

# Molo Street Children Project

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*"I tell you the truth, whatsoever you did for the least of these... you did to me" Matt 25v40*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I thought I would update you on our progress of the last couple of months of this Covid period. What strange times we are living in? We pray that you and all your loved ones have remained safe.



We give God thanks that our workers and the children have remained safe there in Molo.

It has been an especially challenging time for the staff and children left in Amy's house because as well as the challenges of the



lockdown, there has been a lot of rain over the past few months. This has necessitated the children being indoors more than usual and tested the patience and ingenuity of the staff. The children have been kept at their lessons during the morning hours, facilitated by some online lessons, through the TV! Many other children have not been so fortunate having no access to TV. We have been able to give food supplies to some of our neediest families but the need in Molo is great.

Our University students are either at home or in their digs studying online.

Edward who assists us with Social work, has been trying to keep tabs on our other students who are home from school. Some have also needed extra help from us.

The need in the community is great and although we have joined with other organizations to do what we can, there is a big short fall.

**We are launching an appeal for anyone who feels this is something they can give to. (We know many people here are also struggling at this time, but this is a society where very little if any help is given by the Government and if so, it rarely ever reaches the most needy ones). On the next page is a report from Edward of the needs in the community.**



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## Report from Edward, Molo on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Kenya received news of the first Covid-19 cases. This was a great shock and after one day we received calls from various schools to pick our children and this seemed to be like a holiday to them. Things started being difficult as we started receiving daily updates and being given some guidelines.

- Washing your hands was embraced very well in public places and homes.
- Social distancing was a great challenge since children still play like normal days.
- Wearing masks has been a big challenge since most cannot even afford them and others improvise.

The majority of the parents we deal with depend on casual work at farms, bar attendants, flower farms and hawking along the highway.

Those depending on farms which is like 80%, were greatly affected since the numbers were reduced to comply with social distancing even at farms. Many of them are still not working.

Those working in the flower farms were also affected and have stopped working since flights were also banned and so the export business is no longer in progress.

Those who are bar attendants and restaurant workers are just at home since they were all closed, and others have turned to sex work which is not a good alternative.

The needs continue and are increasing day by day as more measures are being put in place by the government, which are even hard to implement.

We have very needy community members who are not assisted by any organization. We are working hard just to give them a hope for tomorrow.

**We want to assist these families by giving them food parcels. Ksh 2000 /= (approx. £15 will provide enough supplies for 2 weeks for an average family. The parcels will contain, maize, kidney beans, Maize flour, Tea leaves, Bar soap, cooking oil and sugar- These are just basic rations but could make the difference between life and death for some of these families**



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To give either to this feeding programme or the ongoing work of MSCP, through International Teams, [please click here](#). Please state whether you are giving for the food parcels or for MSCP generally.

**We have managed to raise some funds already and have managed to give food parcels to 38 families and 18 youth. This is just scratching the surface as the need continue to be dire.**

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We crave your prayers as we seek to move the project forward, working with the local community to impact the lives of the poor in Molo.



We continue to pray for funds to complete Amy's house which we long to see the children enjoying.

Thanks for partnering with us as we continue making a difference in the lives of children and their families in Molo

**Thank you again for your prayers and interest in the work of MSCP.**

**Sonia Donnan.**

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