

KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

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QUARTER ONE NEWS LETTER WORKING THROUGH COVID-19 (The new normal)



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Dear Partners and Stakeholders in children's work,

In this difficult apprehensive and worrying time where we are swinging from fear of COVID-19 to thinking it is propaganda by the government, it is hard to know what to do.

We as CRANE have chosen to be careful and obey the Ministry of Health Standard Operating Procedures. We continue working to make sure that we are helping the children who need us. COVID-19 will be with us for a while and protecting oneself by the washing of hands and wearing masks will help us.

The Church buildings have closed for a long time and we feel for the active ministries that have gone virtual (which is not quite the same). We pray for the church workers who have been laid off from their ministries. We continue to urge you all to keep children safe. Remember the worth of each child and protect them from abuse. The children are vulnerable and need to be protected.

The journey continues.

PARTNER ENGAGEMENTS

Our partners and network members were not left out during this season. We are making sure they are being engaged through quality improvement standards in child safeguarding, child wellbeing, project planning and design and financial accountability. Governance and people care will follow next. Communication goes out through our social media platforms, text messages and phone calls. We have thought of member organisations and of their individuals and families. We share safety tips on COVID-19, a skill/sport/game to learn and engage the family members at home. We've been able to reach out to **162** organisations and helped **18** organisations to write child protection policies through these engagements. We welcome members to ask for the help they need as they work on their policies and procedures.



CHILDREN IN EDUCATION

SAVING IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

During a season like this, you would expect parents or guardians' savings to drop. Surprisingly that wasn't the case for MIFA VSLA guardians who continued to commit the little there was to scientific savings.

This was a unique act of determination and disciplined financial management, not typical in many situations. Most importantly to our work, was an indicator of continued efforts of encouraging communities to commit their efforts unceasingly towards keeping girls in education.

With the opening of public transport, MIFA's "COVID-19 savings" were banked on their accounts. This will benefit **294** girls to access a loan when schools re-open.



CHILDREN IN SAFE SPACES

HOPE STUDIO

With the disruption to large social gatherings and the closure of schools presented by the COVID-19, CRANE Hope Studio in partnership with National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC) supported continued learning at home by recording radio and television lessons for learners at primary and secondary levels during the lockdown. (The lessons have been running across all national TV and radio stations). We recorded a total of **64** lessons in Maths, English, Social Studies, Physics, Geography & History as part of CRANE's contribution. We worked with **5** CRANE teachers and **6** NCDC specialists. We have been able to write and produce community awareness messages on Child protection and COVID-19 prevention for national radio and community radios.



CHILDREN IN FAMILIES

Families for Children

Hands to Serve: World Weekend of Prayer 2020 Highlights
Mobilisation for the World Weekend on Prayer was an online 28-day campaign on the theme '**Hands to serve**'. Churches in the network mobilised families and children to participate through door-to-door visits, phone calls, social media, radio & TV.

Approximately **170** churches and organisations were mobilised directly by CRANE with an estimate of **60** churches taking part, **30** of them being new. An average of **2,000** people participated in the campaign.

