



## MEASURES TAKEN BY HRAPF TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS AND COVID-19

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The Coronavirus and the resultant COVID-19 continue to pose a constant threat to the health and lives of Ugandans. In light of the President of Uganda's directives on preventive measures to stop the spread of the Coronavirus issued on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, HRAPF has decided that in the meantime, its offices will remain open and fully operational, and staff will report to work as usual. The HRAPF legal aid clinic shall continue to accept walk in clients and also undertake field visits.

HRAPF however considers the health and lives of staff, visitors, partners, clients and the general public as first priority and as such the following measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and COVID-19 while we continue to serve marginalised communities:

1. All activities involving more than ten people at the same time, including HRAPF's own internal meetings, have been suspended. Such activities include paralegal trainings, dialogues, meetings, health workers' and police trainings. In light of this measure, the following shall be done:
  - a. Organisers of meetings of not more than ten persons shall ensure that the venues provide enough room for participants to sit at least one metre from each other.
  - b. Donors and other partners will be continuously informed if there is need to delay any project activities, as well as the resultant effect on implementation of any active projects.
2. HRAPF staff shall avoid unnecessary contact with other staff, clients, visitors and other persons and use online and other means of communications unless physical meetings are absolutely necessary. In this regard:
  - a. All efforts shall be made to have meetings of less than ten persons in well-ventilated rooms and offices.
  - b. Foreign or local travel using public means that transport more than two persons is also suspended. However, travel within the country

will continue but staff are encouraged to use HRAPF vehicles or hired vehicles.

3. HRAPF staff shall not attend external meetings involving more than ten persons.
4. Hand sanitisers shall be available at different points at the HRAPF offices and it is mandatory for all staff, clients and visitors to sanitise when entering the offices or when exiting.
5. Staff, clients and visitors that have symptoms of the flue and cough are encouraged to seek medical attention, to stay away from the HRAPF offices and follow the self quarantine procedures until they get better.
6. We encourage staff, clients and other stakeholders to follow guidelines that shall from time to time be issued by the Ministry of Health and other Government institutions and these guidelines shall be updated from time to time as the government directives change.

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