



UPENDO ORPHANS SUPPORT PROJECT

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2020 NEWSLETTER



Greetings Upendo family,

It is yet another time that Upendo is sharing updates on Upendo activities for this year. It has indeed been a different, challenging and difficult year across the globe due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our sincere appreciation to you for standing with us during this Covid-19 pandemic.



PROGRAMME UPDATES

1. Education

- Schools were shut indefinitely in March, 2020 following the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Upendo started a home learning program to all children in June, 2020.
- The government announced a phased reopening of schools in October, 2020 starting with grade 4 and 8 and form 4.

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- The government also ordered all schools to reopen fully on 4th January, 2021.

2. Healthcare

All the children are under a health insurance cover through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) paid fully by Upendo. The children receive quality healthcare services whenever they are sick.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to be a threat in Kenya and in particular Kilifi County. Despite the decrease in infections countrywide, Kilifi continues to record more cases. The national and county governments have continued to put in measures to curb the spread of the virus.



3. Skills Training

With the children at home, the project could not conduct training sessions. However, some of our children, Cecilia Mali and Hamisi Ngala in particular, have been making bracelets and masks while at home and earned some money to support their families.



4. Feeding



The children are usually provided with 3 meals a day across the year. However, since the project closed in March, 2020 due to Covid-19, Upendo has been distributing food to all children and their families every month.

The cost of feeding children at home is twice that at the project.

A big thank you to all our sponsors and supporters who went an extra mile to donate funds towards our feeding

5. New Look

While the children were at home due to Covid-19, we repainted Upendo's main building, resource center and replaced all the old and malfunctioning fans and bulbs and also constructed a new day care center. Please have a look at the before and after photos.



Figure 1: Before: Upendo's Day Care Center



Figure 2: After: Upendo's Day Care Center



Figure 3: Before: Upendo's main gate



Figure 4: After: Upendo's main gate



Figure 5: Before: Upendo's main building



Figure 6: After: Upendo's main building

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.