

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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UGANDA ENTERS A SECOND LOCKDOWN



The Uganda Medical Association is currently reporting week-on-week increases in new Covid-19 cases. And the WHO has warned of a third wave pandemic across Africa, where vaccination rates are lower than 10%. This has led to the sudden lockdown of Uganda for a second time and it will have a devastating impact on orphans and vulnerable children like Moses.

You may remember Moses from the newsletter last June. He lives with his grandmother, having lost both of his parents when he was very young. She sells banana leaves at the local market - her only source of income - but it doesn't

bring in enough money to cover the cost of food for both of them, so Moses relies on school meals for sustenance.

Last June when the Ugandan Government closed schools to try and control the outbreak of COVID-19, Moses no longer had access to a school lunch every day. And because markets were also closed due to the lockdown, his grandmother couldn't earn money to buy food.

They went for 2 days without eating. But thankfully Moses was known to Spotlight on Africa through our Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) programme

and so they were visited by the team in Uganda who provided them with food.

Spotlight has continued to support vulnerable children like Moses since the first lockdown. We are currently feeding 120 OVCs in the Musoto community and another 97 children outside Musoto that the Mbale COVID-19 task force identified and asked Spotlight on Africa to help.

But we need your help to carry on with this vital work. Children like Moses will starve without the urgent funds required for this feeding programme. There is no social security system to support these communities, no food banks and no other charity working in this area that can provide for them. They are relying on us. And that is why we have launched a **Covid-19 Emergency Appeal**.

<https://tinyurl.com/covidemergency>

Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects.

With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

We are always looking for new volunteers

If you would like to get involved please email enquiries@hsoa.org.uk

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By donating to the **Covid-19 Emergency Appeal**, you will be helping save the lives of children like Moses. Please support us if you are able to. Thank you.

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JOIN US FOR A GARDEN TEA PARTY!

On Sunday 25th July, come and enjoy a traditional English cream tea, blended with a touch of Uganda!

2pm-6pm

at 1 Orchard Avenue, Harpenden, AL5 2DW

with a suggested donation of £5pp (children go FREE)

Please contact

wendyhowson@hsoa.org.uk

to book your place.

We really hope you are able to join us.

If there are any bakers that are able to make some cakes for this event, that would be amazing! And if you have an allotment or vegetable patch, we would welcome any donations of your fresh produce for one of our stalls. We are also looking for volunteers to help us set up on the day. Please contact Wendy if you might be able to help with any of these. Thank you.

You're invited to our Spotlight Garden Tea Party!

Come and enjoy a traditional English cream tea blended with a touch of Uganda!

SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021
2PM – 6PM

1 ORCHARD AVENUE
HARPENDEN AL5 2DW

Suggested Donation £5pp
Children Free

All Bookings:
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We look forward to seeing you there!

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