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## **CORONAVIRUS AND ITS IMPACT ON ACE AFRICA**

The coronavirus is affecting us all. But for the world's most deprived and vulnerable people its impact will be devastating. They will be hardest hit by this global crisis. You can't wash your hands regularly if you don't have access to water; you can't self-isolate in a family of 10 living in one room.

In Kenya and Tanzania social security safety nets are minimal or non-existent. Small businesses and farmers will not receive government bail outs. Health care systems already stretched to the limit will be overwhelmed.

No-one can predict the social and economic consequences. But for vulnerable individuals and families in remote rural communities the need for organisations like Ace Africa will never have been greater.

We are working closely with governments in Kenya and Tanzania, and taking their advice on where and how we work. We have taken action to protect our staff and volunteers to keep them safe and well. More detailed plans will be made in the weeks to come, as we speak to our supporters.

Ace Africa is proud to be a community-led organisation with a long-term perspective. We know this approach works. Governments and local communities endorse it. Since 2003, we have transformed the lives of 1,833,307 of the most vulnerable people in Kenya and Tanzania - helping families put food on their tables, increasing household income, upholding women and children's rights, and so much more. All of our supporters, big and small, helped make this possible.

Updates on the situation in Kenya and Tanzania will be posted on our website, [www.ace-africa.org](http://www.ace-africa.org), where you can donate to help us continue our work. We need your support at this challenging time, now more than ever.

For more information please do get in touch with us by phone or e-mail.

Best wishes

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