COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many in need – not just those needing medical attention but those suffering from the economic effects of the global lockdowns enforced as a mechanism for containing and preventing further infection. Tragically, in parts of the world, the resulting impact can quickly lead to a lack of food on the table.

Our response

The Rocket Foundation partners with organisations serving communities at risk, where operations are disrupted by local restrictions and funding is further stretched. Our response to the crisis is to work together with these organisations – looking for solutions relevant for the struggles they face today, but also with a forward looking view to furthering their reach in the communities they serve into the future.

We have listened to our partners and re-prioritised our efforts in the short term to adapt to the emerging new needs. Together with Child’s i, we have launched a three month emergency response programme to support families and children in Uganda most vulnerable during the crisis. The programme equips 15 community workers in Kampala, providing them with bicycles, mobile phones and COVID-19 response packs. The bicycles enable the community workers to further their reach into the communities at a time when public transport is limited, the mobile phones mean that they can stay in touch with families and social workers throughout this difficult period and the COVID-19 response packs keep them safe.

The community workers provide much needed family support including the provision of food, medicine and hygiene materials and they consider referrals to emergency response services and importantly raise awareness around COVID-19. It is estimated that this package will reach some 150 families.

This emergency programme is being entirely funded by The Rocket Foundation. If you share our sense of urgency to stand with those on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis in Uganda, please reach out to us so that we can extend the impact above the 600 children this first phase aims to reach.

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