

Right now, families in northern Ghana are choosing between the risks of contracting coronavirus and their children starving.

- AfriKids has lost over £1m in income this year
- Families are facing starvation as livelihoods are devastated
- 2000 families helped so far
- £400k urgently needed to provide life-saving support to more

Over £1m of AfriKids funding this year has been lost due to the impact of COVID-19. We are doing everything we can and have helped 2000 families like Victoria's with emergency food, soap and basic PPE. But under severe financial strain, we are having to turn people away in their greatest hour of need.

The most vulnerable children and their families are being hit the hardest by COVID-19 – pushed further into poverty, setting back progress we have made by decades. This will only worsen as the economic crisis forces under-resourced governments like Ghana's to cut public services. Without organisations like AfriKids there to protect vulnerable children, poverty, neglect and abuse will thrive.

AfriKids is on the frontline and trusted in these communities. They have no government support, jobs or access to credit. We are ready to support them and are their only hope. But we can only do it with your urgent and continued support. We have cut budgets, cancelled projects and slashed staff salaries, but it's not enough.

We urgently need to raise £400,000 to keep our projects running this year, including:

- £6,267 to keep our drop-in centre and counselling services open for hundreds of street children;
- £15,984 to keep our rescue centre open for up to 70 mothers and babies facing abuse, neglect and severe malnutrition;
- £28,213 to support hundreds of children with disabilities and their families with friendly contact, counselling and emergency supplies

Please give whatever you can to protect some of the world's most vulnerable children. Thank you.

DONATE NOW

This is a changing situation so all donations raised will be allocated to our general funds and spent flexibly as needed, where they can make the greatest difference.



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Victoria: "If I sold in the market, I would still defy the coronavirus and go and sell in the market because that is the only way my family will survive. It would have been a choice of going out with my daughter to work so that we can survive and risk getting the virus or staying at home and dying of starvation and for me I prefer to risk corona because hunger is more deadly. I don't even have that option as my place of work, the primary school in the village, has been shut down."

Angelina: "I go to the market to help people carry their loads or perform any other available jobs in order to buy foodstuff to take home. So we live from market day to market day and there are days we don't get any work and go without a proper meal. We are exploited, especially in terms of how much we get paid. We know we should be earning more, but we really don't care, we are grateful for an opportunity to earn something that will put food on the table for a few days."

I had started saving to enrol my daughter in [pre school], however now the little savings I had have all been used up on food during this pandemic. We have to face a bigger problem of what to eat and so I have postponed thoughts of my daughter's education. We have to survive first before we can think of sending her to school."

Victoria, a 65 year old widow, her daughter, Angelina, 19 and granddaughter, 1 year old baby Marice

