

Dear ,

It has been some good weeks since COVID-19 (Corona Virus) pandemic 'swept' the globe. Oh goodness! Who knew that a tiny 'sneeze' in Wuhan in China could set the entire globe 'coughing'!

We have been receiving questions from quite a number of UKEF sponsors and supporters about Covid-19 situation in Uganda. As some probably already know, Uganda just like many other countries around the world is in lockdown due to Covid-19. And I mean total lockdown since March 18th 2020. There has been no public transportation in the entire country, schools, most institutions and businesses are closed down.

The good news is, Uganda has contained the spread of Covid-19 admirably well. To date, there are a total of 79 confirmed Covid-19 infected persons in the country, 52 of whom have fully recovered. We hope that corona does not hit the African continent like it has most parts of the Western World. Because: hell no, our health care system is simply not prepared for this corona monster.

Like most schools and other institutions in the country, our school is closed too. The impact the lockdown has created and still continues to create is immense. Many households across the country are having difficulties putting food on the table for their families and the situation will unfortunately only get worse even after the lockdown. There is an emergency Covid-19 government food aid response but this is mostly targeted at casual labourers residing in the slums of Kampala and other districts in the central region due to limited resources.

For private schools like ours who also depend on parents contributions for daily running of most of its activities, it is hard to cater for staff's income as parents are not paying contributions. But how would we even expect most parents to afford school contributions when providing food for their own families is nearly impossible due to the lockdown! It looks like we are in for a tough school year.

But there is still hope: hope that Uganda is containing the spread of the virus quite well; hope that there has not been any confirmed death to the virus in the country till now; hope that there are generous people like my dear friend, Heather Plett who just sent a donation that could clear all of our staff salaries for an entire month; hope that Covid-19 is reminding us of how interconnected we are as humans, as global citizens. Because it could have been worse.

- Last year's financial report is out, [please click here to have a look](#).

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

If you have any questions, please let us know. You can send your question to [info@ukef.nl](mailto:info@ukef.nl)

Warmest regards and stay healthy,

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