



Providing Care in a Pandemic



The COVID-19 pandemic has suspended the normal lives of children and families. We are supporting caregivers to improve health and hygiene knowledge, behavior and practice, as well as to manage

stress as well as to protect children from contracting the corona virus. In SOS Children's Villages, children and caregivers have created flexible daily routines for SOS families; promote regular hand-washing and physical distancing among the various recommended health protocols. Exercise, stress relief and psychosocial routines are also part of the coping mechanisms.

SOS Liberia, Save the Children and Plan International: Joined forces to support children affected by COVID-19 outbreak in Liberia:

SOS Liberia, Save the Children and Plan International joined forces to support government response to coronavirus pandemic. The initiative under the banner of "Joining Forces for Children" aimed at supporting children whose parents are infected by the corona virus and kept in treatment units and precautionary observation centers. Joining Forces for Children provided hygiene materials, food items, toys, medicine, PPCs as well as educational games for the affected children.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

As the virus continues to spread, the Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection and its partners are working to provide care and protection to children affected and infected by the pandemic. SOS Children's Villages Liberia is effectively collaborating with the Ministry to respond in communities, including provision of hygiene materials, food, and relevant information. Our response also includes the provision of psycho-social support affected children and families.

About US:

SOS Children's Villages Liberia is an international child care and child protection NGO founded in 1981.



Where we work



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SOS Liberia Collaborates with Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to build the capacity of 40 social workers in COVID-19 psychosocial support.



As the coronavirus outbreak has progressed from an isolated epidemic to a globe-spanning pandemic, SOS Liberia is collaborating with the Ministry of Gender Children Social Protection (MoGCSP) and other partners to contain the spread of the virus.

The SOS Liberia and MoGCSP collaboration was geared towards building the capacity and providing support to forty (40) social workers to effectively respond to COVID-19 threat toward vulnerable children.

Forty social workers' capacity is strengthened in psychosocial support and child safeguarding during emergencies. The five-day training for the forty social workers was held at the Ministry of Gender Children Social

“SOS is an international NGO working to safeguard children and provides protection to children in both normal times and times of emergencies. We see it necessary to support the fight against the coronavirus,” says Mr. Allieu.

The social workers were also given 1 carton of face masks, 1 carton of personal protective equipment, 10 thermometers, and 100 pieces of hand sanitizers by SOS Liberia in order to protect them from contracting the virus while in the communities.

Receiving the items on behalf of the Ministry and collaborating partners, Deputy Minister Mrs, Lydia Mai Sherman thanked SOS Liberia for the collaboration. She maintained “SOS Liberia is a strong partner to the Ministry. They never let us down when we call upon them,” she added.

Providing care in a pandemic: SOS Children’s Villages Liberia reaches out to young people and SOS supported families in forty-two communities in and around the Liberian capital, Monrovia:

The COVID-19 pandemic is of a scale most people alive today have never seen. The outbreak is claiming lives as the health system in Liberia struggles to contain the spread of the virus. The safety of vulnerable families and young people is paramount. Schools are closed, children are bored and families struggle to survive. Amidst all of this, SOS Children’s Villages Liberia is rising to the challenge – to provide care to families and young people. Deploying innovative ways to care for over 1,500 at-risk children. SOS Liberia delivered emergency support to families and young people living in the communities. Items provided include buckets with faucets, bottles of liquid soap, flyers containing COVID-19 information, and food items, including bags of rice to each of the targeted families and young people.



Supporting Children Learning through COVID-19:

Since the Ministry of Education ordered educational facilities across the country closed in a bid to contain the virus, many families found themselves struggling to keep their children’s education on track. To help keep children learning, SOS Liberia had shifted lessons from the classrooms to the home of students under its [Learning At Home programme](#). Part of the [Learning At Home](#) programme involves teachers delivering lessons in the core subjects to students in their homes. Parents are also aided to support their children at home. This parent-teacher collaboration is keeping children engaged during the pandemic.

In the Children’s Villages, SOS Liberia is also supporting children and caregivers on a wide range of activities, including provision of child-friendly materials on Coronavirus. “[Learning At Home programme](#) has been very helpful for children, their parents and caregivers.

