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Food Bank

COVID 19 was first announced in Kenya in mid-March, this forced us to make a few adjustments to our 2020 calendar of activities to be in line with the government's directives on stopping the spread of the life-threatening virus.

80% of the parents of our sponsored children lost their jobs due to impact of the ongoing pandemic, thus, making it difficult to provide basic needs such as food and shelter for their families. As a way to Partner with the parents to ease off their economic burden, we established an emergency food bank.

The food bank consisted of ; maize and wheat flour, cooking oil, sugar, rice, beans, green-grams, soap, salt and sanitary packs.

We distributed the food to all the 100 families we work with. So far we've covered 6 rounds of deliveries throughout the months of March, April, May, June and July.

Apart from struggling to put food on the table, some families have faced eviction because of inability to pay their rent arrears. These families sought shelter from friends and relatives.

We remain hopeful that some parents will resume work soon enough to be able take care of their basic human needs.
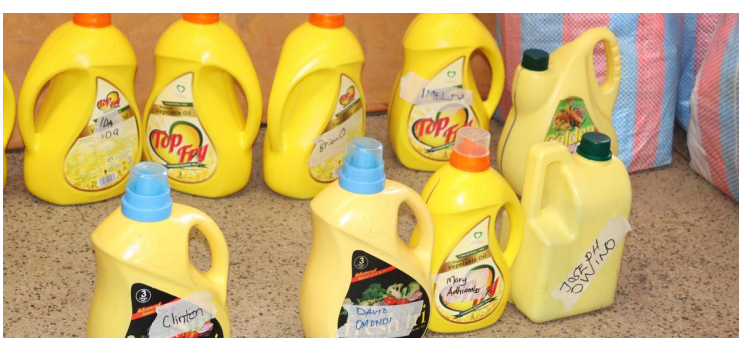
Alternative Learning for Sponsored Students

Our students are currently at home for the rest of the year possibly until January 2021). The government's directive is for them to follow online tutorials from the government educational website or live television teachings.

However, the challenge is that most of the families do not have access to internet or a television set. We have, therefore, created a system to help them catch up with their studies. This includes small group coaching, and printing revision papers for them to attempt then bring back for marking and any help needed.
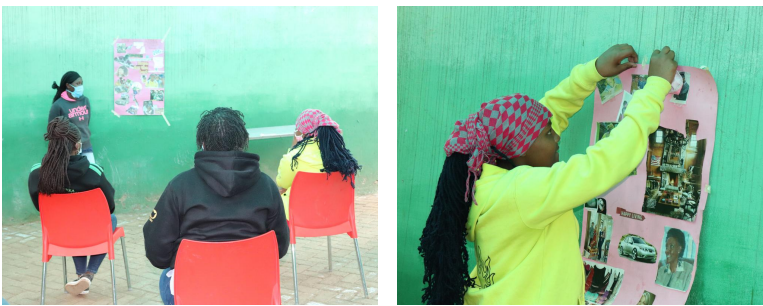
We also adopted a creative way to help our older sponsored students to improve on their writing skills, confidence and self-expression.

Each week, we task them with assignments on creative writing (creating vision boards or writing essays on different research topics).

After which they are required to make a professional presentation to a panel of Spur Afrika staff for a constructive critique.

Special Programs

Since we cannot interact with the community at the moment, we are channeling our effort to improve and better our families health care program (NHIF-6K CAMPAIGN).

This program is now more than ever becoming useful to us as since children are not in school the rate of injuries while playing seems to have gone higher than usual.

NHIF – health insurance is helping cater for their medical bills that would be otherwise costly on both their families and Spur Afrika. We enrolled 14 orphaned students under our sponsorship program. We hope to enroll all the families to help them gain access to better health care in an affordable way.cost

Mentorship

The activities that make up our mentorship program are mainly one on one talks, online meetings, mentors' training, indoor and outdoor fun activities.

All physical meetings are still on hold to avoid risking everyone involved at risk. Instead, we've opted to advocate for online (phone and video calls) mentorship as a way to maintain the mentor–mentee relationship that already exist.

Now that students have been home for long, there is an increase in family conflicts (between them and parents/guardians or siblings) that is causing an emotional instability. Therefore, we are doing a lot of counselling and psycho–education to help students develop social survival skills.

Lastly, we introduced online prayer sessions for mentors to share and pray for different items/situations that affect them or their families every two Saturdays in a month.
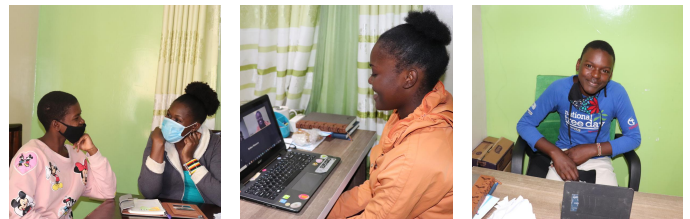
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