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**Project Title**: Supporting Communities in Dandora Slums Cope During COVID-19 Pandemic

In Kenya, the current infection rate is 1,471 with 55 deaths. There are thousands of people under quarantine with more thousands being traced. The fear of these people being infected then coming out to infect more people has become real. The continued infections of many people in Nairobi by the virus are sparking fears that the disease could spread unchecked, particularly in crowded slums and the dumpsite and even to street families. These settlements are very congested with not only enough space but lack proper hygiene and sanitation. Here, water for basic needs are in short supply and so is sanitation.

The housing conditions in Dandora slums and even in the dumpsite is becoming a challenge for people to practice “social distancing” as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), and Kenya’s Ministry of Health to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemics. Here in Kenya, schools and colleges have been closed. Companies are closing as most of our people depend on informal jobs. Our worries are with the children and women DADREG rehabilitated from the dumpsite who depend on self-employment to put food on the table.

The strict measures the government has put in place by locking down the country through curfews meant to contain existing cases to avoid catastrophic outbreak that could quickly overwhelm local health systems, especially if the virus hits the slums. The current curfew/ lockdown is having negative effects on the lives of the poor people who have no alternative sources of livelihoods. Children DADREG supports in schools with education and nutrition are finding it difficult to have a meal even in their homes. Women & children who are HIV+ are finding it difficult to survive with ARV drugs without food. Elderly and other vulnerable DADREG provided with shelter away from the dumpsite has seen ratios reduced.

It is against this background that the Project will target one of the slum communities in Nairobi- Dandora with an integrated package of interventions aimed at strengthening resilience and improving livelihoods. The project aims to: empower the community in Dandora and this would be to focus on hygiene, sensitization, food, but also help for restarting a micro-enterprise once the epidemic will be over. Those 4 focuses seem to be the more urgent to address for vulnerable people our partners target in terms of hygiene kits distribution, food distribution and awareness among the population about the "barrier behaviors on COVID-19.

The project, “Supporting Communities in Dandora Slums Cope during COVID-19 Pandemic”, intends to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 through public education, the supply of much needy hygiene kits, making water and sanitation accessible and offering relief in terms of food provision to families who have been affected by the coronavirus lockdown. The project also seeks to support beneficiaries restart micro-enterprise once the epidemic will be over to stop them and their children going back to the dumpsite.

**Overall goal**

The overall goal of this project is to provide safety nets to families affected by the loss of income resulting from lockdowns to enable them to weather the periods of the lockdown to fight the COVID-19 infections. The support will help the vulnerable stay home rather than going out risking their lives and those of their families to look for food.

**Specific Project objectives**

a) To provide hygiene kits to 3,800 vulnerable families in Dandora slums/ dumpsite to reduce the spread of coronavirus among the vulnerable women and children. The current kits needed are sanitizers, soaps, toilet tissues, and other cleaning materials.

b) To install hand wash stops available in strategic areas within the slums and dumpsite to enable people to practice handwashing as directed by the authorities and the World Health Organisation (WHO). All around the world, people are asked to wash their hands 20 seconds with soaps or use sanitizers. Only 1 in 5 slum residents in urban Africa have access to clean and safe water which contributes to the spread of viruses and diseases. How do you wash your hands regularly if you live in the slums with no running water?

c) To create awareness using Public Education: Use of informal health providers to scale up public education on the prevention and spread of coronavirus to the area residence of Dandora slums.

d) To provide food distribution to the most vulnerable struggling with food insecurity who are hurt by high prices of food, scarcity of food resulting from the coronavirus and devastation cost by loss of income resulted from the lockdown.

e) To Support women to restart their lives through support for their businesses.

**Results of the project**

a. Awareness created to a community of over 40,000 people to reduce/ stop the spread of COVID-19 among the vulnerable population in Dandora slums and dumpsite.

b. Hygiene kits (sanitizers, soaps, toilet papers) are supplied to over 20,000 people, in various strategic places like homes, social places, market place, and dumpsite.

c. Water and sanitation supplied to 20,000 people in need of wash to stop the spread of COVID-19.

d. Supply food to 100 vulnerable households to cushion them during the period of lockdown from the vagaries of food insecurity.

e. To support 45 women with startup capital restart micro-enterprise/ businesses once the epidemic will be over to stop them and their children going back to the dumpsite.

**The specific activities to be carried out to achieve the expected results**

a. Purchase of Sanitizers, soaps (liquid, bar), toiletry, and sanitary towels for women & girls.

b. Purchase of 6 water tanks (5,000 liters), and 300 hand wash (20 liters)

c. Supply food (cereals, maize meal, cooking oil, milk, vegetable, sugar, wheat flour, tea leaves) to 100 households (representing 800 families)

d. Providing startup capital to 45 women who lost their savings as a result of the COVID-19.

**COVID-19 BUDGET**

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| **Line Items** | | **Unit** | **no. of units** | **Unit rate ($)** | **Cost ($)** |
| **1. Hygiene Kits:** | **a. Masks for health workers & vulnerable populations.** | Once | 1,600 | 1.60 | 2, 560 |
| **b. Water Tanks** | 50 litre | 300 | 7.00 | 2,100 |
| **c. Sanitizers** | 5 litre | 800 | 4.00 | 3,200 |
| **d. soaps (liquid)** | 10 litre | 600 | 8.00 | 4,800 |
| **e. Sanitary towels** | 24 packs | 1.800 | 2.10 | 3,780 |
| **f. Toilet papers** | 10 pack | 800 | 3.70 | 2,960 |
|  | **Sub Total** |  |  |  | **19,400** |
| **2. Water and Sanitation (Water)** | | 1,000 litre | 20 | 36 | 720 |
| **3. Food Safety Net** | | 3 months | 100 homes | 120 | 12,000 |
| **4. Awareness Creation & Community Education** | | 3 months | 30 days | 600 | 1,800 |
| **6.1. Allowance for educators & health workers** | | 3 months | 5 health workers | 80 | 1,200 |
| **7. Capital Startup (to be given after the lockdown)** | | Once | 45 women | 150 | 6,750 |
| **Alternative Delivery Education Models to Children from Dandora slums out of School due to COVID-19** | | 4 months | 6,800 children | 3,620 | 3,620 |
| **Sub Total** | |  |  |  | **26,090** |
| **Administration** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Transport (for health educators around the slums)** | | 4 | 10 | 20 | **800** |
| **Telephone/ Internet** | | 5 months | 1 | 76 | **380** |
| **Coordination (Project / Field Coordinators) costs** | | 4 | 4 | 180 | **2,880** |
| **Sub Total** | |  |  |  | **4,060** |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT** | |  |  |  | **49,550** |