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Special Corona Crisis Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends of Cargo Human Care,

"What's happening in Kenya right now?" A number of you have already asked us this question, and it has preoccupied us for days. A good reason, therefore, to inform you about the current development of our CHC projects and the measures being taken. Just like everywhere else in the world, life is at a standstill in Kenya – a great many workers have already been sent home without pay. The economic consequences especially for the people to whom we provide medical care and care in our homes, are completely incalculable.

Until further notice, Lufthansa is currently not flying to Nairobi - neither with passenger nor cargo planes. The good news: in the meantime, all European CHC volunteers have left Nairobi and returned to Germany.

Kenya's schools are closed, already since the beginning of last week. A few days later, according to government regulations, all children from MMH had to be brought to their relatives. Only 15 children are still in the home - they have no relatives who could take care of them. Almost all JKR students have also left the home, but it remains a place to go to in case of emergency. Whether or not it makes sense for the authorities to impose such requirements could be debated. We would have preferred the children to remain in the home, where they would not only be well looked after but would also receive private tuition. Everything was already organised.

Our CHC Medical Centre is currently still open, but the team is not fully prepared for the medical treatment of a corona epidemic. Masks, protective clothing, and test material are lacking. Our doctor, Dr. Thomas Berger, was still in Nairobi until a few days ago and was able to discuss specific precautions with the medical team before departure.



A view into the north of the country, to Marsabit. There, people are currently additionally suffering from the consequences of the locust plague. The cattle, the most important source of income for the population, is dying, not because of a drought this time, but because large areas of land have been literally eaten bare by swarms of locusts. Bishop Qampicha, our partner in Marsabit, has asked us very urgently for support and has worked out a detailed plan for needed food for more than 8,000 people in several villages. We have decided to provide 15.000€, which will meanwhile ensure the food supply for these people for four weeks. We are sticking to our water project - but have to postpone it for the time being.

The most important consideration for us was and is: "What can we do for the mostly very poor families of our sponsored children from MMH, JKR, and the medical sponsorship program?"

These families already lack most everything anyway. In the current situation, now, especially for these people, the odd jobs that they normally use to keep their head above water, are also no longer possible. We therefore want to provide the families most affected with food packages: centralised purchasing, collection at the MMH gate, or delivery to the families living further away. This is the plan that starts today.

How can you help? Each of us is currently thinking and worrying about our own future. Nevertheless, we take the liberty of asking you to support the families of our sponsored children, who are much harder hit than all of us.

60€ is enough to provide for a family of 6 for a whole month. 30€ for half a month.

Donate using the reference code "FAMILY AID 2020" to one of our accounts mentioned below or via paypal

One thing is very important to us: We can assure you that we are dealing with very reliable partners in Kenya. Charles at MMH will organise the care of the most deprived families of our sponsored children, the JKR team will remain the contact for the students and is "holding the fort" and Bishop Qampicha is the lifeline in Marsabit. All of the above and a few more guarantee the reliable use of your donations.

One more note: **the members' meeting planned for 13 May has been postponed**, the date is open.

Please continue to support us - the people in Kenya need the help of CHC now more than ever.

Your

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