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# THE CURRENT SITUATION IN GHANA



## DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF MADAMFO GHANA,

we find ourselves in an extraordinary situation – a global situation we have never been in before. Even the memories of our last experience with Ebola are fading in this current threatening situation.

But this time, we are all in this situation all together – everyone, everywhere.

And that is why we have to be courageous and take extraordinary approaches, now. We must find new ways to protect the weakest and most vulnerable.

Many organizations are withdrawing their staff from Ghana in this crisis. But we remain on the ground, and we will not abandon our friends in this difficult situation.

**But we must all work together to stop the spread of the virus..  
We need your help more than ever.**



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## CORONA VIRUS – WE HELP, TOO!

The entire world is in a state of emergency, that nobody has ever seen before. The disease COVID-19, which is caused by the Corona Virus has already taken numerous lives all over the world. We are all afraid and try our best to protect our families and also under an economic point of view, it is a challenge to most of us. But, in order to stop the virus from spreading globally, we must work together.

**Even at times like these we remain in Ghana and do all we can to fight and to stop the virus. Because Madamfo is the Ghanaian word for friend and we will never leave our friends behind!**

Our general code of realising projects exclusively with locals has now become a big advantage. We have an outstanding network and are therefore able to respond quickly and efficiently to any unforeseen changes. We know the Health-Departments and Administrations very well and they depend on us now.

### **Why is COVID-19 such a threat for people in developing countries?**

There is no functioning health-care-system in Ghana. There is a lack of hospitals, medical staff and necessary equipment – and almost no ventilators. There are no adequate facilities to test people for COVID-19 and there are no facilities at all to treat patients appropriately. Poor families cannot afford health care at all.

There is also a large number of people with heavy pre-existing conditions that – in large parts – have not been treated appropriately. Diseases like pneumonia, tuberculosis, as well as HIV are widely spread. And in addition to that there are diseases such as malaria, meningitis, typhoid fever and cholera.

The virus can have devastating effects on the villages without infrastructure, and we want to do our best to prevent the people from that – with your help!

# WHAT DO WE DO?

## **Prevention saves lives!**

In Ghana, the virus can lead to humanitarian crisis which the country has never faced before – but we do anything in our power to prevent that from happening.

This is why we support approximately 500,000 people in Ghana with the following measures:

### **1. Information campaigns and awareness-raising campaigns**

Our trained staff (nurses and social workers) are on site and inform the people about necessary hygiene-measures – such as proper hand-washing and explain the necessity of social distancing. This can happen via radio-campaigns or via cars with speakers on their roof. That way you are able to inform and keep the social distance at the same time.

### **2. Veronica-Bucket-Kits**

We are in urgent need of bin sets with which you can soap-wash your hands running water. That is the only way to enable the people put the hygiene-recommendations into practice. And as of right now – that is the only way to stop this pandemic from moving on. Please be aware, that there is no general water supply system throughout Ghana.

### **3. Provision of so-called PPE – personal protective equipment**

Our staff, nurses and social workers, do anything in their power to stop the virus from spreading and to protect the people. But their protection must be ensured, too. And the only way to protect the helpers is by equipping them with the right tools, such as face masks or gloves.



Veronica-Bucket-Kit



## WHY SHOULD YOU HELP US?

We work side by side with the Ghanaian Ministry of Health. Our claim, which is at the heart of anything we do, is helping people to help themselves. That way we can help – exclusively with Ghanaian partners – throughout the entire country and remain at site when most people have already left.

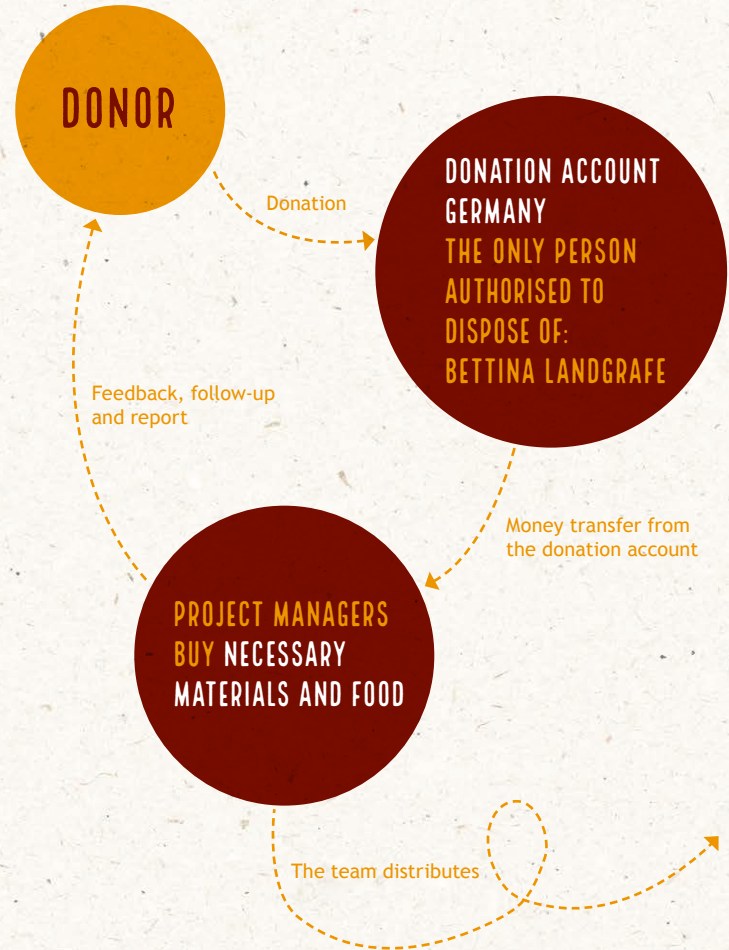
And that is the only way to help navigating through the situation, despite of the lock-down and current challenges.



# HOW DOES YOUR MONEY GET TO GHANA?

If you support us, you do not support a huge system of bureaucracy and inefficiency that needs weeks to make a decision – **we take action targeted and efficiently and we react instantly.**

Management team consisting of project managers, social workers, Nurses and the Board of Directors



To help and protect the people we are in urgent need of protective gear for our nurses and our social workers that work in prevention teams and close to patients. A small donation can help us to buy items that help to save lives:



**PPE (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT)  
SUCH AS FACE MASKS AND GLOVES**  
1 € per set (face mask and gloves)



**NUTRITION EMERGENCY PACKET FOR HOMELESS  
CHILDREN AND THE KAYAYEI IN KUMASI**  
8 € for 5kg of rice and 21 litres of oil



**VERONICA-BUCKET-KITS**  
25 € for a set of buckets to enable people to  
soap-wash their hands under running water



**DISINFECTANTS TO SANITISE HANDS  
AND SURFACES**  
30 € for 5 litres of disinfectants



**INFRARED THERMOMETER FOR DIAGNOSTICS  
WHILE KEEPING THE SOCIAL DISTANCE**  
200 € per thermometer



**CONSTRUCTION OF A MANUAL WELL**  
5,000 € to supply an entire village  
with water



**CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCAL HOSPITAL**  
50,000 € for a functioning health care



Thanks to your donations we were able to reach 10 districts so far and we were able to provide

- 350 Veronica-Bucket-Kits
- 300 litres of disinfectants
- 30 large boxes of paper towels and
- 20,000 face masks

Due to our year-long experience in fighting mother and child mortality and other hygiene-related campaigns, we can guarantee a fast realisation of the project.

# THANK YOU!

Dear friends and patrons!  
In these troubled times, we need your help now more than ever! We want to say thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for your precious help. Without you our work would not be possible.

Your Madamfo Ghana team

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