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In May we began redesigning our programmes in order to continue providing vital services to the Ufafa Valley Community, reaching our beneficiaries in a safe and appropriate way. We set up more WhatsApp groups, to ensure communications are kept fluid and open during these troubling times. Our team were issued with masks, gloves, and sanitizers, so that they can safely do home visits, maintaining social distancing.

CLINIC VISIT

On the 8th May hundreds of community members attended the government run mobile clinic at Woza Moya. Our team directed people to hand washing facilities on arrival, provided disposable masks, ensuring safe distancing in the long queues.

WORDWORKS

One the most amazing tools we have been using, is the Wordworks mobile app developed for care-givers of young children. Our ECD and Child & Youth Care Workers have been assisting care-givers in homes to download this app and training them on how to use it. Once downloaded no further data is required. We are thrilled to see so many care-givers now successfully using this app with their children at home, with our staff monitoring, supporting, and trouble-shooting when necessary. Wordworks has a dedicated page on their website with activities for parents during lockdown. This is registered as a data free site, so it can be accessed by parents via their phone even if they don't have data www.homeliteracy.org. To read more about Wordworks [click here](#) to download their leaflet.



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LOCKDOWN REFLECTIONS

At the end of May all of our team came together to reflect on how our community is coping during lockdown. Some of the Highlights shared include immense gratitude from our community for food parcels, seedlings, compost, tippy taps, hygiene packs; no Covid-19 infections found; a more peaceful alcohol free community; people making good use of this time to plant, repair their homes, building with local materials, mud, wood, grass; people respecting the rules and trying hard to improve hygiene; dedication and commitment of Woza Moya team; support from our donors and friends; media coverage bringing our plight to a wider audience. Challenges shared included Youth playing soccer games, not practicing social distancing; increased unemployment, poverty, hunger, stress, gender based violence in some homes; people going to Woza Moya staff homes and demanding food parcels; people not accessing UIF, people not accessing unemployment grants from SASSA; some men making homemade alcohol with dangerous ingredients; police selling alcohol illegally for double the price; Ufafa government councillor has not been seen since Covid-19; rumours that government officials are distributing food parcels at night time to their families and friends; fake news on social media that is confusing people.

Thank you for helping us to get lifesaving support to vulnerable households in Ufafa. We are especially grateful to the HCI & Maitri Food Trust Fund, SA Home Loans, SAPPI, Rotary Umhlanga, and private donors. Please continue to support us!



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