

Laatste nieuws over het coronavirus op Madagaskar.

Op 1 april 2020 kregen wij bericht dat het virus ook op Madagaskar slachtoffers maakt. Er zijn 46 besmettingen en (nog) geen overlijdensgevallen.

Er is door de regering een lock-down afgekondigd.

In dit land met grote armoede is het voor veel mensen een afweging: luisteren naar de regering, niet naar buiten gaan en van de honger omkomen of ongehoorzaam zijn en de kans lopen het virus op te lopen en dat verder te verspreiden. De indruk is dat veel voor de laatste mogelijkheid wordt gekozen.

Hieronder de verslagen van Manana (de sociaal-maatschappelijk werkster) en Ony (de contactpersoon voor de buitenlandse vrijwilligers).

Manana schreef:

Dear all,

This morning, I have called the president of FRAM at Ambatomasina school and she said everyone in there are ok, all the children, teachers and parents are fine. Everyone are scared about the virus, nobody in the fields, just one or two who just collect some small product for eating. People are afraid because sometimes there is a motorbike who control the people if they are all lockdown also or not.

She said also that the price of the rice in there is getting up. One of the teacher came to see her yesterday because this teacher missed her students.

They are supposed to do an exam the week of 23rd of March but because of the lockdown was started at that date so they didn't manage to do it.

As you have seen on the photos that they have started to destroy the old building as it became unsafe for the children, so the children started to eat outside on the playground. It was before lockdown, but they didn't finished yet, they hope to finish it when they will be back to school.

We wish that we all will be fine. Especially all our children will be safe.

God bless all of us.

Manana

En Ony schreef:

Dear All,

I understand that many of you have been worried especially about the children whom you have been sponsoring since the outbreak of this pandemic.

We were a LITTLE bit lucky because our President had taken the decision to suspend flights connection with Europe and our neighbourhood islands earlier; and only few days later after that he decided to close the border so the government managed to take control of the people who entered the country for the last minute. But having said that, we all understand that it would be so tough

to fight against this virus so despite the fact that our government tried hard to protect us, three cases confirmed on 20th March which has increased to 46 cases (yesterday news) and no death announced.

Due to those three cases confirmed on 20th March, the government took the decision to close all schools , public places including churches and to lock down Tana the capital city which you would understand that " the most hardest news hitting the people" because a choice must be taken between: " lockdown and dying of hunger or going out for food and dying of virus".

Unfortunately, people are not able to respect the rules as most of the Malagasy people live hand to mouth so the risk is quite high.

In regarding our schools and children, the " stay at home " began on 23rd March and as I mentioned above that rule is very hard to respect for most of the parents of our children and especially the children have relied on two meals a day from us. Luckily, our freelance social worker and the responsible of our canteens have been happy to stay being informed by the parents if there is any emergency matter such as health or lack of food problems.

So from yesterday, the social worker started to distribute small amount of money to allow the parents buy rice to their families; and the good news from the report we have received that all our children have been keeping well so let's pray and stay positive that solution will be found soon.

We also from our end would like to wish you good health and please stay safe.

All the best,

Ony and Ankizy Gasy team