



Koka Children Project



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Dear reader,

We hope you are well, safe and healthy during these special and sometimes bizarre times? We are healthy and still in Ethiopia.

The Corona crisis also hits Ethiopia. According to the official numbers, not so many people are sick (yet), but the government took strict measures to avoid spreading of the virus. Schools are closed, taxis and buses may not drive, large gatherings are forbidden, companies are closed or working on 50% occupation, people must wash hands and keep distance. Not much different from the measurements taken in other countries.

For the Koka Children Project this means that the children are not going to school anymore. Also, the Child Centre is closed for meals and day care, since too many children will be together in one place. Foster parents are at home without work or with less income than usual because the economy slows down. People have little financial reserves.



To ensure that the children have something to eat, a food support programme has started this week. The next four weeks 175 children and their foster families will receive flour, oil, macaroni, spaghetti, rice and soap. Because these products are more expensive than the meals the children usually get in the Centre, we are looking for additional financial support.

For the next four weeks we need an additional budget of 2.000 Euro, so we can supply the children with:

- Week 1: soap, 5 kilo flour, 3 litre oil
- Week 2: soap, 3 kilo spaghetti
- Week 3: soap, 3 kilo macaroni
- Week 4: soap, 4 kilo rice

We welcome every contribution, small or large, which can be given in cash or transferred to our bank account:
NL 30 RABO 032 59 73 156 at the name of A.D. Westerman.
We will make sure that the full amount in Ethiopian Birr will be given to the food support programme immediately.

If you have any question, please mail or send a WhatsApp to Marijke:

On behalf of Koka's Children and their foster families:
Thank you very much for your support!

Warm regards and have a good Easter weekend.

Erick en Marijke Westerman

