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As from the month of April, 3W has met the needs of up to 90 LBQT households with COVID-19 emergency relief supplies which contained food stuff, medicine and hygiene supplies. These supplies were to mitigate the ravaging effects the virus is continuing to have among them.

Our ally **Stichting Klaartje Derks Voor Kisumu (Klara Foundation)** also complemented our emergency relief support by providing care packages for the month of May-June to our beneficiaries. The foundation also provided food stuff and sanitary packages to meet the immediate urgent needs of LBQT households.



"I have lost my source of livelihood due to prevailing conditions brought by COVID-19 since I have had to close my business. Currently, I don't have a source of income and I'm straining financially. 3W coming through with the humanitarian aid is really helping us.
Thank You

The organization also provided its beneficiaries with shopping vouchers worth KES. 4,000, this was to help provide financial assistance to LBQT households that were affected due to the economic downturn of the pandemic. The provision of vouchers ensured that up to 60 household shopped in accordance to their personal needs.



Radio Advocacy on SRHR

Building Resilience

Apart from the economic impact, the virus has also caused a lot of mental issues. To ensure mental wellness for her beneficiaries, 3W has engaged a friendly and trained psychosocial counsellor and provided a toll free line **(0800-720-586)** for telephone therapy and reporting GBV cases. The line promotes psychosocial support for beneficiaries who are facing psychological challenges linked to the economic downturn of the pandemic and being in isolation or quarantine with violent and unsupportive family members who are also homophobic.

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During this time of COVID19 most resources and services have shifted to its management and response, leaving behind Sexual Reproductive Health Right (SRHR) services for Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW). Not only is AGYW formal education affected, but also the access to SRHR information provision due to closure of schools; leading to a surge in teenage pregnancies and Gender Based Violence. 3W recognizing this, has held sessions on gender based violence, teenage pregnancy, mental wellness and access to comprehensive reproductive health as a new way of providing information and support around AGYW SRHR.

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Talk to a registered and trained LBOT FRIENDLY COUNSELLOR

Call for free on: 0800 720-586

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LBQT Economic Empowerment

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There are still many barriers that disempower LBQT person's ability to meet and achieve full economic empowerment; 3W believes in gender equality and LBQT persons empowerment and as such is conducting a trial economic empowerment project on farming which will hopefully help LBQT persons empower themselves economically to be self-reliant.

Despite COVID-19 affecting our programs, 3W has been able and continues to provide humanitarian aid to its beneficiaries and conduct advocacy to contribute to its mission on ensuring LBQT persons enjoy justice, freedom and equity.

To our beneficiaries we say; *"We are because you are!"* This could not suffice without the continued support from our partners.



Asante Sana!