



Urgent Appeal: Relief support for COVID-19 Crisis

Dear friends,

Kenya is experiencing the worst wave of Covid-19 pandemic at this time and the country is on total lockdown with restricted movements. Schools and all public gatherings are suspended indefinitely with positivity rate of 22%. Our main health facilities and hospital's ICU are already full to capacity as people succumb to the virus every day.

This means a lot to local communities in the rural villages including mental health challenge and fear of contracting the virus, loss of income for low income families, food insecurity and risk of starvation, and the rise of gender-based violence (SGBV), including teenage pregnancy, domestic/intimate partner violence, early marriage of underage girls, among others.

The crisis is making life so unbearable and worse for many families, more particularly for women and girls who has become vulnerable during this pandemic.

We need your urgent support to help the situation.

Immediate plans include:

a) We plan to distribute relief food assistance to about **1,000** vulnerable families including mothers with young children, people living with HIV/Aids, and the elderly. Each relief food package would cost **\$10** for every three weeks.

b) We plan to promote income generating activities by supporting small business enterprises for **50 women**. This initiative will support women who are kiosk owners in the rural villages. We seek to promote entrepreneurial innovation among village

women in order to secure food security and prevent domestic and intimate partner violence during lockdown. Each person would need **\$150** for their business ideas.

c) We plan to provide sanitary pads to about **3,000** young women and girls in the rural villages. During 2020 COVID-19 crisis, our workers noted the link between lack of sanitary towels for teenage girls and the increase in teenage pregnancy. Through this project, we seek to partner with government health department and security agencies and other community leaders including chiefs and priests to empower the youth and prevent child marriages, domestic violence, teenage pregnancy, among others. A pack for sanitary towels would cost **\$5**.

As we prepare to celebrate Women's History Month and Easter together with family and friends, I also invite you to take a moment to pray with us, who are facing a very different Easter altogether.

[Donate Now](#) and help save lives. Whether you give **\$10, \$50, \$100**, or more, it means a lot to those suffering and you bring back hope and joy to the needy — People are suffering

Please, [Donate Now](#).

Sincerely,

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Please, you can also read our [2020 Annual Report](#) to see how we are creating space for women and men to thrive together.

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