

OURCAUSE COVID-19 FOOD RELIEF REPORT 2020.

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Since the outbreak and widespread of the coronavirus pandemic across the world, the world has had to deal with different social and economic challenges such as economic slowdown and limitation on the social and economic rights of people, different countries adopted different strategies to limit the spread of covid19 inside their countries and among them was the total lock down of social life of people such as limited movements, work, social gatherings and accesses to education.

In Africa particularly, some countries like Rwanda and Uganda implemented strict lock down that amounted to corporal punishments and other strict penalties for anyone found in breach, families that depend on hand to mouth jobs were some of the most affected since their source of food and basic necessities are abstained through working as street vendors and domestic workers, the other category of people who were widely affected are the refugees who live in different countries. Particularly in countries like Uganda, Rwanda and Syria where resources are inadequate to support the growing number of refugees and coupled with the reduction of support from international donors due to the global pandemic that affected economies and business around the world. The refugees were left more vulnerable to survive on small resources they received from host countries even when most humanitarian services and programs were accessible to registered citizens as first priority leaving undocumented immigrants and refugees as secondary priority.

At our cause organization we initiated the project of mobilizing donations that would be used to procure food and sanitary relief that would be sent to some of the most vulnerable people who also are the most at risk of covid19 because of their social life and environment they live in. We received 200 pounds from public donation specifically from Jabeen-Uk, Attia-Uk and from ourselves contributed 150 pounds to raise a total of 350 pounds that we used to procure food donation and sanitary materials that were sent to Mahama refugee camp located in eastern part of Rwanda where the relief was distributed to 50 vulnerable women and disabled children. Some of the testimonies and evidence photos.

A message from Chantal Bibonimana- Refugee

I was not sure what I will feed my family and had no means of even getting 1000 RWF to buy ubugali and beans, but as God listens to our cry's, you people have saved us and given us hope that we can live for the next week without worrying about food. I thank you so much for remembering people like us, and may the God bless you.

Message from Lyle Ongerusenge,- Disabled refugee girl living in Mahama camp. Our family and my dad were home without anything to do since we are locked down in the camp and cannot move out to go for labor working so that we can be able to

buy some potatoes, because of my sickness and disability I cannot eat hard food, I only eat rice and soup, my father become so happy when I brought this donation of food and soap you gave me, we thank God and thank you the donors for helping us. He was very happy for entire day yet a day before he was silent and hungry because of no food. May lord reward you and your families.

Challenges and Recommendations

- The challenges are many when it comes to helping vulnerable and often forgotten people like refugees, Whereas we wanted to help as many people as we can afford, we only supported 50 women and disabled children because we received 200 pounds out of our target of 500 pounds and we could only support a few of those that need our support.
- We hope that many people will with time donate to our project so that we can reach out to many refugees who also need some of our help.
- We would also like to help some of the people living in the local communities but as our resources are minimal, we shall be focusing on one group at-time as we get more funders and donations in the future.
- Due to covid19, we could not actively and physically engage the recipients of our support in order to prevent the spread of covid19 but we hope as the situation improves we shall be able to meet and discuss with our relief recipients to learn more about their needs and how we can help in different ways.