



"We didn't even keep our clothes"

So it was announced when I went down last week to see how Songalendu fishing village was faring with the rising water. And it is bad. Very bad. And getting worse by the day. Where are people now? Some have moved. Others are now sleeping in churches. Or simply outside.

Covid, floods and evictions

Buliisa is still in transport lockdown, and people, including Amari families, are also facing flooding and closure of their fishing sites. Not only do they have to look for food under lockdown and curfews, but now also have to relocate. Richard, Amari staff member, had to move his family this week.



Thanks to our lovely Emergency Fund donors, we did a 2nd distribution of 10kg beans to another 20 odd Amari families, and 50 families living with chronic illness and other disabilities.

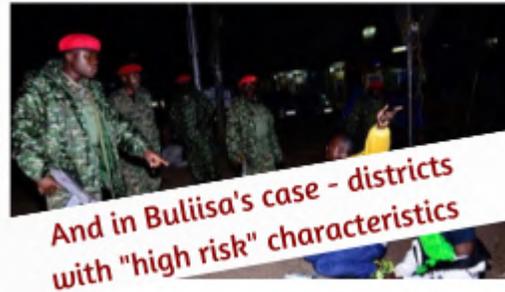
We will do another distribution in a couple of weeks time, and if you would like to contribute to that, please see the options below.

Buliisa in extended lockdown

Transport lockdown in Buliisa has been extended yet again, for an unspecified time. 122 out of 134 districts have opened to public and private transport, but Buliisa remains closed because of porous water border entry points and active COVID cases. And no end appears to be in sight.

Lockdown to stay in districts with Covid-19 cases

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020



Relaxed restrictions elsewhere

While some restrictions have been lifted (excluding Buliisa), others remain. Elsewhere cars can now carry 4 people (masked). But the 7pm curfew remains. Schools, bars, gyms and hairdressers are shut. No mass gatherings, public transport is at half capacity, and no boda passengers.

For Amari staff this means.....

Those who are around can now live offsite. They are released at 4pm to get home before bike curfew at 5pm. (House curfew is 7pm) No-one can travel in and out of the district (apart from medical or unless transporting cargo). For most people, everything must be done and sourced locally.



THANK YOU - we are deeply appreciative of your continued love, prayers and financial support during this time. Thank you for your faithfulness towards our community - you are a blessing in hard times. May God bless you in return.

What's happening around Amari

32 of our 53 staff are around and able to walk or bike to work. They must sanitize on entering the property, wear masks when working closely with others, regularly wash hands, and agree to practice social distancing offsite. Staff who attend large burials, or return to work from other districts have to self-isolate for 2 weeks before coming onsite again.



Our 9 teaching staff here onsite are keeping occupied covering, sorting and stamping library books, learning to touch type, checking in on Amari families, and this week sent out more 'take home' work to be distributed to children. (Other teachers have been unable, as yet, to get back to Buliisa due to transport bans.)

Our building and ground staff are all around, and pretty much going on with their regular work - digging the trenches for the new secondary block, keeping the grounds slashed, completing the gatehouse and other small projects, and doing some finishing off work on the outside of some of the smaller buildings.



An Amari wedding

Last Saturday we were privileged to witness the wedding of Amari staff Oliver (my househelp, who also overseas cleaning staff) and Steven, our assistant administrator. It was a lovely wedding, though a lot more low-key than weddings normally are, due to COVID regulations.



Due to the increased flooding, ongoing lockdowns and associated hardship, we will do another food and water-guard (safe water tablet) distribution this month. If you would like to assist, please see the options below. We do understand that some are not in the position to help, or have already done so, and our prayer is that God will sustain you at this time.

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Praise & Prayer Points: Our Amari staff and students are safe despite lockdown and floods. Pray for teaching staff as they reach out to our students in new ways, and the Ugandan government as it navigates the COVID crisis.

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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