

30th July 2020

Two months ago, we initiated the **FAMILY CLOTH MASK INITIATIVE (FCMI)** as part of our COVID19 community response. After realizing many families must choose between masks and putting food on the table, we took the initiative to help ease their burden and in so doing asked you to help.

Family Cloth Mask Initiative



Help us make 3 ply masks for needy families by donating your old cotton t-shirts and cotton khangas/lesos or make a cash donation.

Mpesa Paybill Number **4023801**. Account name: FCMI



Drop off:

GSN office: Loresho Shopping Center - Nairobi (10:00am-3:00pm).
We have a wooden bench outside the entrance.

OR

Nuria The Honest Store, Nairobi CBD: The one Building, Shop No. 12, Moi Avenue,
Opposite Tembo House

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After consulting with the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) which endorsed cloth masks and the Kenyan Ministry of Health, a friend of the Green String Network, Carol Davey, shared with us her unique design for 3ply masks.



Carol worked closely with our master seamstress Mary Okumu to make the masks affordable.



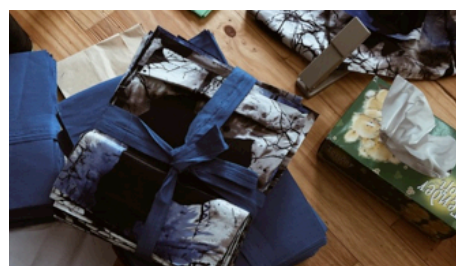
The next step was to identify tailors to stitch the masks. The tailors were selected from community groups we already work with, from vulnerable families in informal settlements, police wives and women whose businesses have been adversely impacted by the onset of COVID19.

The women did not just need handouts, but wanted to continue to earn a livelihood. The response we got from YOU was overwhelming, allowing us to begin training, sewing and distributing masks to vulnerable families initially in the Kabiro area of Kawangware, with the dream girls of the LVCT in Kangemi, at a children's home in Kibagare, and to vulnerable girls from Youth Changers Kenya in Kakamega. In the coming months we have several groups on our list to support including homeless families in the Commercial Business District (CBD), police officers and their families, and others vulnerable families.



On top of the masks, your help also ensured the families recieved educational material showing 'How to live with a mask', 'How to wash a cloth mask' and the 'Do's and don'ts of wearing a mask'.

To help reach out to more individuals and families, our partners helped raise funds to train new tailors and get fabric for the masks.



In June we participated in the Global Giving Accelerator Challenge and many people donated their hard earned cash to help us help families beat COVID19.

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As of today, we have trained 19 tailors, and have reached over 75 families with an average of six family members, 93 children and staff of a children's home in Kibagare, 235 vulnerable girls from the Dreams programme in Kangemi and 70 girls through the Youth Changers Kenya in Kakamega County, Cumulatively, we have distributed over 1600 cloth masks in the last few weeks in Kawangware, Kangemi, and Eastleigh in Nairobi County and in Kakamega County. Currently we can make about 2000 masks a week.



Thank you

We want to thank everyone who has supported us. Those who donated fabric, sent in their donations via Mpesa, Reinvest programme, the Chandaria Foundation, NAPOWA, Youth Changers Kenya, GlobalGiving, International Justice Mission (IJM), Copy Xpress, Chrome Partners and the Kenyan Ministry of Health.

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