



Raising Leaders, Transforming Africa

Supporting the Vulnerable Through the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis

Social Innovators on the Frontline

- ❖ LEAP Africa believes in the energy, creativity and innovation of engaging the agency of youth in delivering positive social change to grassroots communities in need and ultimately working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Nigeria.
- ❖ The [SIP](#) is a yearly one year fellowship during which 20 social innovators undergo intense in-class and virtual workshops, mentoring sessions and business support services which equip them with the tools to effectively and efficiently drive social change.
- ❖ Through our Social Innovators Programme (SIP), we have supported and continue to support 136 talented youth between the ages of 18-35 years; whose ideas and initiatives offer innovative & effective solutions to challenges in local communities across Nigeria. These initiatives range from health, agriculture, education, renewable energy and environmental sustainability etc.
- ❖ Notable initiatives include: [Mamamoni](#); A Fintech Social Enterprise that is closing the credit gap for low-income female entrepreneurs in rural and urban slum communities in Nigeria through instant mobile Loans and capacity building, [Lagos Food Bank Initiative](#); A social enterprise on a mission to end hunger by providing immediate nutritious food and the long term needs (employment) of the extremely poor to improve their livelihoods, and [HelpMum](#): a social enterprise on a mission to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Nigeria by using the power of mobile technology and low cost innovation. Through mobile technology, they deliver lifesaving health information to pregnant women on their mobile phones.
- ❖ Nigeria confirmed the first case of the COVID-19 on Feb 28th 2020 in Lagos, and since then the Federal and state governments have launched various interventions and policies to contain the global epidemic and prevent outbreak including the lockdown of some cities starting with Lagos (being the two locations with the highest number of cases) and Ogun which took effect from Tuesday 31st March, 2020.

How we are responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis

The effect of this lockdown and other measures have been most felt by the marginalised due to poverty and hunger . Hence, we are responding to support the most vulnerable in our country by working through our network of social entrepreneurs who are at the frontline of providing relief to the poorest communities who have been hardest hit by the crisis. The support interventions are catering to the welfare and wellbeing of these low-income families. Below are the areas of relief we are most focused on in this period:

Provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Provision of masks, gloves, sanitizers, soaps and portable handwash buckets to local communities.

Post-Crisis Support

Supporting and equipping members of the low-income communities with the tools and skills to navigate the path following the pandemic. This would include hard and soft-skills training and mental support.

Food Supplies & Toiletries

We are providing food staples and toiletries to vulnerable grass root families. Some provide cooked food daily alongside provisions and toiletries.

Sensitization

Conducting sensitization and awareness in grassroots communities that lack awareness of the pandemic and educating on safety measures.

Relief Efforts so far.....

A lot of effort has been made, but there is still a lot to be done to bring succour to families in need.



Providing Food supplies to the vulnerable

MAMAMONI
...empowering poor women

Providing Food, Toiletries and PPE to the Vulnerable



Relief Efforts so far continued.....

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Supporting widows in the rural areas of Abuja with Food stuff and PPE



Rural Development and Reformation Foundation: Supporting low income families in Sapele, Delta State with Food stuff and PPE.

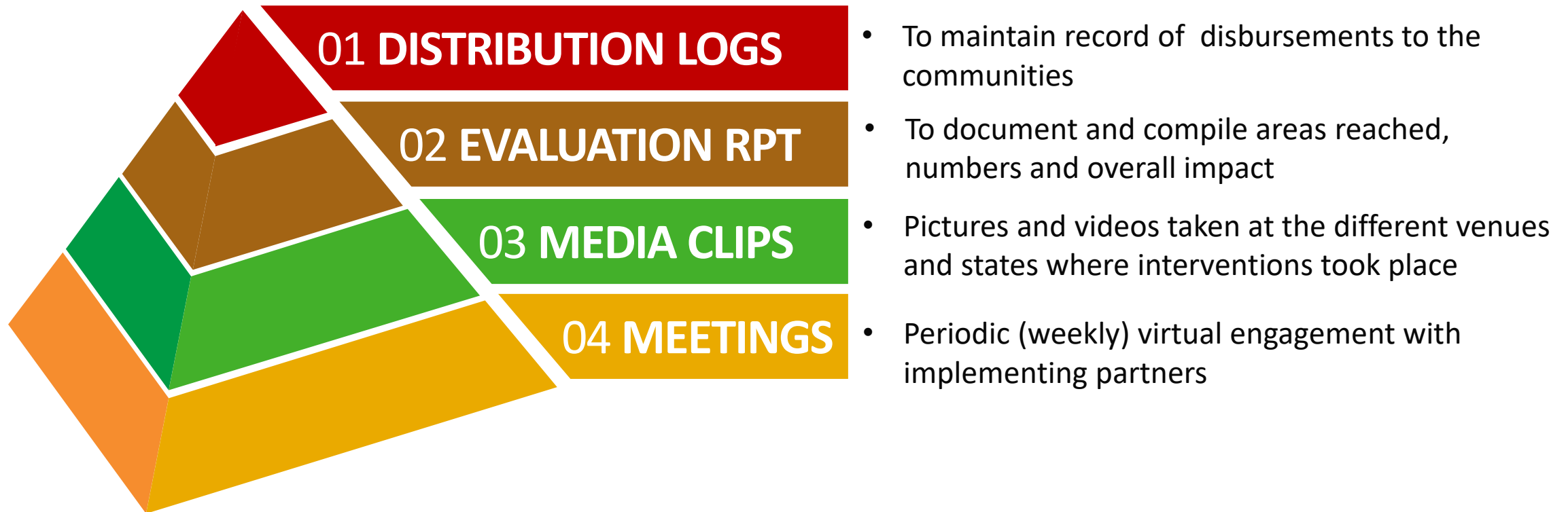


Sensitizing low-income families in Owo, Osun state and providing them with food supplies



Monitoring and Evaluation

LEAP is responsible for coordinating, providing direct implementation support, hand-holding, monitoring & evaluating the intervention process. This will be carried out using various tools and platforms to ensure accountability:



Through the above measures, we would ensure compliance to all safety protocols and monitor implementation to ensure that the most vulnerable families and communities are put first.

How can we Partner

This challenge requires all hands on deck and your funding support would enable us serve low-income communities in areas with high prevalence of the pandemic, especially where lockdowns have been instituted and peoples livelihoods affected. We would be responsible for driving the overall intervention, jointly showcasing efforts and monitoring to ensure reach.

Let Us Do More Together



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