Thank you, Lighthouse Christian Center, for keeping children safe from COVID

I Love Baseball players with COVID masks

Haiti, January 2022, children with COVID masks
Dominican Republic – 1,153 children receiving COVID safety measures

- Medication distribution and health check-ups by COTN staff.
- Clinic open and COVID cases referred to designated state hospitals.
- Continued provision of PPE, cleaning materials, and nutrition to children and families.
- All children back to in-person school as of Fall 2021.
- More masks arrived April 2022.
- Hand washing stations maintained.
In all five countries where we serve, Children of the Nations has had very few COVID cases. However, in 2020, two older sponsored children and their family members contracted the virus. All of them presented symptoms such as: fever, headache, malaise, and loss of smell & taste. The most affected member of the family was admitted to the hospital for about 15 days.

Because of your help, COTN provided medications to treat the family and covered the costs of COVID testing. We provided follow up by phone, home visits, and clinic visits. One of them lost their sense of smell for about three months but is now fully recovered. The family is grateful for the support they received during that very difficult time.

Thank you for helping this family to recover from COVID.

*Please do not share this story publicly. Thank you!
Sierra Leone – 1,266 children receiving COVID safety services

- Clinic remained open and provided care throughout COVID. Lighthouse funding helped maintain supplies of medicine despite huge price increases over the last year.
- Masks distributed.
- Hand washing stations maintained.
- Health education at Children's Homes, VPP communities, and with university/vocational students.
- Taught and modelled social distancing practices.
- Provided extra food to VPP households.
- PPE provided to clinic staff.
Malawi – 1,071 children receiving COVID safety services

- Masks distributed.
- Hand washing stations maintained.
- Nutritional programming.
- Monthly hygiene pack distributions.
- Clinic kept open.
- Medical van providing ongoing medical care, health promotion, and health education.

Masks provided for Special Needs Camp
Haiti – 113 children receiving COVID safety measures

Though COVID-19 cases in Haiti have remained low, but the pandemic continues to drive food prices in Haiti to record levels. Fear, stigma, and lack of PPE has also made access to medical services more difficult. However, COTN children have continued to receive:

- Regular, nutritious meals. This has been critical as many families can no longer afford to feed their children.
- Continued access to PPE gear and clean water stations.
- More masks are arrived in April 2022.
- Continued access to medical care and disease prevention through our community nurse.
- In December 2021, every child and staff member received a mosquito net.

During Lockdown (right):

- Home visit for a child with special medical needs
- Preventative care: administering deworming medication (middle photo) and mosquito net distribution
Uganda – 699 children receiving COVID safety measures

- PPE, including face masks and hand sanitizer, distributed – definitely enough to go around!
- During lockdowns
  - Health education handouts for every VPP child.
  - Distance learning accessible and equitable for all students by grouping students into pods, based on grade and proximity to each other.
  - Provided vital emergency food and soap distributions for VPP children cut-off from on-campus feeding programs.
- Multivitamin distribution
- Kept clinic open and continued providing essential health services.
- Hand washing, temp checks, and screening taking place at the gates.
- In-person school resumed January 2022