



Interim report to Fondation Eagle – April 2020

Covid 19 emergency: providing emergency food aid, hygiene products and clean water to support vulnerable street children and families in Naivasha, Kenya

Fondation Eagle Reference: FF 534 -20

Name of Charity: Footsteps International (UK registered charity number 1091026)

Introduction

On 1st April 2020, Fondation Eagle awarded a grant of £27,388 to Footsteps International in response to the Covid 19 emergency, to provide emergency food aid, hygiene products and clean water to vulnerable street children and families in Naivasha, Kenya. The grant arrived on 3rd April, 2020.

The first case of Covid 19 was recorded in Kenya on 13th March, and the ensuing lockdown resulted in immediate mass unemployment as the flower farms shut down, tourism stopped and schools and children's institutions were closed.

The 140 (former) street boys that Footsteps International cares for had to return to their homes, putting them back in the situation they ran away from, and increasing the chances that they would revert to the streets .

The grant from Fondation Eagle enabled us to start a rapid and effective emergency aid programme; the report below shows what was achieved in April 2020.

Sunshine street boys Rehabilitation Centre:

Budget ref 1.1, 1.2, 1.3: Our first target was to distribute emergency food and hygiene products to the families of our street boys in order to stabilise them and minimise the risk that boys will migrate back to the streets.

In April, we purchased food and hygiene products and arranged transport so that beneficiaries could collect their emergency packs and return home safely. The details of each beneficiary were recorded before they were given hygiene advice and issued with food and hygiene products. In total we served 100 families, with a total of 602 beneficiaries (the average family size is around 6).



Food and hygiene emergency packs ready to distribute from the Sunshine Centre



Transport was provided to ensure the emergency packs arrived home safely



Hand sanitizer was made available to beneficiaries, along with health and distancing advice



Former street boy Eugene Kimani collects an emergency pack for his family.



Former street boy Elijah Thumbi at home with his family's emergency pack



Former street boy Eric Chege prepares a meal for his family. Eric is at university but is now at home waiting for it to re-open



Former street boy Peter Njenga and his mother arrive home safely with their emergency pack

Budget ref 2.2, 2.2, 2.3: Our second aim was to increase crop production at the Sunshine street boys Centre by planting, installing drip kits for irrigation and bringing storm damaged greenhouses into service. This will provide additional fresh vegetables for our street boys and their families, and support vulnerable households in the vicinity of the Centre.

In April, we purchased the materials and carried out the greenhouse repairs, and purchased and installed the driphose (photos below).



Naivasha Technical Training Institute (NTTI)

Budget ref 1.4, and 3.1-3.3: Our target was to provide free sanitizers / soap for 100 vulnerable households in Naivasha town, and to issue water to encourage hand-washing.

In April, we purchased food and hygiene products and arranged for safe distribution from the Naivasha Technical Training Institute (photo right).

The details of each beneficiary were recorded before they were given hygiene advice and issued with food and hygiene products.



In total we helped 100 families, with a total of 526 beneficiaries (the average family size is around 5). One beneficiary said: "We were scared that we would not have food for the children."



100 vulnerable families collected emergency packs from NTTI. They were also given hygiene and social distancing advice and provided with free water.

Bishop Wambari Girl's School:

Budget ref 2.4: The target was to install 2 rainwater collection tanks to boost vegetable and dairy production on the school farm plot, which will provide food and milk to vulnerable families near the school.

In April, the tanks were purchased and installed and partly filled up during a rain storm.



Acknowledgment

We are enormously grateful to Fondation Eagle for responding so quickly to the Covid 19 emergency. Your support has enabled us to take start taking rapid and effective action to minimise the impact of the pandemic for 200 vulnerable families (over 1,100 people in total) in Naivasha, Kenya.

As well as providing vital food, water and hygiene products, you have reassured these people that they are not abandoned and forgotten.