



Dear friends and members of Adesuwa,

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COVID-19: Project days 2020 are postponed

The Coronavirus impacts all of us – also our kids in Coker Village. At first it seemed as if only the Project Days organization was affected. Due to travel restrictions our team members Barbara and Christina were unable to fly to Nigeria – a huge disappointment for us. The whole Adesuwa team in Germany and Nigeria spent weeks preparing the Project Days – under the motto “Creativity” to support our kids, the teachers and tutors with creative writing skills. With the help of additional teachers in Nigeria, it seemed that we could carry out the Project Days as planned. **Two days ago the Nigerian government ordered a lockdown situation – no one can leave the house. For Adesuwa that means that we cannot carry out the Project Days as planned.**

Coker Kids fear food crisis

For our Coker Kids and their families, the lockdown leads to more horrendous consequences than the Project Days postponement:

- **Families fear a food crisis.** Many Nigerians are day laborers, living hand-to-mouth. They cannot afford to stock up on food, and they have no savings to keep their heads above water for 2 weeks. They can't rely on a social system to support them in cases of emergency. With no work, they have nothing to eat.

- **Food prices are skyrocketing.** Nigeria's economy has moved from one crisis to another, often the result of their economic dependency on the international oil price. The virus has already led to a high increase in food prices and – due to panic buying and hoarding – prices will continue to rise. Prices are fluctuating so rapidly that Nigerians ask themselves every day if they can still afford to buy food – even assuming that food is available.

- **No access to running water.** Whether in Coker Village – where some villagers have to walk miles to the nearest river- or in megacities like Lagos, many Nigerians have no running water, no own toilet facilities and live in confined spaces. Preventing the Coronavirus spread by avoiding contact and frequent hand washing is therefore extremely difficult.
- **No electricity.** What can Nigerians do during the lockdown? The public energy supply is meagre – especially in times of crisis. In many households electricity (when available) comes from generators which run on fuel. With no income these families will not be able to afford electricity. They will have to stay at home, with no water and electricity, and without the entertainment and activities which we take for granted.



Source: AlJazeera (2020) <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/nigeria-announces-lockdown-major-cities-curb-coronavirus-200330095100706.html>

Adesuwa Donation Campaign!

The Coker Kids and their families, like most Nigerians, are now facing a twofold crisis with far-reaching consequences: a fatal virus combined with a devastating economic crisis. Because no one can predict the duration and the consequences of this double crisis, we at Adewusa are appealing to you to make a donation today to alleviate the suffering of tomorrow. In the next weeks and months we will try to mobilize as much financial support as possible to mitigate the suffering of our kids and their families. Most of us are now staying at home, and might have spent less by not going to events or shopping. We sincerely ask you to consider if you might be able to spare some extra money to help our kids and their families. We would be happy to receive any donation – large or small.

In the coming weeks will keep you up-to-date on the crisis in Nigeria and our donation campaign on our Facebook page, our Homepage and here in our Newsletters.

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Please find further information about the lockdown in Nigeria here:

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