

## News from Kirinda: Summer 2020

Dear Friends of Junge Menschen für Afrika,

The Corona-virus has still been raging all over the world - and did not stop at Rwanda either. Up to now more than 1,000 people have been infected and three persons died.

This is the time when people learn to keep together and to support each other. Already twice we were able to hand out foodstuff to 50 poor families in Kirinda. Each of them got rice, beans, riceflour, soaps, and cooking oil.

The schools in Kirinda have been closed since mid of March and are supposed to be reopened in September, which means that the school year has to be repeated.

The head of IPK in Kirinda is extremely affected by the current situation. Mid of March he travelled to Bamberg to work at his PhD thesis, which is financed by "Brot für Welt", until end of May. But as the airport of Kigali has been closed for several months already he cannot return home and has to stay in Germany - and the end is not in sight.

Food was distributed to more than 50 families which are affected very hard from the Corona-crisis. The boxes contained maize, rice, beans, soap, cooking oil and some other things.

In May the preparations for the next season started. Here organic fertilizer is being produced to make sure that the crops will grow successfully in the future.

Many volunteers used the compulsory Corona-break to build new toilets for the Kindergarten in Kigali. The project could be finished meanwhile and we hope the children can gain from it in September.

The cultivation of rice is being continued. At the end of June the rice could finally be harvested. The seasonal workers did a very good job in spite of the strict rules for obeying the safe distance.



For the reopening of sewing club and kindergarten, planned for September 2020, all necessary hygiene articles could be bought meanwhile and a hygiene concept was worked out.

In addition some playground equipment was repaired after the rainy season and the water supply system, built together with the Engineers without Frontiers Mannheim, was checked.

All questions regarding the construction of the IPK girls' dormitory could be settled with the construction authorities meanwhile. We hope for the building permit within the next few days so that the construction works can be started.



During the last weeks a new tree nursery has been installed for reforesting open land and for counteracting and preventing erosion. The plants are growing very well and the people look ahead optimistically.

We hope that you as well do not lose courage and trust during these difficult times and that your and your family and friends feel fine.

Many thanks for your support and stay  
**HEALTHY**

Your JMfA-Team

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