Impact in Ghana

In northern Ghana, where more than half of all families live in poverty and 1 in 15 children die before their 5th birthday, AfriKids is a force for change: an award-winning organisation helping people take control of their own lives and give their children happier childhoods and brighter futures.

Navigating challenges is the day job for us and the people we exist to serve. Now that COVID-19 has reached this fragile part of the world, we have a new obstacle to overcome. Public health messaging in Ghana is failing to reach the most marginalised communities, so we’re filling that gap to help keep children and families safe and help limit the spread of coronavirus.

What we’re doing

- **Bringing public health messages to poor, rural communities.**
  Official information is currently failing to reach people who are not online, who don’t speak English or read. We’re delivering vital information on COVID-19 in ways that reach the most vulnerable: in local languages, via PA systems fitted to our trucks, radio broadcasts, posters, leaflet drops and phone calls.

- **Delivering hand-washing supplies to families without running water**
  Distributing “veronica” buckets (with taps on), soap and hand sanitiser to rural families so they can adhere to guidelines.

- **Equipping rural health facilities with PPE and hand washing supplies**
  Many do not have running water, so buckets, soap and hand sanitiser are essential for hand washing. Masks and gloves help keep healthworkers safe.

- **Delivering frontline healthcare at the AfriKids Medical Centre**
  A vital primary hospital in northern Ghana, treating poor families free of charge, now triaging for COVID-19 and treating patients with symptoms. We urgently need PPE and supplies in order to keep this facility open and operating safely.

How you can help

**Donate supplies**

What we urgently need right now:

- Veronica buckets x 820
- Soap x 21,600 bars
- Hand sanitiser x 9,960 (200ml bottles)
- Non-contact infrared thermometer x 10
- Oxygen cannisters (20L cylinder) x 20
- Face (nose) masks x 45,000
- Disposable gloves x 85,000
- Goggles x 50
- Protective aprons x150
- Hazmat suit x 150
- Washable theatre footwear x 30

**Donate funds**

https://afrikids.charitycheckout.co.uk/coronavirus/

**Fundraise or volunteer from home**

https://www.afrikids.org/get-involved/supporting-us-from-home/

**Connect us to partners**

There are lots of organisations working to tackle COVID-19 globally. We’re keen to speak to any who can help us hold the frontline in Ghana. We have staff and infrastructure on the ground now, ready to distribute vital information and supplies.