



Thank you so much - Our headache has eased a little

You were there for us when we really needed you.

You answered our call for help and we thank you so much for caring. Your donations to our support packages have allowed us to buy more seeds to grow food, buy staple food for our children and remaining staff, assist with insurances & pay wages, put fuel in our car, and help with utilities.

Without your help we would have been up a creek without a paddle. In fact you

have saved us - for now!

[Watch our thank you video we made just for you](#) on Facebook.

AND please consider us as your charity of choice as the financial year comes to an end next month. All donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. We still remain in lockdown in Kenya.

WHY SUPPORT UMOJA ?

WHY SHOULD I MAKE UMOJA MY CHARITY OF CHOICE?

1

WE ARE A PROJECT OF RAWCS

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) is the Australian arm of Rotary International that assists Rotary Clubs with the development and management of international community service projects

2

ACCOUNTABILITY

Umoja has to have approved by RAWCS any funds we send to Kenya to the project

3

REPORTING

As part of being a RAWCS project we must provide 6 monthly financial reports and volunteer team reports after our volunteers return to Australia. RAWCS manages all our donations

4

PERCENTAGE OF \$

Approximately 97% of your donation goes directly to the project (less currency exchange rates.) The only people who get paid from donations are our staff in Kenya

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NEARLY 9 YEARS OPERATING

We began on 30th July 2011. We've weathered many storms and challenges. We are a small fish in a big pond, and we've proven we never give up.

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I'd like to donate

WE CAN'T TAKE A TRICK RIGHT NOW

Just when we thought things couldn't get worse we lost all our crops due to the heavy rains - **our third year in a row!** Photos below show as the waters subsided. So your assistance couldn't have come at a better time. Unfortunately nearly 200 people lost their lives due to flash flooding across the country.

We are still a long way from being out of the woods, but one step forward at a time. You can imagine how deflated 3 remaining farmworkers felt yet again.



If you would like to help us get through this crisis please watch our [video](#) or [read about our support packages here](#). You are just [one click away](#) from getting your [tax receipt](#).



Our beautiful Lozi

YEARS OF TRUST

Our Unbreakable Bond

WITH OUR UMOJA SINCE 2016



OUR AMAZING LOZI

We want to pay recognition to one of our wonderful staff members. Lozi has been with us since opening day - July 30th 2016. A more hard-working woman you would be hard-pressed to find. She is one of our housemothers, and you'll never find her idle. If there is a hand that is required elsewhere other than the children's house, you'll find Lozi there in a heartbeat. Lozi is no spring chicken and is close to 60. She lost both her husband and only child several years back, and was in a terrible accident that left her with 3rd degree burns on a large part of her body. She was destitute, and we gave Lozi hope. Lozi mostly raised Alexis and Alare our first set of twins from 5 months of age. She would not take her leave time if either of them were sick. She'd stay just like a mother would not leave her children. Her love for all Umoja's children is something to be admired. Everyone who meets Lozi just loves her. Lozi cannot speak English, but that doesn't stop her sharing her love when volunteers come and communication becomes easier due to her eagerness to please and she will try every which way to understand you. Lozi is a very special lady.

Corona Virus in Kenya

As of the 22nd of May there are 1109 cases in Kenya and 50 deaths. Kenya still remains in lockdown. Our remaining staff are holding up well despite not leaving the project since mid-March. Our manager is the only one in and out. The children just want to go back to school. Mombasa has the second-highest number of Corona Virus cases in Kenya.

President Uhuru's Current Directives:

1. Cessation of movement on the Tanzania Border - Border closed
2. Cessation of movement on the Somalia border. - Border closed
3. All Truck drivers to be tested and if +ve not allowed.
4. Curfew remains in force
5. All Counties locked down to remain as is.

RIP JOHN

Some of our volunteers will remember John, one of our great safari drivers for Umoja. John passed away on Wednesday which was a great shock to us. John was larger than life, had an infectious laugh and a presence about him. Rest easy John.



Our 40-foot container still sits in Mombasa awaiting paperwork to be cleared. Thankfully we are not being charged fees. We hope we can share it's arrival next newsletter at Umoja. What a journey and a half from go to finish, but we are not quite there yet.

