

Outreach Abroad

Supporting rural and urban development projects in Christ's name

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An Unusual Magazine for Exceptional Times – From the Editor

When we were compiling the Spring magazine words such as Coronavirus, unprecedented and lockdown were not part of everyday conversation. Since then our world-wide society has changed – dramatically. Every OA partner was invited to contribute to this issue. Only a few were not able to write because of their own lockdown circumstances.

Space constraints prohibit the publication of the articles in full. Please go to the 'Magazine' button at OperationAgri.org.uk to download the full text.

The trustees invite you to:

- **Pray** for all the OA projects and partners.
- **Encourage** your church to support OA now and at harvest time.
- **Consider** your own personal giving to OA.

Each project is incurring unbudgeted expenses due to lockdown and will need more resources when they are allowed to re-start.

A Prayer Based Focus to Service

By **Russell Ashley-Smith**, OA Trustee and Chairman



Russell in garden

A Reversal of Emphasis

You won't be surprised to learn that the Trustees and Officers of Operation Agri regularly start and conclude their meetings with prayer and often pause during our time together to remember before our Lord a particular aspect of the ministry.

One Trustee mused when we were together earlier in the year:

"What would be the result if we reversed things in our meetings and spent the majority of our time in prayer?"

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck we took this challenge to heart, and started meeting on-line every month to spend 60-90 minutes in prayer.

It is Christ We're Serving

In the current situation what is Operation Agri's distinctiveness?

- We keep in close touch with each of our partners, listening to them, and seeking to understand the situations in which they find themselves (which vary enormously).
- We commit ourselves to pray for each overseas partner and their ministry and are actively doing so.

- We continue to forward funds such that the value is maintained in the partners' local currency, while OA absorbs any exchange rate losses with no detriment to the project.
- Our ministry and that of our partners is long-term – if God allows it, we will be there for them, and they will be available for the local people and communities they serve.
- The ministry of Operation Agri is definitely blessed by our Lord.

The 2020/21 Appeal

While we hope that our church buildings will have opened again by the autumn, we cannot be certain. Whether we'll be together in reality or virtually for our Harvest Festivals, we do hope that churches will continue to support Operation Agri at that time. Only if our income keeps to our budget, (prepared last autumn), will we be able to give our overseas partners the support they're expecting and will need, if they are to fulfil their programmes of work.

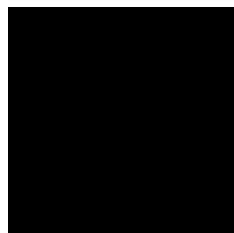
Please do your best to ensure your church and individual friends contribute to OA's finances this year.

We do thank you for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PS - A New Option

You can now download our Time for Trees! videos, PowerPoint files and other resources. You can find the **Time for Trees Download Link** on the Appeal order pages of our website.

<https://www.operationagri.org.uk/current-appeal/>



COVID-19's Impact on OA Supported Projects

By **Martin Butterworth**, OA Trustee and Overseas Secretary

A few Months Back

It's February and most of OA's grants for 2020 have been approved. Our 13 Partners are starting their activities for 16 projects in 10 countries. Our busiest few weeks are over! But this has been no ordinary year. By the end of March, we were in something called Lockdown and OA had proactively contacted its partners to clarify their response to a world pandemic.

CMCY Bangladesh

A special parents / community meeting was arranged at the project office on March 12th. In total 102 people were present in the meeting and CMCY personnel and DFDP teachers delivered important messages on COVID-19 prevention.

Worldwide Response

By the end of April virtually all of the activities associated with the projects supported by OA had stopped as governments imposed their versions of lockdown.

Mid-May

Now it's mid-May and we've been on lockdown for over a month, as have most of the countries where OA has partners. Reports from Africa and South Asia suggest there is a long way to go. Oasis Uganda tells us their country has 85 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one death. They're on a complete lockdown with no vehicles allowed.

Lockdown Taken Seriously

Many expected COVID-19 would create devastation in these countries with densely

populated urban areas and a culture of extended families living closely together. It might still happen.

May 17th and OA partner Christian Ministry to Children and Youth, Bangladesh list their challenges - beneficiaries are starving.

Safety First

We're working with Partners to minimise the impact, while emphasising at every opportunity that safety comes before project timetables. For most projects we anticipate postponed activities with staff working from homes.

Oasis Uganda

Mid-May and project teams are looking ahead. We're receiving proposals to continue paying salaries, while working out how to catch up on activities when travel and meetings are allowed.

CMCY in Bangladesh:

"We are now living in the deep darkness, the black clouds cover us with its force, we are not seeing the light but we strongly believe today or tomorrow we shall be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel . . ."

Thank You

Thank you for your support, your continued giving, and your fellowship with us in prayer,

*"it is God who works in you
to will and to act in order to
fulfil his good purpose"*

(Philippians 2:13).

The IMARIKA Project - Participant Interview

By **Andy Sharp**

This is Mr. Isack Mvili the lead farmer of Usolanga village.



Isack Mvili

My name is Isack Mvili from Usolanga village, I am a Tumaini (meaning Hope) group member in the IMARIKA project. The group was formed in 2018 with Emmanuel International in collaboration with the Anglican Church Diocese of Ruaha. The purpose of this group was to strengthen our economy and environmental conservation. We started by planting agricultural trees in a nursery, fruit trees such as pawpaw and moringa, the total number of trees we planted was 500 and in 2019/2020 and we planted 570 trees in our village.

Through IMARIKA we introduced the VICOBA programme (Village Community Bank) which helps us with savings and credit services within the group.

We Thank God

We thank God that last year Emmanuel International started teaching us beekeeping, the training was very good, and they brought us eight beehives. So far seven of the hives have bee colonies. In

August 2020 we expect to start harvesting the honey.

We thank God that through this period we are learning how to grow our economy and VICOBA is really helping us to make money quickly which helps us pay school fees for our children and buy our daily basic needs.

This year we have a challenge with the COVID-19 epidemic which has affected the group activities, but our facilitators have helped us to have an assistant supervisor from our own village, so the activities are going well. In our areas we still do not have a COVID-19 patient.

Many thanks to Operation Agri for donating money which helps us to gain more knowledge.

Thank you.



IMARIKA Project Work

From the Frying Pan into the Fire

By **Diordre Moraes**, Manager Partner Liaison at LEADS*

Living on Hand-Outs

The Operation Agri funded project supports families who have lived in the North of Sri Lanka through the thirty-year conflict, which ended eleven years ago in May 2009. Though the conflict ended, families faced various challenges and living on handouts was the norm.

COVID-19 – Additional Stress

The COVID-19 global pandemic caused additional stress for the people and families living in the village of Mayavanoor where being a 'daily wage earner' is the norm. Although their village and district are not being directly affected, families were completely thrown off-guard, since they could not step out of their homes for work, school or to attend to any other needs.

Vasanthi – Three Goats but no Income

Vasanthi lives with her husband and three children. Her husband is a daily paid wage earner and due to the income being insufficient the two elder children also started working as day wage earners. Through the generosity of Operation Agri, Vasanthi received three goats and she also



Ration Packs

started to make a type of tile using braided coconut leaves. From the three goats they received, they were able to increase the number of goats to ten, but due to the lockdown Vasanthi and her family could not work, and that meant they had no income.

What is the 'New-Norm'?

The next few months will be challenging as the 'new-norm' is yet unknown. The planned activities will be carefully reviewed, with consideration on methods of implementation with the new regulations on public/social gatherings, and the methods to purchase materials for livelihoods too will need to be considered, since it is anticipated that food security will be a matter of concern. As per a survey conducted by World Vision amongst 2,190 families in Sri Lanka, the income of USD 126 pre COVID-19 pandemic has dropped to USD 35 which has resulted in 50% of the families living off borrowings, plunging families in the Mayavanoor Division in the District of Kilinochchi in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka into further hardship.

* LEADS = Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service



Dry Food Pack

Pig Farming – A Change Maker

By **Sujata Bandari**, Community Health and Education Project, (CHEP), Project Officer

Pigs are my Piggybank

My new piggery farming is a 'Piggybank' for me. I am saving and investing in it and I know I will receive a good return one day, says Bhagpura Budha. Her words portray her confidence and enthusiasm.

Cheerful Bhagpura Budha cannot contain her excitement when a team from the Multipurpose Community Development Service, (MCDS), arrives at her community to review their progress in livestock farming. "I received three days of pig farming training and a pig from MCDS around three months ago."

Introducing a Family of Beneficiaries

Bhagpura Budha is 45, comes from Kankri-2, Rukum East, has set an example in her community, and has been a source of motivation for her community. But things have not always been so easy. Her husband is deaf and a disabled person and needs people to take care of him. Her only son works in a brick factory, and the eldest

daughter takes care of the home while she goes around in the village as a daily wage earner. When MCDS implemented their educational programme in the community school Bhagpura was encouraged to send her youngest daughter there and she has been actively attending regularly.

MCDS Intervention with Training

Bhagpura says, "Without the training, my family would have had a hard time managing our small pig rearing farm, because we only knew the traditional methods which are not efficient. Now my pig farm is clean, and I provide hygienic fodder for them. Moreover, all my pigs have been vaccinated and insured." She, with 29 other participants from her community, received training from MCDS in pig management. They learned about vaccination, sanitation, insurance, fodder, and hygiene. Later she shared what she learned during the training with her family members who are assisting her in the management of the small piggery farm.



Bhagpura Budha

Transformational Impact

Awareness of pig rearing in Bhagpura's community has significantly increased after she started her pig farm. Members of her community have been closely watching her progress and they too are enthusiastic about investing in pig rearing. Bhagpura plans to use some of the profit from pig rearing to invest in her 6-year-old daughter's education. She is currently studying in class 1 and dreams of becoming a teacher.

What's the Use of This?

By **Jane and Ralph Hanger**, (Jane is an OA trustee)

Answer!

In the past materials such as soya roots and maize stalks would have been discarded as useless, but under the Growing Greener project, supported by OA in Malawi, farmers are being shown how this can be turned into valuable compost. The compost enriches the soil, improving the quality and quantity of the crops and, at the same time, improves the water retention of the soil, thus contributing to conserving the environment.

Pastor Lloyd Chizenga and his associate Hanta who run the project in a number of places in Southern Malawi, received in depth training themselves, not only in the Sustainable Agriculture, but also in how to train others in it.

Hands-on training

In Mphemba, just outside Blantyre farmers gathered together for hands-on training. Chopping up the maize stalks took a lot of work and the men took it in turns to wield their machetes. When enough mulch was ready everyone was gathered round an oblong area of ground which had been cleared and marked out by poles. Gradually layers of maize mulch, old soya roots, green leaves and then a thinner layer of chicken manure were laid on top of one another. Before every handful was laid however, it was thoroughly soaked in water.



Old Maize Stalks

Everyone had their turn

Everyone had their go at applying the 'rubbish', making it a very good, hands-on, co-operative exercise. After three hours, the compost heap stood about five feet high in one half of the area prepared for it. This was now left for about seven weeks. Then it would be 'turned' over into the other half of the prepared area. Remember that this is the tropics and so the compost will have matured well by this time.



Informational Materials on COVID-19

Zero Tillage

Another aspect of conservation agriculture was the process of zero tillage. Instead of indiscriminate ploughing of soil before planting seeds, which can badly affect the water content of the soil, this method encourages just the making of holes at the point where the seeds are to be sown. Compost is put at the bottom of the hole before the seeds are sown which are then covered with soil and watered.



Layering the Mulch

Operation Agri - Transforming Lives ...

From the Treasurer, **James Townsend**

Testimony

Mendho Tamang in Nepal smiles as she shows appreciation for the training and help given by Operation Agri and its partner **Multipurpose Community Development Service (MCDS)**. "I thank OA and the MCDS team for providing training to grow vegetables. Before this the whole village had never learned how to do vegetable farming in a professional way, and produce good crops that could be sold at the market."

2018/19 was an encouraging year. Income of £235,054 enabled us to support fifteen projects in nine countries on three continents.

A Team Effort

We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our donors both churches and individuals, who recognise the invaluable work that Operation Agri is engaged in, together with our 'in country partners' who bring their

experience and expertise to provide the best of care, support and attention to those that need support and encouragement the most – **Transforming Their Lives.**

Income

Income for the year showed an increase of £9,430 from church and individual donations, albeit that partner donations were slightly lower during the year. Our Annual Appeal for Malawi & Nepal ('Sowing Seeds for Success' and 'Learning for Life' respectively), raised £25,723 for Malawi and £21,613 for Nepal, an amazing total of £47,336, exceeding last year's appeal. *Thank you.*

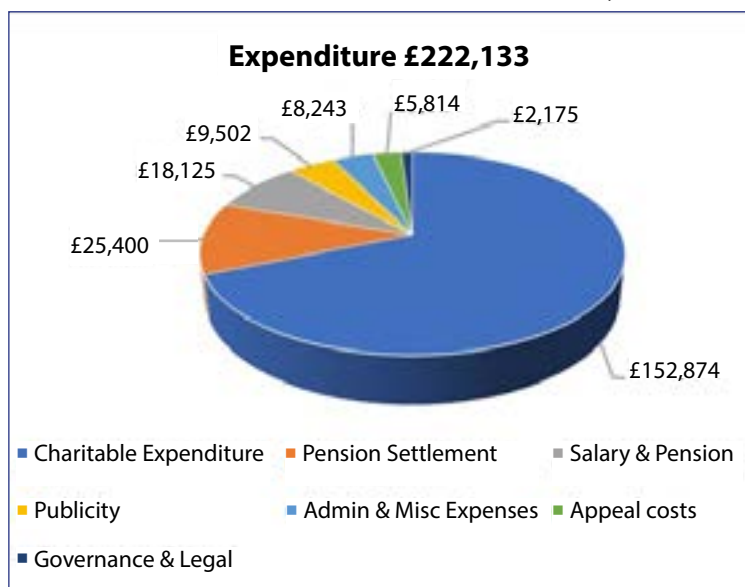
Expenditure

Expenditure for the year as shown in the diagram, included £152,874 for Grants to our partners, (details in the graph below), salary, publicity costs and settlement of the Pension liability.

Outlook?

The current year 2019/20 started with a promising outlook but has been affected, as with so many other charities and organisations, by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak.

This year we are simply unsure of how the forthcoming months will work out, and very much value your on-going support and prayers.



Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 While Continuing to Provide Care in Rural Nicaragua

By **The Communications Team**, at AMOS Health and Hope

Responding to the Pandemic in Rural Communities

2020 hasn't been easy for any of us. We know one way, or another the COVID-19 pandemic has affected you. You may be struggling, praying, feeling lonely or concerned for your safety or the safety of your loved ones. Yet, that hasn't stopped you from caring for others.

In Nicaragua, our community health workers continue to serve their neighbours amidst great adversity. However, we have hope because of the outburst of solidarity we have received from you in the last few months.



Informational Materials on COVID-19

Emergency Response

Since March, we have implemented an emergency response to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 23 vulnerable rural communities, including:

- Training community health workers to share key prevention measures to help protect their communities from COVID-19, and by providing personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.
- Delivering essential medications to community clinics so health promoters can continue to treat common illnesses, and patients can continue to have access to basic health care in their own communities.

- Providing nutritious food supplements to families with young children, to prevent child malnutrition during reported food shortages in rural communities.

Continuing to Provide Care in the Era of COVID-19

Aura Rivera is the health promoter of the rural community of Tapasle, in the mountains of Matagalpa. Recently, a woman named Eligia came to see her at the community clinic, presenting diarrhoea symptoms. "I examined her and took her vital signs," Aura said. "She wasn't severely dehydrated, yet. I treated her with zinc tablets and had her drink oral rehydration fluids. I also counselled her on good personal and home hygiene practices, such as how to boil water before drinking it or cooking with it. I gave her a 14-day course of medicines and advised her to be sure to complete the full treatment, even if she felt better before the end."

Aura checked on Eligia by phone every few days and made sure she recovered completely.

All of us are incredibly grateful to Operation Agri, for helping us continue training community health workers to save lives in remote communities in Nicaragua!



Medicines for the Community

Children's Page – Giant Wordsearch!

By Janet, a friend of Operation Agri

Some of the words in the following paragraph appear in the Giant Wordsearch. Can you find all of them? Look across, down, diagonal and backwards! Operation Agri is a charity showing the love of Jesus by supporting overseas projects. The money provides things like books for children in school, seeds for sowing in the earth, rain harvesting tanks and health worker training. We have ten trustees. One trustee is the Chairman; one is the Treasurer, and another is the Editor. We publish a magazine, Outreach Abroad, and we produce posters, leaflets, videos, and PowerPoint shows for supporters and speakers using photographs from places in Africa, Asia and Central America. Can you find these areas in the pages of your atlas? You might have a bookmark from one of our appeals.



There are 33 words in the Giant Wordsearch. They will be printed in the October issue of Outreach Abroad. Did you find the hidden name of a long-term friend of Operation Agri who has featured on this page many times? **PS - It's OK to work with someone else on this.**



Youth Page

Kernel Corn here, this issue will be focused on our upcoming **60th anniversary** and how you can get involved!

60th Anniversary Challenge

As many of you may know, next year is the 60th anniversary of Operation Agri. This marks a huge milestone in the work that we do.

We would like to set you a challenge in order to raise awareness of Operation Agri as well as some funds so we can continue in this vital work.

This challenge may be whatever you would like to do, whether it's a sponsored walk or maybe a sponsored silence (I'm sure your parents would love that one), whatever it may be, we would love to hear from you telling us what you're doing!

Email us at yp@operationagri.org.uk

2020 has been a year of great change and uncertainty with so many unprecedented events happening in just the first four months! Turn to the project pages to see how the current situation is affecting other people. See how people are dealing with lockdown in other countries

Gap Year

I would like to mention again the gap year opportunities that OA are offering for 2021 and beyond. Believe it or not, Kernel Corn does not write the Youth Page! My name is Josh and this past year I've been on my own gap year at my local church. I would highly recommend it if you would like to deepen your faith. Your gap year could include a time in a country where we serve.

If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to email me.

A Female Voluntary Vet as a Power for Change

By **Rajendra Thapa Magar**, Community Health and Engineering for Social Transformation, (CHEST), Project Officer

Introducing Ms. Rasmita Syangtan, a Beneficiary



Ms. Rasmita Syangtan

Women living in developing countries like Nepal have to struggle a lot to prove their competency at every level. They lack proper knowledge of shed management, feed and fodder management, and have inadequate veterinary and service centre skills. They have to wait for the veterinary doctor and other technical people for the treatment of sick cattle and livestock.

This is true for Ms. Rasmita Syangtan, a livestock and dairy farmer in Ikudol Ward-5 of Bagmati Rural Municipality, Southern Lalitpur.

Rasmita Syangtan shares her experience, "I had very little awareness of government programmes, insurance policies, and other documentation work to be able to get a variety of livestock services and benefits from the local government."

MCDS Provided the Training

Rasmita received 5 days Veterinary Training

in livestock farming, to develop herself as a rural veterinary volunteer as a part of the Community Empowerment Building Programme implemented by the MCDS/CHEST project.

After her learning experience Rasmita shared this, "At this moment, I feel that if I had not been exposed to these modern means, then our livestock practice would be the same. Even my life would be no different to an ordinary rural woman in Nepal. I learned so many technical and other official procedures to get benefits from the appropriate office. Now, I am confident enough to raise livestock and increase income with less loss of livestock."

Transformation has a Vital Impact

Rasmita has received tremendous support from her family who were made aware and sensitised by her. Moreover, she has been providing the veterinary service to the other community members for a small service charge. She is now able to gain the economic benefit of Rs 12,000, (about £80), every month which a year ago was only a few Rupees.

She proudly shared, "My economic and social transformation has been possible only because of the programme supported by MCDS". From her earnings she can now provide support for her children's education and medical expenses. Furthermore, she adds, "From the extra that I now earn I can save and use the credit facilities of SHGs, (Self Help Groups), started through the help of MCDS, of which I am a member.

COVID-19 in Malawi

By **Rev Lloyd Chizenga**, General Overseer, New Life Christian Church (NLCC), Malawi

A Sensitisation Tour

What is happening in Malawi with COVID-19? As a church, we are currently on a sensitisation tour, teaching the communities about how people can get COVID-19 and how to avoid getting it. There is a lot of misinformation about, especially in the remote areas. The government is being supported by NGOs [Non-Governmental Organisations] and churches like ours to keep people informed. We are busy bringing awareness messages to rural communities about COVID-19.



Training with masks

Moral, Physical and Spiritual Effects

Besides the impact of COVID-19 on our livelihoods, it has also affected us morally, physically, and spiritually. We have a sense that some of our cultural tendencies have been changed. This includes having to follow social distancing guidelines and keeping at least a metre apart from others. We have been told we must avoid hand shaking, and instead hand wash frequently with soap or sanitiser. There is also a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people. All these are new things in the Malawian setting. We are used to meeting in our hundreds even in rural communities. Our government has been less strict than many others in Africa, but they are now saying we should wear a mask.

Sustainable Agriculture Project

In terms of the sustainable agriculture project we have been running with support from African Pastors Fellowship (APF) and Operation Agri, COVID-19 has had an impact. Since we can only meet with 50 people and not more than that, we have had to pause meetings and training sessions with project beneficiaries.

Our community groups normally have around 120 people in them, so training must be reduced. We will pick up where we left off as soon as we are able. One thing we can do is to divide the community groups into more but smaller groups, to follow the guidance.

Providing Buckets, Soap, Sanitiser and Face Masks

One of the tasks I have been doing is to provide hand washing buckets, soap, sanitiser, and face masks to over 35 communities in the

Chikwawa area. This is so important to stop COVID-19 spreading through our communities. We have been supported by donors in the UK to do this, but we need more assistance so we can purchase more.



Hand Sanitiser

RAY of Hope for Pakistani Christians in COVID-19

By **Nargus Azhar**, Founder & Director, Light for the Nations, Pakistan



Introduction

Pakistan is an Islamic country but there are other religions like Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, and some other communities. These communities are often targeted for acts of violence by extremists.

The majority of our Christians are poor, so their wives support them by doing work which is not normally acceptable in our society. Christian women working as domestic servants in Muslim households are particularly vulnerable to harassment.

For these reasons, Light for the Nations (LFTN) started providing skills training for poor women, mostly, but not exclusively, Christian.



Beautiful embroidery from one of the sewing groups

The Project

Through the valuable support of Operation Agri we were able to run two sewing, and two Adult Literacy Centres last year (2019) in which we have trained more than forty-four (44) young girls and women (reaching about 264 indirectly). The ladies learn various types of hand sewing, machine stitching and embroidery, designing, pattern making, cutting, tailoring, and finishing of garments for children and ladies. Each training course lasts six months, after which the trainees are able to read and write, handle their finances, and get gainful employment as dressmakers.

However, because of the COVID-19 problem the country is going through the lockdown situation so everything and every workplace is closed. There is a huge economic deficit at the national level and on an individual level. With no work due to lockdown the conditions of the families is near to starving.

A Christian lady, Shumila

Shumila shared her story. "My husband is a plumber working on daily wages. I have four children (two boys and two girls). When the centre opened at our place, I joined and learned much, including stitching clothes for people at my house. I was earning Pak Rs.350/- (about £1.80) for one suit. I was

paying fees of my children monthly, and our economic condition was improving day by day. But because of this lock down situation my husband has no work, and no one came to our home to give me orders to stitch clothes. That's why we are suffering a lot. We are thankful to those who support us with food and that was not only food but a **Ray of hope** for our family."



Shumila still hopeful

OA's Support

LFTN is grateful for Operation Agri's financial support, which enables this work to continue in other needy and deserving areas.

Impact of COVID-19 and Lockdown on Duaripara, Bangladesh

By **Tarun Mondol**, Director, Christian Ministry to Children and Youth (CMCY)

COVID-19 and Gigantic Negative Effects

COVID-19 has caused gigantic negative effects on the populace wellbeing, society, education, and economy in Bangladesh. Due to the impact, the dairy farmers, vegetable producers, pharmaceuticals and poultry farmers are in deep crisis, with lower prices for the products, and a lot of workers have lost their jobs as well. The poor have lost their sources of income, resulting in no income, no food, starvation, physical and mental suffering, and rising criminalisation.

Present situation of the project

Duaripara Family Development Project (DFDP) is a Project of CMCY in Partnership with Operation AGRI. DFDP works by spreading and achieving awareness on education, health and malnutrition, and saving the vulnerable poor women and children from commercial and sexual exploitation, trafficking, and slavery.

Duaripara is a big slum of around ten thousand poor migrated families, who came from the different remote villages due to natural calamities like flood, river erosion, cyclone, tidal surge and the torture of money lenders, in Bangladesh. We have 124 girls from 109 families with 469 members in total.

No Work – No Pay!

The parents of the girls are hardcore poor and illiterate; they are almost all day-labourers, hawkers, rickshaw-pullers, van-drivers, garment workers, small grocers, cleaners, and maid servants. Major earnings are depended on, “No work no pay”. The women and children are the worst sufferers, they live in lockdown at home.

Success Story

Mim is a girl of standard five, aged 12, and has come from a poor family background. She has one brother, and has lived with her father and family members, for more than 20 years in the Duaripara



slum. In January 2018 Mim came under the DFDP support.

She received education coaching, education materials, knowledge on healthy living, and guidance on self-defence, along with all possible support to help her flourish and reach her God given potential. During the COVID-19 pandemic she keeps her family members clean, hygienic, and safe, she is now much more secure and happier than before. Her only dream is to become a nurse in the future.

The Way Forward

The staff of the Duaripara Family Development Project have been doing their best with limited resources. The six staff members advise people how to protect themselves from abuse and slavery. The planned activities include education, family visits, counselling, social awareness building, rapport building, networking, and campaigning to ensure that the community and the wider community leaders participate.

Prayer Page

How can this not be about COVID-19? Let's join our Partners in prayer, using requests from them and OA's trustees:

For communities:

- Pray for the health and safety of all the communities we support and the people of Uganda in general as we all grapple with COVID-19.
- Pray that there will be enough people to care for crops. In many areas, crops are essential to avoid widespread famine.

For Partners:

- Praying for the health and safety of the Oasis Uganda staff and their families.
- Remember the staff at the two urban clinics in Managua (Nicaragua) as they attempt to deal with many impoverished families needing help and advice, asking God for protection for all involved.
- Due to the pandemic all training ceased within SDKF, Uganda. For the project leader, Dennis Ssettaala, who has been very unwell. Give thanks to God that his health has improved, and pray for protection for the trainers, and opportunity to resume training in the three areas of sewing, hairdressing, and motorcycle maintenance.

For authorities:

- Praying for our leaders both in Uganda and across the globe, to make the right decisions during COVID-19 and the post pandemic recovery phase.
- Pray that these actions will help to limit the spread of the virus.

For resources:

- Praying for all our donors, funders, and supporters that they remain afloat during this crisis, and that all staff and donors who support Oasis Uganda are not significantly affected by COVID-19.
- OA Harvest Appeal. Pray we can raise enough funds to maintain our work following the re-start.

For the future:

- Praying for a global Christ-led recovery, where God's presence and will manifest themselves over and above anything else in healing the world.
- Praying for the recovery of Uganda post COVID-19 and especially the economic recovery as people's jobs and livelihoods are at stake.
- Pray for protection for the trainers, and for a swift return to opportunities to meet and resume training in the areas of vocational skills, farming techniques and adult literacy.

With thanks to:

Oasis Uganda
AMOS, Nicaragua
SDKF, Uganda

Editor's Note: This is just a selection. Please pray through the magazine for people and situations mentioned and the trustees with decisions to make that will, potentially, affect many people. Thank you.

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To The Manager:

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Town/City:

County: Post Code:

Sort Code: Account No:

Account Name:

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Sort Code: **12-20-29**

Account No: **00142961**

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Date:

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