Food assistance to extremely vulnerable families in our Family Strengthening (FS) Program.

Between March and August, 2020, SOS Children’s Villages Liberia embarked on three rounds of food assistance to FS families as part of support to children and families amidst the coronavirus pandemic. It can be recalled that in April this year SOS Liberia provided buckets with faucets, bottles of liquid soap, and flyers containing COVID-19 information to 212 FS families and 210 partially resettled youth living in the communities. Also included in the package was cash transfer of sixty-five USD to each of 210 partially resettled youth. In addition to the food distribution, SOS Liberia continues to provide psychosocial support to the SOS youth and families in the Children’s Villages, Small Group Home and the FS Communities.

SOS Children’s Villages Liberia partners with US Center for Disease Control and Montserrado County Health Team to provide refresher training on infectious disease prevention and control to healthcare workers.

The training focused on 4 strategic areas – effective use of personal protective equipment (PPE), hand hygiene, patients flow, and laboratory strengthening. The partnership aimed at reducing the risk of healthcare workers contracting coronavirus as well as strengthening the capacity of staff at the SOS medical centre. Seventy-five clinical and non-clinical staff participated in the training. SOS Children’s Villages Liberia also started providing psychosocial support to the staff of the SOS medical centre to reduce coronavirus stigmatization.

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD: A CALL FOR JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND A CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE SYSTEM: On June 16 this year, SOS Liberia joined partners to commemorate the day of the African Child nationally. The official program took place at the One-UN Building in Monrovia and online via zoom due to social distancing. The occasion brought together officials from government, UN, ECOWAS, Diplomatic community, Development partners, Civil Society Organization as well as the Liberia Children’s Parliament. SOS Children’s Villages Liberia used the occasion to call on the government, policymakers, and organizations working with children to protect their rights and ensure equal access to a child-friendly justice system. SOS National Director, Mr. Augustine Allieu delivered the statement on behalf of the Liberia International Non-Government Organizations (LINGO) and the Liberia Child Protection Network.

About US:
SOS Children’s Villages Liberia is an international Child Care and Child Protection organization.
As 12th Graders return to school after 4 months of school closure due to Coronavirus, SOS Children’s Villages Liberia tightens COVID-19 preventive measures.

As students of grade 12 of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner School in Liberia returned to school, following 4 months of absence from physical learning. SOS Children’s Villages Liberia has tightened up COVID-19 preventive measures to inhibit any potential spread of the virus among the students and teachers.

The decision was reached after the Ministry of Education announced that grade 12 students should resume classes on June 29 to ensure adequate preparation for the upcoming West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations (WASSCE).

“Washing hands, wearing masks, social and physical distancing while in SOS facilities are mandatory,” said Mr. Allieu.

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W = Wear masks.
W = Wash hands regularly.
W = Watch your distance with others.

The students and teachers were provided with various hygiene and protective materials. As part of measures to protect students and staff, the Management of SOS Children’s Villages Liberia mandated that everyone entering the school premises are subject to regular temperature checks, washing of hands, wearing a mask, as well as social and physical distancing before entering the SOS facilities.

SOS Children’s Villages Liberia partner with seven schools to provide technical and material support as Liberia’s Covid-19 cases past one thousand.

SOS Children’s Villages Liberia is working with the schools to ensure coronavirus safety measures are put in place and effective. Part of the organization's support is the establishment of isolation facility and hand-washing stations for students and staff on various campuses. SOS Children’s Villages Liberia is also providing thermometers for each school for regular temperature checks as well as 20 hand-washing buckets, 7 mattresses, 25 gloves for janitorial services, 653 face masks and Guideline on safe School re-opening. More than 762 students benefited from SOS Children’s Villages Liberia support. Among them are 28 SOS youth.

SOS Liberia collaborated with Government and UNICEF to train caregivers and social workers for the newly established Interim Care Center for children affected by COVID-19.

A new Interim Care Center for children that are severely affected by COVID-19 but do not have adequate care has been established by the Government, with funding support from UNICEF. SOS Liberia collaborated with Government and UNICEF to train caregivers and social workers for the newly established Interim Care Center for children affected by COVID-19. In addition to SOS Liberia technical support, the organization provided clothing and food items, including sweaters for children, socks, bed sheets, bath soap, pampers, children’s milk, cooking oil amongst others. SOS Liberia also collaborated with the government and UNICEF to conduct community engagement activities aimed at providing support to the larger community.

It can be recalled on June 16 this year, SOS Liberia joined partners to commemorate the day of the African Child (DAC) nationally. The official program took place at the One-UN Building in Monrovia and online via zoom due to social distancing. The occasion brought together officials from government, UN, ECOWAS, Diplomatic community, Development partners, civil society organization as well as the Liberia Children’s Parliament.

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C= Close contact with persons without masks.
C= Closed rooms/offices without ventilation.

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