



Prayer news update: November

Dear Friends,

How are you managing to adapt to life since the pandemic? I'm sure most of you will have had to make changes to the way you do things: the way you socialise, work or go about your daily tasks. Sylvia, the Project Manager for Women of Migori, shared with me some of the difficulties she and her team have been having since the onset of the pandemic. They are an amazing team and just keep on adapting to whatever the circumstances are, so please continue to pray for them as they learn to work within the confines of Covid-19.



Group training on how to build a keyhole garden (a circular raised bed)

The challenges of Covid-19 in Kenya:

- The number of people who can meet together is currently restricted. This means that Sylvia and her team are required to train smaller groups of women than usual and increase the number of training sessions they run. More training sessions obviously has a financial implication to the whole programme.
- The elderly and those with underlying health conditions, are now staying away from any group training activities to avoid coming into contact with Covid-19. To ensure that these groups are kept up to date with training, Sylvia and her team need to find safe ways to communicate the training activities.
- As so many of us have found, it can be difficult to understand what people are saying whilst they are wearing a mask. This has been a big issue for Sylvia and her team. They need to wear their masks whilst training and have found that our project participants, especially those with hearing issues, are finding it difficult to understand what our staff are saying. The team are looking into different ways of overcoming this challenge.
- There is currently a limited access to some markets and even some open-air markets are completely closed. This means that farmers are not getting good value for their farm produce which is causing them a financial loss.

Good news during Covid-19!

- Sylvia has reported that, due to so many farming families embracing handwashing with soap, there has been a decline in cases of diarrhea reported in the communities.
- Sylvia has also noticed that, whilst families have needed to work together more, there has been an increase in farm productivity. The more families are able to grow, the more they can earn.
- With the markets closed, farmers have found innovative ways to sell their produce. They are successfully using their mobile phones to run their businesses without the need to travel the distances to the markets!

Please pray

- **Praise God that handwashing has had such a positive effect on our Send a Cow communities.** Pray that this message would spread.
- **Thank God that farmers are finding innovative ways to sell their produce.** Pray that farmers will receive a fair price for what they have grown.
- **Pray for the vulnerable.** Pray that Sylvia and our team will find ways to train our group safely and that no one will be left behind.
- **Pray that using masks will continue to protect our staff and farmers from Covid-19** and pray that it will not be a barrier to learning.

Thank you and bless you for your continued support for our work in Migori. Please be encouraged that you are making a great difference and do get in touch with me if you have any questions:

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Best wishes,



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PS Here's the link to our [Kenya Impact Report](#) which is hot off the press - I thought you would like see the impact of our work 2017-2020. It's an exciting read!

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