

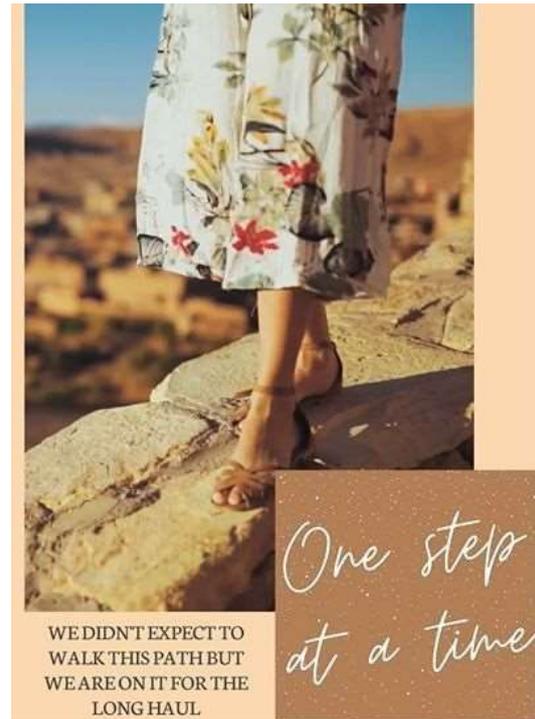
On 13th March, 2020 the Kenyan Government reported its first case of Covid-19 infection. On this day we chose to lockdown Umoja. Directives were issued by the Government including the closure of all schools and learning institutions, group gatherings, shops, restaurants, church, hotels and a strict curfew.

Just like us here in Australia the lives of Kenyans changed quickly, though unlike us, many, many people are suffering due to lack of food during this crisis. We made the heartbreaking decision to lay off most of our 14 staff and only keep a skeleton staff as our **donations** **virtually dried up overnight.**



Our children and staff were taught quickly about the dangers of this virus and how to protect themselves. Our children are all doing well thankfully, though wanting badly to get back to school. Without our farm and amazing child sponsors who are still able to support our children, [things would be even worse at Umoja.](#)

Many projects without sustainability practices have folded all over Kenya along with businesses causing massive job losses like here, **BUT** there is no social security like here. See our plan we had for our [survival](#) from our sustainability practices in hard times, but we didn't see Covid-19 coming at us. We now have a range of [support packages](#) we need help with and we thank you so much for your support in advance. A little will go a long way. Umoja means togetherness and we need you more than ever.



We thought our sustainability practices would keep us standing tall through most things - but we didn't think all 3 sections of our sustainability would suffer at the same time.

1. **NO TOURISTS SO NO SAFARIS - 100% OF OUR SAFARI PROFITS ARE GIVEN TO UMOJA**
2. **NO BUYERS FOR OUR CROPS DUE TO SHUTDOWNS**
3. **LOSS OF SOME CHILD SPONSORS DUE TO SPONSORS LOSING THEIR JOBS HERE IN AUSTRALIA**

I'd love to help with one of your support packages

I can't afford any of those packages but I'd like to donate the cost of a couple of coffees



We have 3 remaining farm workers on our farm at the moment. They are working hard to still provide us with our vegetables and eggs, however, we've had to sell off most of our 800 chickens to help pay wages, fuel, electricity, security, and unforeseen expenses during this time. Unfortunately, foods, fuel, etc., have skyrocketed in price with much racketeering occurring.

Our 40-foot container arrived in Mombasa Kenya earlier this month, but with cases of the virus at the port, the port was closed. We await news when it can be cleared and transported to Umoja. It seems like this container was never meant to reach us!!

