

“Children are the greatest imitators, so give them something great to imitate”

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Hello everyone and greetings from Kamatipa. I hope you are staying safe in the second wave of the pandemic that we are experiencing here. Play 4 All remains closed for now unfortunately but we hope and pray things will get better so we can open again soon.

Although we haven't been able to do as much this past year, I thought I'd write an update...



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PLAY 4 ALL ACTIVITIES DURING LOCK-DOWN

Although the centre is closed, we are continuing with the feeding programme for the vulnerable children as best we can.

We are giving pre-mixed porridge powder, mixing mealie meal, pounded ground nuts, sugar salt and soya. But it has to be cooked by guardians of the children now instead of us. We do home visits three times a week to make sure children are eating their porridge and also to see how they are getting on.

Things are very difficult here and it's even harder for those children whose parents and guardians are on medication. Before Covid people were able to get to the next township to find work. But very few people are hiring at the moment. Whenever there has been an outbreak of Malaria, Cholera or Typhoid in Zambia, people think the residents of low communities like Kamatipa are at greater risk and more vulnerable, so they will try to distance themselves in fear of becoming infected.

It is very worrying especially for the children because masking for them is almost impossible. They can't afford to buy masks and most of the time they aren't available. All we can do is teach children how about washing their hands and keeping a distance.

We miss the fun activities with children, the laughter and sharing ideas with the children about life skills and talent discovery. We hope and pray things return to normal soon.



Our volunteers are still working but as mentors in the communities, checking in with some of the children who live nearby. In as much as life is hard for everyone, the volunteers are also facing the same difficulties in making ends meet.

They receive help from time to time whenever there is something to be given to them. But like the children, it might not be enough to feed them every day but we are grateful for any small gifts.

Sadly we lost one of our own volunteers from Play 4 All last year. Her name was Rebeca Mulenga. She one of the most hard-working and trust worthy people I have met. We lost a beautiful soul and we are still not yet used to her being gone – sometimes we forget and count her whenever we are counting volunteers each day. We will all surely miss her smiles. May she rest in peace.



A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PLAY 4 ALL CHILDREN

Thanks to the generous donations from our friend Laurence and his family, we were able to visit some of the Play 4 All children this week and deliver some blankets to those that needed it the most. Thank you for putting a smile on these children's faces!

Much love from Play 4 All to you all. God bless you always.



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