



## Transforming Young Kenyan Lives

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### Can you please help us to feed Karibuni's sponsored children?

Dear supporters,

Since 1995 Karibuni has been giving children from the poorest of homes the chance to be educated and to achieve their full potential. It is ironic in this our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year that education has come to a sudden halt with the closure of schools as Kenya gets to grips with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the years, alongside education, Karibuni has provided countless meals, because it's not easy to learn when you may not have had breakfast and when your evening meal depends on whether your mum, dad or grandmother has managed to find occasional work that day.



But school closures means that weekday lunches – and often Saturdays - have stopped too. Colleges and Universities have also closed and students have returned to their homes. Altogether this means that almost 700 children and students sponsored by Karibuni are not receiving the regular meals on which they rely.

Back at their homes the closure of some local markets and increasing unease amongst the population means that casual work will be in shorter supply. Some Kenyans living in Nairobi and elsewhere have decided to return to their family villages, but others are fearful of taking the virus with them.

In light of this rapidly deteriorating situation we have consulted project staff in Kenya. With the option of feeding children on site no longer being available, they suggested that we

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should supply the family of each sponsored child / student with an emergency foodstuffs package. A typical food parcel, costing about 2,000 Kenyan shillings (£16) and which would include maize meal, beans, rice, sugar and cooking oil, would last about a month.

We have accepted their recommendation and have immediately sent emergency grants costing us £10,800 which will be sufficient to supply each sponsored child / student with a food parcel for April.

What happens after April? We are working with the projects to see what savings can be made from their normal budgets, but we already know that providing foodstuffs in future months, which must be our top priority, will involve Karibuni in very considerable unplanned expenditure. The best forecast is that it will be September, at earliest, before things get back to normal so the children are going to need our help for at least another four months. On top of these extra costs we shall also need to increase the grants we make to other projects which run feeding programmes.

We realise this is a difficult time to ask for donations, but we do so in the knowledge that you, our supporters, will appreciate the commitment we made to these children when first sponsoring them. With your help we can fulfil that commitment in a very practical way.

In this our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we had exciting plans, including a celebratory event in July. All such plans are now on hold. However, if between us we can feed 700 children and young people while this terrible situation continues we shall be celebrating what is so special about Karibuni and will truly live up to our stated mission: "To transform young Kenyan lives".

Thank you for your support,

John Cotton  
Chairman of Trustees  
Karibuni Children

**You can support our appeal by:**

- Making a bank transfer to Karibuni Children, Sort Code 20-03-18, Account number 70692697 (Please add your surname & initial as a reference and, if possible, notify us of this donation by emailing us : [office@karibuni.org.uk](mailto:office@karibuni.org.uk))
- Sending a cheque payable to "Karibuni Children" c/o Peter Wells, 13 Tudor Court, Church Lane, Mill End, Rickmansworth, HERTS, WD3 8PX
- Donating via our website: <https://www.karibuni.org.uk/donate/>
- Ringing 01296 614887 and making a donation by credit or debit card

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