number of scanned photos: 7

## 7. SAK (Central Organization of the Finnish Trade Unions)

SAK started its own solidarity work in the 1970's. It concentrated in trade union education. The international solidarity work was part of the SAK Peace Committee's activities. First contacts with SWAPO were made in 1976. In 1979 there was first real effort to execute a course with SWAPO in Kwanza Sul. The co-operation continued, and the peak of the cooperation was the building and maintaining Nduuvu Nangolo Trade Unions School in Kwanza Sul. SAK also helped Namibians to establish a newsletter of the workers: The Namibian. It was first printed in Luanda, with the help of ANC.

SASK (Trade Union Solidarity Center of Finland) was established 1986. It continued the solidarity work started by the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions SAK. While years passed SASK took more and more independent role in its own field. Nowadays it has member organisations from other Central Organisations (than SAK) as well for example the Unions of Health and Social Care Services (Tehy). SASK works in Southern Africa in active cooperation with the Unions in Namibia and South Africa. The organisations they have had or still have cooperation with are COSATU, SACTU, NACTU, NUMSA, NUNW, NAFTU, LaRRI and others.

### 7.1. Archives of SAK (Central Organization of the Finnish Trade Unions)

Archives on SAKs work are at SAK Archives, also called the Union Archives (Hakaniemenranta 1, 3. floor). These archives were not scanned. However, preliminary list of copied material has been done. Note: Correspondence-files tells where Namibia related material can be found. They are alphabetically organized in these files. But it is possible that some of the Namibia related material is organized in A as Angola, because all the SAK work was in Kwanza Sul refugee camp in Angola. However, most of it seems to be organized in the files containing N – countries.

#### SAK/International Unit

##### Peace Committee

<b>Cb 2</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1977-78</b>
<b>Cb 3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Cb 4</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1980-81</b>
<b>Cb 5</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Cb 6</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Cb 7</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>Cb 8</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Cb 9</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1985</b>

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<b>Cb 10</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>Cb 11</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1987-88</b>

### Correspondence

<b>Fb 101</b>	<b>Countries K-R</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Fb 116</b>	<b>Countries A-R</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>Fb 132</b>	<b>Countries F-Q</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Fb 144</b>	<b>Countries H-O</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Fb 144</b>	<b>Countries H-O</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Fb 169</b>	<b>Countries J-R</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Fb 170</b>	<b>Countries Namibia</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>Fb 185</b>	<b>Countries I-P</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>Fb 197</b>	<b>Countries L-Ö</b>	<b>1984</b>
<b>Fb 211</b>	<b>Countries J-P</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Fb 224</b>	<b>Countries J-Q</b>	<b>1986</b>

## 7.2. Photo archives of SAK (Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions)

There were photos concerning the Inaugurate celebration of the trade union school Nduuvu Nangolo in Kwanza Sul 1983. They were probably with SAK's Peace Committee's archive.

<b>Folder:</b>	Kwanza Sul 1983
Time span:	1983
Description:	Photos from the Inaugurate celebration of the trade union school Nduuvu Nangolo in Kwanza Sul in August 1983. Pictures from personnel from the SAK and NUNW, incl. Pekka Peltola, Raimo Kantola, Teuvo Hömppi, John Ya Otto, and D.H Merero. Photographer: Jouni Jokipii. TIFF and JPG.
Number of scanned photos:	21

## 8. SYL (The National Union of University Students in Finland)

SYL was founded in 1921 so that also Finnish students could participate in the international meetings of national students unions. After the WW II, SYL wanted to participate in development cooperation and founded KYST, International Student Aid of Finland. When the World University Service (WUS) was founded in 1952. SYL and re-organised the KYST into a Finnish branch of WUS, also known as the FINWUS. The main attention of WUS, however, was directed towards Asian and Africans students and the improving of their situation. The Finnish students organised seminars and were looking for ways to develop aid projects. The very first seminar was about the Asian and Africans students problems.

After FINWUS, SYL still wanted to continue and develop the work. Therefore another new organisation, YKA (Students' International Assistance), was founded in 1961. It should be noted that SYL was only one of the member organizations of the YKA. SYL adopted a new policy where students could pay a small, voluntary fee to

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development co-operation together with their students' union membership fee. **Nickey Iyambo** came to Finland in 1964 with help of YKA.

In 1968 Students International Assistance was closed down. SYL started to take care of YKAs obligations. Nickey Iyambo from Namibia becomes a SYL scholarship. He graduates in spring 1970 (Bachelor of Social Sciences). Then Nickey decided to study medicine and started his studies again in Helsinki University in Autumn 1970. He continued as a SYL scholar until he finally graduated as a doctor also in 1984. SYL had also other scholars from SWAPO.

In 1977 SYL started to support SWAPO and its Kwanza Sul Camp health care centre and education. At first material help was delivered (tents, school equipments, blankets, hospital equipments, etc.) and in 1981 three doctors Juha Elo, Eeva Risku and Pirjo Lommi were sent to work at a health care centre of the camp.

SYL participated in the kindergarten was built with the help of Taksvärkki -82 collection. This project was at first a project of Operation Day's work in 1982. Active organisations in the beginning seem to have been FAC and SYL. Funds for the nursery house were collected and the house was built in Kwanza Sul. Materials for building as well as men to do the work were partly sent from Finland. Worker's Educational Association participated also in this project. FINNIDA helped financially practically all phases of the kindergarten project. It was opened in 1985.

In 1986, Mr. Vesa Komonen worked at the camp to teach nursery teachers. This project was mainly administrated by SYL and Students of pre-school education SLOL

In 1989, SYL supported the SWAPO Youth League as a part of the campaign *Home from Abroad*.

## **8.1. Archives of the SYL (The National Union of University Students in Finland)**

The archives concerning the development cooperation of the SYL is largely disorganized. The SYL archives from 1921 to 1961 has been organized and can be found in the National Archives of Finland. Archives of the YKA's activities are also organized and can also be found in National Archives of Finland. However, SYL's archives after 1961 are in very bad shape. Only minutes of the board of SYL are in order. Activities concerning scholarships and development cooperation are not in order, so it is not possible to catalogue them. SYL archives are in the SYL office, Lapinrinne 2, 00180 Helsinki.

## **8.2. Photo archives of SYL**

There are couple of slide programs in the SYL office. The amount of information available varies. Some slides doesn't have no information at all, some have only photographers and some has relatively good information on them. Only one slide program was selected to be scanned.

**Serie title:** Kwanza Sul Kindergarden in SWAPO refugee camp  
**Time span:** 1986?

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Description: Slide series that introduces the SYL's and SLOL's joint project in Kwanza Sul. Pictures are from Kwanza Sul kindergarten and children. There is also slide series text in Finnish scanned as PDF. Photographer: Kaarina Melakoski. TIFF and JPG.

Number of scanned slides: 20

## 9. Finnish-Namibian Society

The Finnish-Namibian Society is a NGO with more than 500 members. Since its foundation, in 1974, it has taken the mission of spreading information on Namibia, the history of the country, its social, economic and cultural life. The Finnish-Namibian Society also set a goal to give its support to action giving "truthful information on the struggle of the Namibian people for social liberation". (Extract from the articles of the association).

The work done for the independence of Namibia brought together people from opposed political parties, interest groups and organizations. Political activism of the pre-independence years led to various post-independence relations between organizations and individuals involved in the struggle against apartheid. Medical aid to the refugee camp of Kwanza Sul was one of the development projects that the Finnish-Namibian Society took part in. Since the 1990's, other projects have followed. Today the association co-operates e.g. with the Namibian embassy in Sweden and the Finnish embassy in Namibia. It has also connections with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) and the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM). The Finnish-Namibian Society publishes 3 - 4 membership bulletins yearly. In addition to this, material on campaigns, projects and cultural events is produced. The society also promotes Finnish research on Namibia. March 21<sup>st</sup>, Namibian Independence day, is celebrated with invitees from Finland and Namibia.

### 9.1. Archives of Finnish-Namibian Society

The association shares an office with other friendship associations. The office has no regular opening hours. For detailed access information, contact the chairman, Mr. Seppo Kalliokoski (contact information below).

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e-mail: [seppo.kalliokoski@icenet.fi](mailto:seppo.kalliokoski@icenet.fi) (chairman of the board)

### 9.2. Photo archives of Finnish-Namibian Society

FNS photo archives hold a small collection of black-and-white prints, mostly press photographs. Themes: Namibians with small children, 3.9.1983 Namibia Day, Helsinki; Namibia Day 1985 Namibian students' culture group, handicapped refugees in Angola, meeting of SWAPO Youth League in Katutura 1986. 15 photos were scanned.

### **9.3. Posters**

10 posters were photographed.

## APPENDIX II

### DIGITISED MATERIAL FROM PRIVATE PERSONS

#### 1. Mr. Olle Eriksson's slide collection (70 slides)

Mr. Olle Eriksson was born 26.7.1941 in Namibia. He was born in a missionary family and spent most of his childhood in Namibia, Swakopmund. Later his family returned to Finland and there he studied for a Master's degree in Social Sciences. Mr. Eriksson worked in Namibia as a project secretary in ELSWA and Finnish Missionary Society/Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) in the years 1968-1980, 1990-1992 and 1998-2003. In addition, he has worked in the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva and FELM administration in Helsinki. In the years 1988-1989 he was involved in the repatriation program of the Namibians. Now he arranges trips to southern Africa. He edited a book in Finnish language called *Välähdyksiä* in 2005. The book contains various stories from Finns with experiences from the independence struggle of Namibia. Mr. Eriksson was an important contact to Mr. Martti Ahtisaari in 1978 and 1989, informing Ahtisaari about Ovambos and their opinions. See also interviews with Olle Eriksson.

There are hundreds of slides in Olle Eriksson's home. Only 70 slides from the years 1970-1990 were selected to be scanned. Eriksson's wide collection includes slides mainly from various parts of Ambo area in northern Namibia during 1970's and during the independence period 1989-1990. There are pictures from soldiers, destroyed buildings, military vehicles, mass graves, UN troops, Transition period, returning SWAPO fighters, April the 1st conflict, Finnish representatives, and independence celebrations.

#### 2. Raimo Holopainen's photo collection (59 photos)

Mr. Raimo Holopainen, a joiner by profession, was born 26.1.1931. He was a missionary in Namibia starting from 1955 in Nakajale. He was interested in Ovambo People's Organization and one of his close friends was Elieser Tuhadeleni (Kahumba Kandola). A few years later Mr. Holopainen got acquainted with Andimba Toivo ya Toivo. Mr. Holopainen's attitude towards the liberation movement was positive and he became a member of SWAPO in 1975. He has had close relations with Namibia and Namibians for over 50 years.

The original photos were in a Kodak Photo CD format. They had been copied from two Kodak Photo CD's made in YLE 13.4.1999 by using the Irfanview program. The copied photos are in TIFF format. The photos picture SWAPO fighters, transition period, elections, UN forces and ruins of the Oniipa printing house etc. Photos are from the 1980's. Altogether 58 photos were selected. Mr. Holopainen probably has a very extensive photo and slide collection at his home.

### **3. Helena and Risto Kekkonen's photo collection (14 photos)**

Helena Kekkonen (Licentiate in Technology, Doctor of Education) has worked as a teacher and a headmistress. She was the chairperson of the solidarity campaign called "Isolate South Africa" and the chairperson and the secretary-general of the Peace Education Institute during 1984-1990. After that she has worked voluntarily in the area of peace education. She had close relations with Nickey Iyambo with campaigns like "Vailla kotimaata" (Without a home country) starting from the year 1982, Espoo Namibia Campaign 1984-1990 and "Technology Serving Life" –campaign. Dr. Risto Kekkonen was the technical manager of the coach factory where the employees built voluntarily the "Namibian Freedom Buses" for Namibian refugees. He worked with his wife in the Finnish NGO called Technology for Life.

Photos from the SWAPO refugee camp at Nyango in Zambia and Lubango refugee camp in 1983. Espoo-Namibia campaign-photos from Finland in 1980's.

### **4. Jukka Pääkkönen's and Pekka Peltola's slide collection (156 slides)**

Mr Jukka Pääkkönen has worked for several solidarity organisations. He was involved in the International Solidarity Fund's and Worker's Educational Association's brick project in Kwanza Sul, Angola in 1984-1987. Dr. Pekka Peltola has been a trade union activist. He has been a chairman of Namibia Working Group of SAK 1978-1985 and trained Namibians at UNIN.

Pääkkönen's slides are from the International Solidarity Fund's and Worker's Educational Association's brick project in Kwanza Sul, Angola in 1984-1987 and from the SWAPO Loudima school, Congo at 1987. Peltola's and Pääkkönen's collection includes also various general photos from the Kwanza Sul camp in 1983-1989.

### **5. Pekka Peltola's photo collection (10 photos)**

In addition to slides there are some photos are scanned from dr. Peltola's private collection. Collection includes B/W and colour photos from the Kwanza Sul camp in 1983 and 1987. Photos topics are such as PLAN fighters, Peltola teaching, camp personnel etc. One photo from Namibia in 1992.

### **6. Matti Seppälä's slide collection (37 slides)**

Rev. Matti Seppälä was as a missionary in Ovamboland, Namibia in the 1960's and 1970's.

The slides include topics such as 100th anniversary of the Finnish missionary work, Engela Parochial College, priests at work and the Oniipa printing house. Slides are from the 1960's and 1970's.

## **7. Merja Saarinen's slide and photo collection (18 slides, 36 photos, documents)**

Merja Saarinen worked as a medical doctor in the SWAPO refugee camp in Kwanza Sul during 1981-1982 and 1984-1986. First she was sent there by the Africa Groups of Sweden. Second this time she went there through the organisation called The Finnish Peace Committee's Africa Committee. After returning from Kwanza Sul she continued participating in the Africa Committee's work.

Photos and slides are from the Kwanza Sul camp in 1981-1982 and 1984-1986. Pictures of mothers, children, patients, medical personnel at work, camp-A, hospitals, local chiefs, demonstrations in Finland etc. Photos and slides were carefully selected by Dr. Merja Saarinen. In addition to photos she gave copies of selected documents including information for slides, letters, statistics and reports.

## **8. Sinikka Savola's photo collection (46 slides, 47 negatives, one c-cassette)**

Ms. Sinikka Savola's primary education is early childhood specialist in special education. In 1984 she was called to a committee for planning and buying equipment for the Kwanza Sul kindergarten build by the Taksvärkki -82 project. In summer 1984, she spent two months in Angola: a short period in Natalia Mavulu and then a longer period in Kwanza Sul. She also carried out Child care course on 40 lessons, held in afternoons for several weeks.

Later in 1985, Ms. Savola was asked by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland to train seven SWAPO refugees in Kauniainen. During this time she was known as Sinikka Harjula.

Photos were taken during Sinikka Savola's trip to Natalia Mavulu children's camp in Ndalatando and Kwamza Sul 12.6.-2.8.1984. There are also some photos from her course in Kauniainen. The C-cassette was recorded at the ending ceremony of the Child care course in Kwanza Sul.

## **9. Vesa Komonen's slide collection (96 slides)**

Mr. Vesa Komonen is a kindergarten teacher, who worked in a joint kindergarten project run by SYL and SLOL in Kwanza Sul, first in spring 1986 and then from later autumn 1986 until spring 1987. This project was meant to be some sort of continuation of the Taksvärkki Kindergarten project, which started in 1982. Mr. Komonen taught the Namibian refugees for nine months in issues concerning children's day care and education in means of playing. He returned to Namibia in 1992 for another teacher's education project.

Mr. Komonen's photos are all from his nine months course in Kwanza Sul. They depict landscapes, students, children and everyday activities.

**10. Taina Shingler's photo collection (11 photos)**

Ms. Taina Shingler from Otava was involved in Finnish Foreign Ministry funded project, where the aim was to produce education material to elementary teaching. Otava had several scholars in Finland studying making text books for Mathematics and English. Some of them were teachers. The project executed during the years 1984-1989.

Photos are from opening ceremony of the Namibia textbook project in Keuruu 1986 and weddings of the scholars in Finland.

## APPENDIX III

### Interviews

Name: Date of the interview:

**Börje Mattsson** 10/2005

Mr. Börje Mattsson was active in the work of Finnish Peace Committee's Africa Committee. He worked as a chairman of the Africa Committee in 1970's and as a secretary general and committee member in 1980's. The members and the supporters of the Africa Committee were active in supporting African liberation movements by organising various solidarity, information and cultural campaigns.

Börje Mattsson has also been active in organising peace concerts and multicultural festivals in Finland and abroad.

(One copy of the interview has already been sent to the National Archives of Namibia, another copy of the interview is at the Finnish Literature Society's Folklore Archives)

**Alpo Hukka** 10/2005

Rev. Alpo Hukka (22.9.1916) has worked in Finnish Missionary Society's (later FELM) service in the South West Africa (Namibia). In Namibia he worked as a professional school teacher, director of the seminar, county dean, supervisor of the missionaries. He was the director of the Evangelical Lutheran Ovambo Kavango Church between 1958- 1960. Rev. Hukka acted as the director of FELM until his retirement in 1981.

(One copy of the interview has already been sent to the National Archives of Namibia, another copy of the interview is at the Finnish Literature Society's Folklore Archives.)

**Olle Eriksson** 28.11.2006 and 15.12.2006

Mr. Olle Eriksson (26.7.1941), Master of Social Sciences. Born in missionary family, spent most of his childhood in Namibia, Swakopmund. Worked as a project secretary in ELSWA and Finnish Missionary Society / Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (later FELM) in the years 1968-1980, 1990-1992 and 1998-2003. He has also worked in the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva and in FELM's administration. In 1989 he started the repatriation program of the Namibians. Now he arranges trips to Southern Africa.

**Lahja Lehtonen** 21.12.2006

Ms. Lahja Lehtonen (3.8.1927), Master of Arts. She worked as an English teacher in Oshigambo high school in 1954-1958, 1960-1964, 1966-1970 and 1990-1991 and as a head mistress of the school in 1975-1989. She worked also as a teacher in Hong Kong in 1973-1974. Already retired, Ms. Lehtonen participated in making the English-Ndonga Dictionary, published in 1993, and wrote a book "Schools in Ovamboland from 1870-1970", published in 1999.

**Marja Väisälä** 3.1.2007

M. Sc., born 9.5.1916, FMS/FELM co-worker in Namibia from 1949. School teacher and headmistress in Swakopmund Finnish school from 1950, and later at Oshigambo High School. After her return from Namibia in 1972, she continued working with the Namibian scholarship holders in Finland.

**Ilkka Ristimäki** 6.2.2007

Mr. Ilkka Ristimäki (12.9.1943) joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1970. Four years later he started working in the Ministry of Finance of Tanzania as an adviser for external development financing. In 1977 Mr. Ristimäki moved to New York as he became the first coordinator of the UN's Nationhood Program for Namibia. He worked the first two and a half years in the nationhood program and came back to Finland in 1980. Then IR worked three years as a head of planning at the Finnish Aid Agency, FINNIDA.

Since then he has worked several years in the area of diplomatic relations of Finland in Africa, Asia and America.

**Merja Saarinen** 2.3.2007

Ms. Merja Saarinen (30.3.1954) worked as a medical doctor in the SWAPO refugee camp in Kwanza Sul during 1981-1982 and 1984-1986. First she was sent there by the Africa Groups of Sweden. For the latter period, she was sent through the organisation called The Finnish Peace Committee's Africa Committee. After returning from Kwanza Sul she continued participating in the Africa Committee's work.

**Maria Rutenberg and  
Tuija Stenbäck** 12.4.2007

Ms. Maria Rutenberg and Ms. Tuija Stenbäck were involved in organising two courses for visually handicapped SWAPO students and their instructors during 1984-1986 and 1986-1988 in Finland. Practical realization of this project was done by the Arla institute and the project was financed by the state of Finland.

**Sinikka Savola** 2.4.2007

Ms. Sinikka Savola's primary education is early childhood specialist in special education. In 1984 she was called to a committee for planning and buying equipment for the Kwanza Sul kindergarten build by the Taksvärkki -82 project. In summer 1984, she spent two months in Angola: a short period in Natalia Mavulu and then a longer period in Kwanza Sul. She also carried out Child care course on 40 lessons, held in afternoons for several weeks. Later in 1985, Ms. Savola was asked by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland to train seven SWAPO refugees in Kauniainen. During this time she was known as Sinikka Harjula.

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**Tauno Kääriä** 16.4.2007

Tauno Kääriä (28.12.1945) worked as a coordinator at the UN's Nationhood Program for Namibia during 1980-1983.

**Dr. Marja-Liisa Swanz** 20.4.2007

Interviewed, but not yet summarized.

## APPENDIX IV

### Priorities for digitalisation

The Finnish AACRLS Committee has agreed on the following principles. Principles were suggested by Dr. Pekka Peltola. 1.12.2005

#### I Printed or written documents

<b>1. Primary material</b>		
<i>Object</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Quality criteria</i>
Plans of the projects that were carried out	Namibian leaders' visits to Finland (reports and news paper clippings)	Perfect documents
Project reports	Visit programmes	Readable documents and letters
Project workers' diaries		
Arrived letters from Namibia		
Travel reports from Namibia		
Publicatations concerning Namibian refugees		
Posters		
<b>2. Secondary material</b>		
Solidarity organisations' annual reports	Campaign material, campaign information in Finland	Partly imperfect documents
Activists interviews and writings		
Budgets, grants		
<b>3. If necessary</b>		
Minutes of meetings		
Other news paper clippings		
Domestic conversation		

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**II Photographs**

<b>1. Primary material</b>		
<i>Object</i>	<i>Events</i>	
Photos of Namibians in the liberation struggle	Work photos from the camps	At least one of the following:
Photos of the refugee camps	Namibian leaders	Recognizable person
Namibian students in Finland	War pictures, cultural activities	Time
	Education	Place
	Nordic cooperation	Sharp picture
	Demonstrations, public events	Historically important event or rare person
<b>2. Secondary material</b>		
Photos of only Finns or other people from Nordic countries	Finns studying in Finland	Similar pictures from same situation or target
	Photos of the delegations, if not something important	Photos which would be prioritized, but are technically poor quality.
		Photos from newspaper clippings.
<b>3. . If necessary</b>		
Other		

This list is only referential and in some cases more material is chosen to be scanned.