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Message from the Director

2021 was as hard on our communities as it was for our country and the world. The Pandemic's hardships reminded our partners and us of community importance and being there for each other. 2X Education has stood with the community from the time the very first Covid-19 case was recorded in Kenya in March 2020 to the time when the Omicron Variant was ravaging the globe. We are proud to support our communities through the harrowing uncertainties of 2021. Our mission to impact individuals and families remains constant. As an organization, our goal and that of our partners is to create social change and report on the difference we are making with an aim of helping other players see the change, learn the needs, make data-driven impact decisions, build trust and be fully accountable. Our impact learnings keep us motivated to serve better. Our impact journey continues as we enter 2022 with new hope.



Impact at a glance

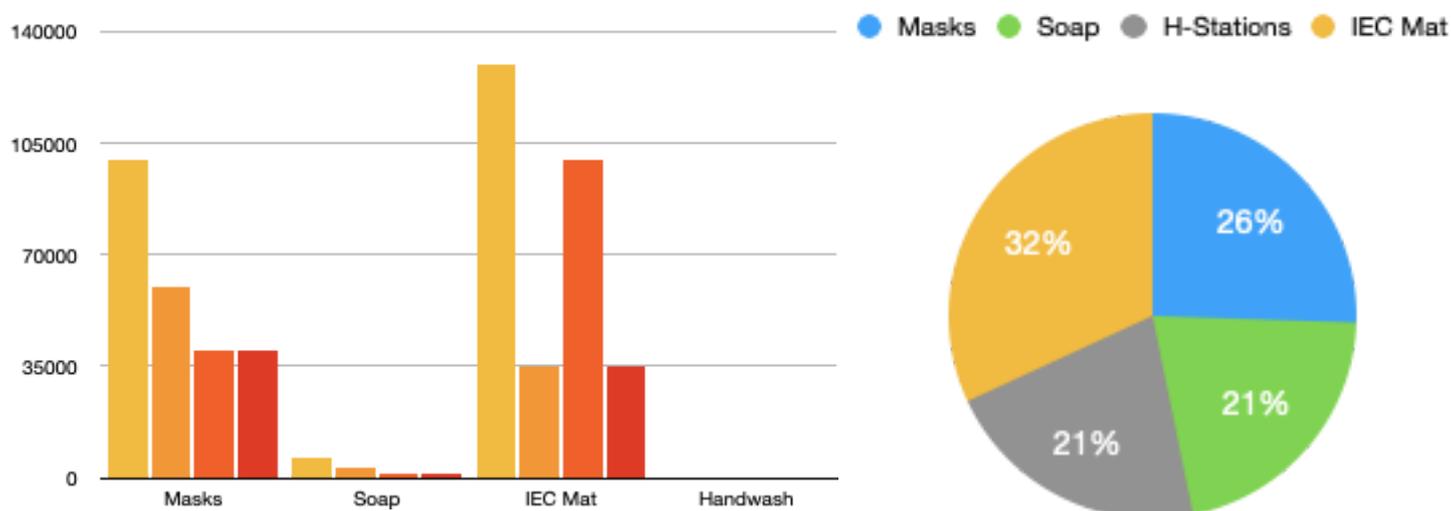


Part of our outreach team engaging a family in Huruma Slums - Eldoret

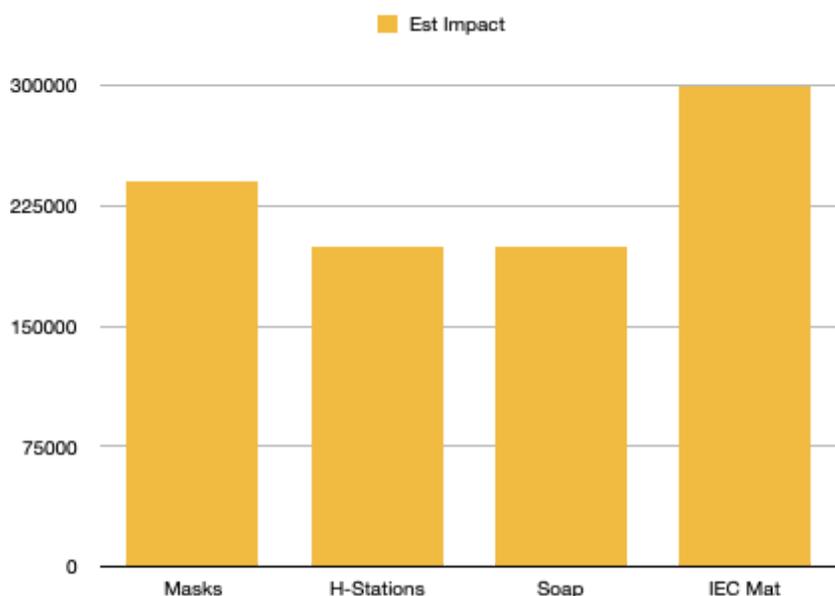


County Summary

County	Washable Face Masks	Home-made Soap	IEC Materials	Handwashing Stations
Uasin Gishu	100.000	6.000	130,000	60
Kisumu County	60.000	3.000	35.000	30
Kericho County	40.000	1.500	100.000	1
Homa Bay County	40.000	1.500	35.000	0
	240.000	12.000	300.000	91



Item	Quantity	Number Impacted	Households reached
Masks	240,000 Pcs	240.000	-
Handwashing Stations	91 Pcs	200.000	-
Home-made Soap	12,000L	200.000	-
IEC Materials	300,000 Pcs	300.000	50.800
Totals		940.000	50.800



Population Impact Monthly Summary



Item	Face Masks	Liquid Soap	IEC Materials
January	20.000	1.000	25.000
February	20.000	1.000	25.000
March	20.000	1.000	25.000
April	20.000	1.000	25.000
May	20.000	1.000	25.000
June	20.000	1.000	25.000
July	20.000	1.000	25.000
August	20.000	1.000	25.000
September	20.000	1.000	25.000
October	20.000	1.000	25.000
November	20.000	1.000	25.000
December	20.000	1.000	25.000
Total	240.000	12.000	300.000

Impact Assessment

The project has evolved since inception to ensure that greater impact is attained while maximizing on the available resources. Our close interaction with the communities and end-to-end feedback channel has ensured that the project objectives are met. Our impact is anchored on the following five dimensions;

1. Purpose

The sole purpose of the outreach is to save lives and mitigate the effects of Covid-19. We assess impact based on the outcome of every intervention, the importance of the outcomes to the target communities, existing alternatives to our interventions and whether the said interventions enhance the safety, adaptability and the general well-being of the beneficiary communities.

2. People

The outreach program is people-centred. We seek to understand the target

communities, the composition of the beneficiaries in terms of gender, socio-economic status and their vulnerability.

3. Scale

We assess the extent to which an intervention would result in meaningful impact, the ease with which the intervention can be scaled to realise even bigger impact, the number of people impacted and the cost and sustainability of each intervention.

4. Contribution

We consider the worst-case scenarios before making a contribution towards a particular cause. What would happen without our interventions? What support systems are available to the communities?

5. Risk

What is the risk to the communities if the interventions do not occur resulting in the intended impact? What would be the long term impact of failed interventions?





Background

Community outreach is an essential element in establishing long term resilience and building capacity of local communities to better handle the spread and mitigate the effects of Covid-19. Through information sharing and application of best practices, residents are better equipped to manage their daily activities while at the same time applying the knowledge gained to help contain the spread. Public engagement provides valuable input from the individuals who form the community, helping to create a baseline understanding for future outreach efforts. The issues, concerns, opportunities, and assets identified by the various stakeholders has directly shaped the recommendations and strategies of the outreach team ensuring smooth and people-centered process.

2X Education through its partners Acini Capital and KENO Coffee House has been conducting outreach activities to create awareness among locals on the

containment measures of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is done as a project deliverable for the Acini Capital funded project aimed at enhancing the capacity of local communities to handle the effects of Covid-19. The main purpose of conducting the outreach is to increase awareness and support vulnerable households to better cope with the effects of the pandemic.

Core Values Guiding our Community Outreach

1. Partnership driven - The outreach process is fully owned and driven by the people we serve. Even as we provide the financial resources, the decisions and the activities are determined by all the stakeholders - the various groups and communities that we serve. They fully own the process and are part of the solutions.
2. Meaningful involvement - We seek proposals from Boda Boda groups and community members on how best to engage. Most of the activities like distribution of masks are done through their well-organised groups to ensure accountability and effectiveness. Their solutions and suggestions are fully considered.
3. Inclusiveness - We embrace an all-inclusive approach that utilises the various strengths available at our disposal. An all inclusive process ensures that all stakeholders are fully engaged
4. Accountability and Transparency - We value openness. Therefore, we invite all stakeholders to query all processes and ensure that their contributions are actually factored in.



Focus Areas

Our outreach programs were mostly focused on slum areas - these are densely populated areas with very low income earners and inadequate social amenities.

People living in slums face higher transmissibility due to factors such as larger household sizes, social mixing between the young and elderly and poor hygiene due to inadequate water and sanitation.

They are likely to witness higher progression to severe disease due to the virus' interaction with highly prevalent underlying conditions, including non-communicable diseases, malnutrition, tuberculosis and HIV.

In case of outbreaks, they are likely to suffer from higher case-fatality due to a dire lack of intensive care capacity, especially in rural areas.

For these reasons, we had to rapidly adapt our existing programs and initiate new approaches in order to continue providing lifesaving humanitarian assistance and position vulnerable communities and individuals to be as resilient as possible to the impact of COVID-19. Adopting a resilience approach to build capacities at community, household, schools and individual levels to prevented a possible catastrophe.



Slum Intervention Programs

Our slum intervention programs were anchored on the following key areas;

1. Hygiene promotion - we promoted good hygiene as a way of curbing the spread of COVID-19 within the slums by;

- Providing hand-washing soap, face masks and IEC materials on COVID-19.
- Providing and supporting hand washing stations with soap and water buckets.
- Taking body temperatures and oxygen concentration levels

2. Community engagement - 2X Education strives to provide guidance to the communities, schools and stakeholders on risks, prevention, signs and symptoms, as well as seek their input and participation to help fight the outbreak. Women and girls remain central to this effort, as they frequently play the primary role in household hygiene.

3. Gender and Social Protection, including GBV - Cognisant of the disproportionate impact of public health crises on women and girls, we included as part of our interventions, direct engagement with households to address issues of abuse during the pandemic, risk of GBV and links of such victims with relevant organizations for further assistance.



Trends, Observations and Inferences

There's been a sharp decline in confirmed Covid-19 cases between August and November 2021. The country has however coped with wave after wave of Covid-19 and emerging variants that have stretched the vulnerable healthcare system beyond its limits. While the first and second waves were well managed, the third wave which was more severe resulted in more casualties. To contain the severity, the Government restricted inter-county movements with the entire country on a dusk to dawn curfew. The country has so far reported about 255,000 cases and 5,333 deaths, a number that is way below the conservative estimates. The emergence of yet another variant could however tilt the scales. 2X Education has been coordinating the COVID-19 response with local youth and women groups, community leaders, table banking groups in slums and rural areas of Uasin Gishu as well as the Department of Public Health within the county. Our response has been centered on offering support systems, capacity building, trainings and awareness raising campaigns on the plight of the slum dwellers and the rural communities. Our engagements in the second and last quarter of 2021 saw us distribute foodstuffs, sanitary towels, hand sanitizers and face masks. We were able to engage nearly 45,000 people directly thanks to our existing networks within the community. Through our efforts, we have been able to reach communities located in the very remote and hard-to-reach places and low-income groups.

Emphasis on Women

During our previous outreach activities, we realized that women were the most

affected as is often the case during crises as they shoulder most of the family burden. Equally affected are at-risk and marginalized groups. Due to this, we made a decision to extend additional support like provision of sanitary towels and foodstuffs to women.



We discovered that;

There was a significant increase in domestic roles for women since they performed the vast majority of household chores - more than three times as much as men. In addition to this, they have the responsibility of taking care of ailing family members, providing food and looking after children as is the case during public health crises.



There was an increased risk of Gender-based violence (GBV) towards women and vulnerable groups. The lockdowns that confined most families to stay indoors with potential abusers and economic frustrations led to increased cases of GBV. Third world countries with weak healthcare systems were overstretched by the pandemic. This, coupled with the already existing barriers to accessing healthcare left families exposed. The additional strain on the weak systems as result of the pandemic further increased the barriers for accessing contraception and life-saving maternal care. Women are largely missing from COVID 19 decision-making. Despite women's contribution as community care givers and breadwinners, they are often excluded from the decision making at the





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