



Kenya Children's News

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THANK YOU!

To our family of supporters - thank you for responding so generously to our emergency Covid-19 appeal. Your donations have provided a very real lifeline, helping to feed 1,500 desperately poor children and their families who would ordinarily have no access to food during lockdown.

Covid-19 has impacted all of us, but its effects are worst for the most vulnerable in our communities. In Kenya, poor health, the cost of healthcare, unemployment, poverty, homelessness and malnutrition means, for many children and their families, the odds are already stacked against them. Now, lockdown measures mean basic food, hygiene parcels and social support are painfully out of reach. Our schools and day centres, where many children receive their daily meal, are now closed until January. Public gatherings, including our feeding projects, are currently banned and our social workers, who provide vital support and meals during visits to our children, are only just being allowed to travel again after weeks of providing support by phone.

We knew we couldn't abandon these children when they needed us most. Thanks to your support, and the help of local government officials and the police, we have been able to organise a monthly distribution of food and hygiene products. Each family receives a large sack containing essential items like maize flour, rice, lentils, beans, oil, sugar, soap and masks – sufficient to feed a family for a month!

Until schools and day centres re-open in 2021, your generosity will continue to provide sacks of food for these children for the rest of the year. Every penny from your donation is helping to save lives and creating an opportunity to give 1,500 children a better, brighter future when they return to school next year.

It costs £25 to provide an emergency parcel – a donation will help to continue for the rest of 2020

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Full House at our Kujali Baby Home

Love, medical care and lots of baby formula are helping babies take some of their first steps at our bright new home for abandoned babies. It's always sad to hear how the babies started life as they often arrive malnourished and sick, but it's surprising how quickly they recover and begin to grow, play and blossom in their new home together.



Supporting Special Needs

Fifty autistic children are set to receive specialist help thanks to our new special needs school which opened this January. The happy new space is an existing school building which we refurbished and supplied with new educational equipment and is run by funded extra staff. Many children in Kenya with special needs are unable to access specialised help.



A nourishing start

A hot lunch dramatically improves the health and academic performance of vulnerable children, enabling them to grow healthily, have the energy to walk a long way to school, concentrate in class and achieve grades that will lead to employment and self-sufficiency as adults. When schools re-open in January, we will be expanding and providing meals for more than 600 children at nursery schools in our day centres and seven schools in poor rural communities.



Running with the stars

We want to help children with a deprived start in life to fulfil their potential, become independent self-sufficient adults, help others, and contribute to changing society, working with their different talents. Many of our youngsters have progressed to university and technical college to study science, IT, engineering, law, construction, hospitality, and teaching. Here is a young woman studying communication, presenting on the university radio station, and planning to become a TV correspondent!