

IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY

At first it was like a joke. But it was not long before we noticed that it was a serious and a deadly disease. Covid-19 cases were only recorded in towns. There were rumours all over our community that it was just affecting the rich people. No sooner had people stopped spreading the rumours than we heard the cases had started to be reported. To us it was just like a dream. We had no idea that this disease was spreading that fast like the air we breathe.

The government decided to help us to control this pandemic. It declared a lockdown in all the countries in Kenya. This affected people in our community a lot because they were businessmen and women. They moved from one place to another to trade. So they had to stop and look for another way to earn a living as they wait for further directive from the government.

The government also decided to close all in which people find themselves crowded. These places included markets, worshipping places and all learning institutions. This affected people like traders, pastors and teachers. This is because they depended on their work to provide for their families. This also affected people in our community because the produce that they harvested from their farms were not enough to feed all the family members. This also affected pupils a lot especially those who were about to sit for their final exam. This also gave parents hard time in raising their children because they had stayed home for a long time. This also led to so many deaths of the youths. Some people resorted to stealing so as to earn a living.

Although it was hard for all of us we had no choice but to accept and continue with our lives. We started following the government instructions like wearing masks at all times, avoiding crowded places, washing hands frequently and ensuring that all our surfaces were clean. Parents and the community elders decided to help in educating the youths. They helped them to know what to do and what not to do. People also started working from home. It was not easy but they tried their level best till it worked. Everyone was his or her neighbour's keeper.

With the cooperation of the government and us citizens we got a bit better. We all accepted that Covid-19 is here with us and we had to fight it. With hard work and God, we won. Covid-19 did not stop, but we kept it under control. Everyone got their jobs back and children went back to school.

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