



## LOCKDOWN EXTENDED

Lockdown extended. We are now in Day 50. Continuing no gatherings or exercising offsite, no transport apart from cargo vehicles, and no border crossings (except for cargo trucks). Essential services are open, but food vendors and construction workers can only work if they sleep onsite.

## NEW AND RELAXED RESTRICTIONS

A new restriction is wearing a facemask at all times when out in public.

Wholesale dealers are now allowed to open, along with hardware shops, garages, metal and woodworks, insurance providers and 30 lawyers.



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR AMARI

Now lockdown has been extended, we have called back our builders (who all live nearby) and they have begun working again. They are, however, in lockdown onsite, and sleeping in classrooms. (Nice and spread out!) Teachers, students, and other staff remain offsite.

Rural students are doing it tough. TV and internet lessons are inaccessible to our students, and radio is hit and miss - only runs if airtime has been paid for! So Amari has printed off the government materials and sent home additional work. *(Jaz and Fausta collating work to send home after the lockdown extension was announced)*



Once lockdown was extended, we contacted all our teachers living nearby, and found out what materials they need from school so they can do more work from home. Steven will go on motor bike as far as Kigorobya (70km away) to deliver it to teachers. *(Steven and Teacher Silver gathering requested materials)*

At the moment our builders and ground staff are clearing, slashing and trimming bushes around the school. (And it's definitely looking a lot tidier than it was last week!) Next week they will begin on plotting out and digging trenches for the next secondary classroom block.



***THANK YOU*** to those who are in the position to, and have continued supporting your sponsored child and/or Amari. A report today was saying many private school teachers haven't been paid since February. You are showing love not only to our staff, but also to their extended families, who at this time are dependent on those still having jobs and access to an income.

# Pandemic plus Natural Disasters

Ugandans are doing it tough, very tough. Nationwide there has been torrential rains, floods, landslides, rivers bursting and lakes rising. In addition to facing hardship due to lockdown, thousands have also had their homes and gardens (main food source) washed away. (Joseph here on staff lost his family garden in a landslide down in Southern Uganda)



Songalendu, the fishing village behind Amari, has been impacted by rising waters, and houses have been flooded. Staff member Caesar's home collapsed. Cook Richard has taken in 11 relatives who lost their hut, and our lead builder Denis has water within a meter of his home, and more rains are predicted.

Some Amari students have had their houses flooded, and are having to build back inland. Day time is spent building, rather than gardening or fishing for food for families. So guardians now worry about their children facing hunger. At night, approx. 10 families are sleeping in each of Songalendu's 3 churches.



Mama Kaahwa is a hardworking widow, who gets fruit sent to her that she sells to provide food for her family of 5. This can no longer be done as public transport is banned. She owns no garden, which is how many in Buliisa are surviving lockdown. Her family is suffering, as are some other Amari families in similar situations.



# Thank you

I HAD ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS IN TEARS TODAY, BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE HE IS UNDER DUE TO THE FLOODING AND TO LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

Donating to this fund, and your ongoing support of children IS making a difference to our staff, children and community

Amari has a crisis fund to help support community families. If you are in the position to donate, it would be appreciated. (See options below, and mark it COVID crisis) We fully appreciate that many are unable to contribute at this time.. For those of you, we value your prayers and pray that your own situations improve.

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**Praise & Prayer Points:** We thank God for his hand on our property, and for those continuing to support us despite the crises in their own countries. Please continue to pray for the government of Uganda as they lead through the COVID crisis. Pray for staff and students safety as they stay in lockdown in their homes, or at work.

## About Amari Community Development Organisation

Amari CDO began in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty through the support of education, development and welfare programs conducted in Uganda. Amari has 40 acres of land at Kisiabi in Buliisa District. It is registered as an NGO (Non Government Organisation) in Australia and Uganda. Its' primary focus is the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. Amari aims to invest in them educationally and spiritually through quality Christian education.



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