

## Partners for Community Transformation (PaCT)

<b>Project Title</b>	:	Improving nutrition needs for 250 HIV positive children
<b>Project Location</b>	:	Mityana & Gomba Districts
<b>Project Duration</b>	:	6 months
<b>Target group</b>	:	Families with children living with HIV.
<b>Project Budget</b>	:	\$10,000

### **Project Background.**

Since the outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic in December 2019, many countries have on top of loosing their nationals to the pandemic, are equally economically affected which has eventually pretentious the countries business networks. On 21st March 2020, the first case of COVID 19 was confirmed in Uganda by Ministry of Health (MoH). By 20 May over 200 had been confirmed in Uganda, and this has created a lot of panic and anxiety to the citizens. On 28th March 2020, the government of the Republic of Uganda, announced a total lockdown for 14 days. On expiry of the first lockdown, the government extended it for 21 days, as the situation is being assessed & monitored and on 12 extended for another 14 days. Up to now, its not yet clear what the situation will be like after the 21 days as the MoH is still registering more new cases. With this, the situation is even becoming more worrying to the nationals as many of them have fully utilized their small savings for buying food for their families.

Millions of people who used to survive on daily income from small and medium businesses such as Market vendors, casual laborer's on building projects, Saloon workers, Bar & lodge workers, Taxi drivers & their operators, Boda-Boda riders to mention but a few are gravely affected as for more than a month now they don't have any income which has made life very complicated for them. It should be remembered that these are categories of individuals that live hand to mouth. These groups of people are joined by the elderly, child headed homes, Persons with Disabilities and those with health conditions such as HIV. Indeed, the living conditions of over 200,000 people out of the 400,000-total population of Mityana District are distressing as many are living on one meal a day, worst of all comprised of poor-quality diet. News of starvation and

loudy voices demanding for food from the leaders are the order of the day on the national televisions. The leaders are concerned that if the situation doesn't improve soon, the nation may start registering deaths as a result of hunger because many children and elderly are starting to starve. The situation is made worse for children on HIV treatment who require good balanced diet in order to ensure maximum adherence to their treatment.

In addition to the above, the police crime desk has announced crime increase rate among the youth as they are continuously breaking into people's gardens to steal food, as a mean of continuous survival.

**Proposed Action & Cost implication:**

In order to contribute towards this livelihood safeguarding, PaCT envisages supporting about 250 children living with HIV with food aid including with different food necessities including 10kgs of beans, 25kgs of maize flour, Milk and nutritious porridge in 3 weeks intervals.

In addition demonstration gardens with nutrition vegetables will be established to ensure prolonged good nutrition and increased household income after selling surplus harvests. The children have already been identified from TASO lists one of the leading HIV/AIDS leading Organisation in Uganda.

**Budget outline.**

- Each demonstration garden = \$139
- A Bag of 10kgs of beans = \$14
- A Bag of 25kgs of maize flour = \$20
- Packet of nutritious porridge = \$2.5