

Deutsch für den Schulstart

This is a training developed by the University of Heidelberg. It aims to support German teachers to be able to support their scholars from kindergarten and preschool up to Grade 4 in their mother tongue. The following contents are included:

- *Acquisition task:* to support children in the elementary and primary level with DaZ (German as a second language) in the areas of phonological awareness, vocabulary, grammar and text competence.
- *Assessment of language proficiency:* Through practical exercises, the current language competence of children in DaZ is determined, thus establishing the optimal support for children with these skills.
- *Language support:* Participants learn about the support material and its linguistic didactic fundamentals, as well as practical exercises, in order to support language acquisition.

The first training took place in February 2023. Since this training was online, 22 preschool and primary school teachers from across Namibia were able to participate. A foundation was laid here which we would like to support. This training has led to a close exchange among schools distributed throughout the country, and we would like to continue building on this collaboration. The next training will be held in February 2025.

