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THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Like the rest of South Africa and the World we at WOZA MOYA have now closed our doors and are all staying at home, making every attempt to remain safe and healthy, amidst this global pandemic.

Before closing we issued all of our team and community members with 5 litre water bottles and Tippy Tap instructions, antiseptic soaps and liquids, distributing all the Vitamin C and Multivitamin tablets we had in stock. Gloves and masks were already sold out in our nearest local Ixopo town but we found a way of making our own masks from paper towel. We met as a whole team to discuss how we were all going to cope over the next few weeks. We set up a few more WhatsApp Groups, to keep communication channels flowing. Concerns were raised about people collecting Social Grants. Another issue raised was how community members were going to provide Food for themselves and families and children during this time; for many people it is a hand to mouth existence, with no security in place. We also discussed how our community was going to manage infection control, with so many people sharing rooms. Many of our community members have compromised immune systems due to being HIV+ and/or TB.

WOZA MOYA is a Chronic Medications PUP (Pick Up Point) where more than 150 local patients come to collect their medications. After some deliberation it was decided that all medications need to be returned to our Health Facilities in town. With many of our own staff being HIV+ it would be unfair to expect them to continue this service.

Alice Loo, aka Alice in Wonderland!, a volunteer from Belgium, has been doing fantastic work at Woza Moya this past month, revolutionising our Early Childhood Development programme. Alice is now happily ensconced at the Director, Sue (and Alan) home in Ifafa Beach. Our only worry is whether this 21 day lockdown period may be extended, making it increasingly difficult for Alice to get home to be with her family and friends in Belgium.





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Fortunately annual volunteer friend Shirley Griffin from Wales, managed to leave South Africa just before lockdown, and just before distributing the beautiful hand knitted jerseys made by our Welsh Gogos!

WOZA MOYA managed to obtain an Essential Services Permit from the authorities, so that if and when we are urgently needed, we may respond. Our Operations Manager, Sphehile Radebe, is currently using this permit, to pop in to Woza Moya x2 a week, to water our vegetable gardens, feed our chickens and check on everything.

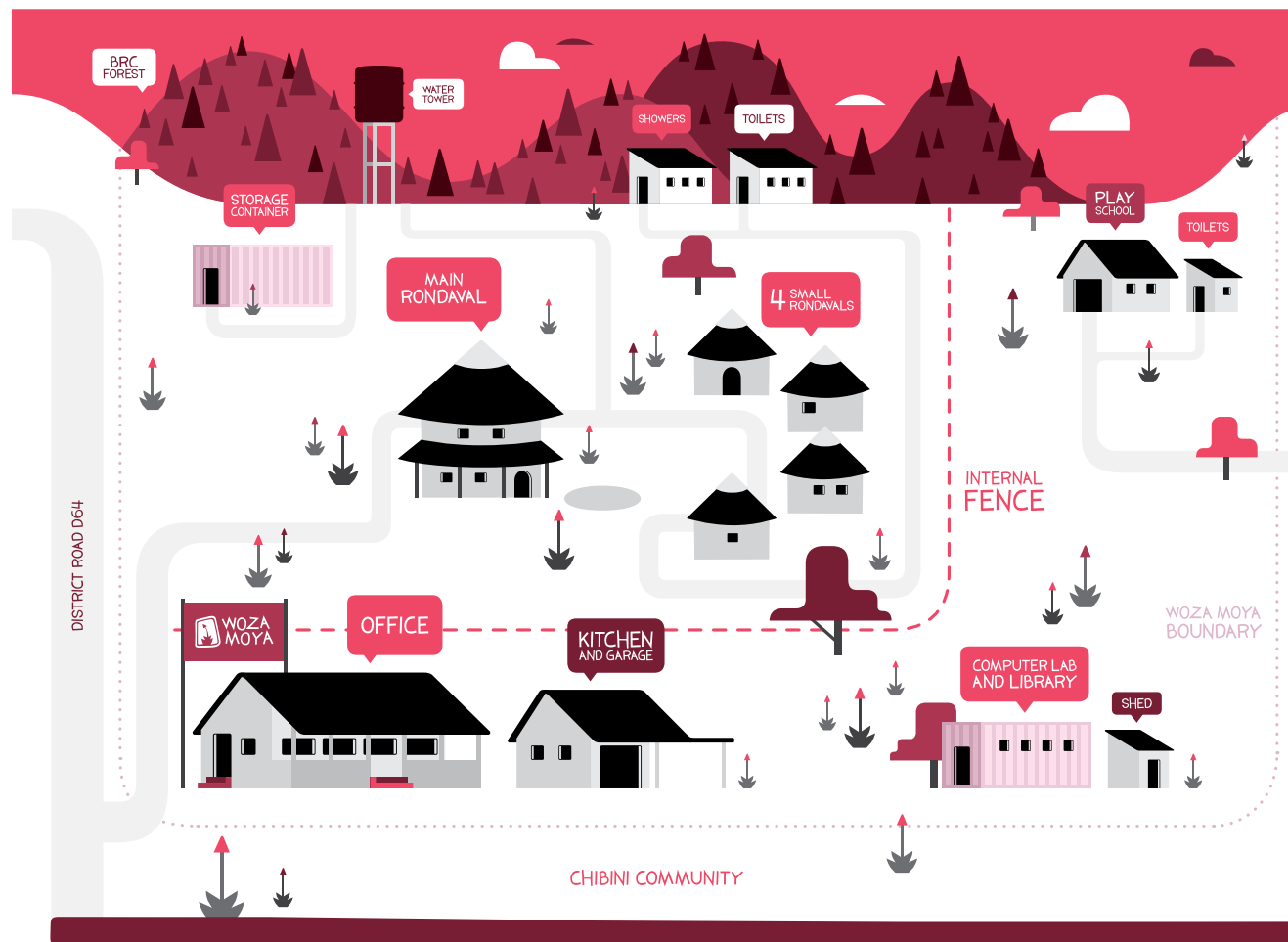
From WOZA MOYA we are extending our deepest prayers and love to you all.

LOVING KINDNESS PRAYER

May all Beings be Peaceful
May all Beings be Happy
May all Beings be Well
May all Beings be Safe
May all Beings be Free from Fear
May all Beings be Free from Suffering



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No matter how big or small your gathering Sue is happy to be there and appreciates your time and support.

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WOZA MOYA'S ZULU VILLAGE DREAM