



Impact Report 

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Rapid Response COVID-19 Campaign

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WASH YOUR HANDS TO AVOID
CORONA VIRUS



YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

COVID-19 took us all by surprise. In just a few short months, the virus swept quickly across the globe, resulting in shelter-in-place orders, partial lockdowns and a “new normal” for many of us, including our friends in Uganda. Yumbe District – the region we serve in Northern Uganda that’s home to one of the world’s largest refugee populations and .5M+ Ugandan residents – was not spared.

Throughout our years of service here, we’ve fortified deep relationships with the people of Yumbe. As COVID-19 made its way there, protecting our friends quickly became our number one priority. With limited access to free-flowing water, soap, adequate healthcare and other basic necessities, we knew they were extremely vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19.

Having worked to bring clean water, preventative health education and ministry programs to the people of Yumbe for years, 4africa was asked to take a lead role in Yumbe’s COVID-19 Task Force.

By working closely with community leaders and government officials, we developed a rapid response plan focused on equipping the communities we serve with the strongest defense systems we could provide. All that was missing were the resources needed to implement our plan, and we knew right away our 4africa Family would join forces with us to support the cause.

Your quick response was overwhelming! While navigating the difficulties of the pandemic yourself, you continued to demonstrate faithful love and compassion for others. Because of your prayers and contributions, we were able to support the local government and equip the communities we serve with the necessary essentials to combat the spread.

In addition, we recognized this as a unique opportunity to share the gospel. People were introduced to Jesus as our health teams made their rounds to markets, health centers, and community gathering points. Many who had never heard the gospel tuned in to our radio broadcasts for updates on the virus and encouragement during these difficult times.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

It’s our mission to demonstrate God’s love and unwavering presence during uncertain times. The pandemic is not over, but the district’s numbers have remained comparably low to other regions in Uganda.

We will continue to work with the local government as the situation changes. With numbers on the rise again across the country, it is highly likely we will need to do more in the coming months to ensure the continued safety of our friends in Uganda.

But thanks to YOU, hundreds of thousands of refugees and residents in Yumbe now have the resources they need to protect themselves from COVID-19. Additionally, through your prayers and support, YOU brought hope and peace to those experiencing fear and anxiety. And for that, we can’t thank you enough.

Your immediate action made a real impact – we’re eager to share the progress with you! Read on to see the details and hear stories of your impact.

RAPID RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS

1.5 M

radio listeners were reached with COVID-19 awareness messages.

730

bars of soap given to vulnerable people.

202

jerry cans to vulnerable people.

470,962

people reached by 144 trained hygiene promoters with prevention messages.

144

handwashing stations installed & manned by trained hygiene promoters.

8,684

personal protection equipment distributed.

10

people were led to Christ and are now being disciplined.

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**KIDEN ROSE, 14- YEARS OLD,
KWENDA COMMUNITY BOREHOLE**

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Since learning about the coronavirus, I have been avoiding crowded places and greeting people [from a distance]. I am cultivating the habit of washing my hands regularly. We are thankful that 4africa has not only drilled a borehole for us so that we can always access water for handwashing, but they have also trained us on the importance of handwashing. We have set up two new handwashing station At the borehole, we have a tippy tap, and everyone must use it to wash their hands before pumping water. At the market we have a fully-installed handwashing station that we use. My family has been eating more vegetables and fruits to boost our immunity. Thank God it's the mango season here. We have plenty of mangos to eat!

I want to thank 4africa for providing us with clean water and helping us to stay safe during corona. Personally, I will continue to do everything I have been advised to do in order to stay safe and advise my friends and family to do the same.

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Kiden Rose

14-years old, Kwenda Community

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BAKOLE THOUGHT HIS FAITH WAS STRONG – THEN COVID-19 PUT IT TO THE TEST.

As a frontline health advocate, he was scared of catching the virus, but God planned to use Bakole to deliver health and hope despite his fears.

Caring for the physically vulnerable and spiritually unreached has remained a priority during the COVID-19 Rapid Response Campaign. Our team members have experienced the power of God like never before, deepening their own faith as they serve others. Read Bakole's full story [\[HERE\]](#).



“We really appreciate this support from 4africa... We also thank those who generously gave towards this need. You have greatly supported the Yumbe District COVID-19 Task Force. Thank you very much!”

Dr. Alfred
Yumbe Health District Officer



“I have been told that to avoid coronavirus, we should always wash our hands and avoid crowded places and sitting together all the time. Because I don't want to get sick and die, I am following what I was told by the Volunteer Health Trainer who moves around the village. There are also people who speak about coronavirus on the radio and this has helped me to know more about it. I am going to continue doing what I have been told so that I remain healthy.”

Kevin Ajoya
16-years old



“Currently, I am protecting myself and my family from the coronavirus by washing our hands all the time. We are lucky that we were provided a handwashing station and soap at the market by 4africa which we are using religiously. This corona has really scared me. When it started and I heard the way people are dying across the world, I stopped praying in Arabic and started praying in my local language of Aringa so that God can hear my prayer from the bottom of my heart.”

Dawa Zainab
38-years old,
Food vendor at Goboro Market