



**Mukuru Promotion Centre**

*Empowerment Step by Step*

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## Information XI

*December 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021*

### **An Update to our Supporters, Friends and Partners regarding the works of Mukuru Promotion Centre and the CoVid19 Pandemic.**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Kenya had a total number of **101,690** CoVid19 confirmed cases, **1,775** deaths and **77,598** recoveries since March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The fatality rate has decreased to 1.70% and the recovery rate has decreased to 74.5%. Men seem to be more prone to the virus than women, rating at 70% compared to 30% for women. (*Source: Ministry of Health Kenya and WHO*).

If the reporting is an indication of where Kenya is with CoVid19, since Christmas there has been little in the news about the virus. The figures appeared to be decreasing however, late January there has been an increase in confirmed cases and deaths.

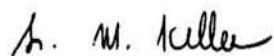
There was a rise in CoVid19 infections during the festive period and New Year's season owing to the influx of travellers into the city and some Mukuru residents traveling to their rural areas. Though, notably there was a decrease in travel around the country as the Government urged its citizens to avoid unnecessary travel to curb the number in infections. Most Mukuru residents did not travel to their rural homes mainly due to their lack of funds to do so.

Disputes between the Ministry of Health, County Health Departments and the healthcare workers saw many health workers down their tools owing to their grievances and their needs as they combated the pandemic on the front lines. The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Mr Mutahi Kagwe, appealed to striking health workers to resume duty as most of their grievances had been addressed and the minor ones were being dealt with. Towards the end of December, President Kenyatta extended the nationwide curfew for a further 90 days in order to curb the pandemic's spread.

Mukuru Promotion Centre continues to help sustain the livelihoods of the Mukuru residents by providing services through our social and health services. Various donations like clothing, shoes, bedding, face masks as well as food parcels are donated by well-wishers for those who are still trying to get on their feet after job losses or pay cuts. The extra burden on the parents was affected as their children began school in January 2021. Sadly, not all children were able to report back because of the challenges relating to income as transportation inevitably is doubling as schools resume.

The psycho-social support, through our social office is also being given to the teenage girls in Mukuru who fell pregnant and were unable to resume learning in January. Currently, 30 pregnant teenage girls have been integrated into the programme and a further 10 will be integrated during February. They shall receive baby clothes packages, thanks to Manos Unidas, that includes clothes for the baby, shawls, blankets, basins, pampers and food packages for the baby and mother to be.

We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your support.



*Sr Mary Killeen*

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