

CASE STUDY 3



STEPHEN

Stephen, 15
Uganda



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At the end of August 2020 Uganda had reported almost 2,700 cases of COVID-19 and 28 deaths. At the end of March 2020, the government imposed a strict lockdown which included closing schools indefinitely. Uganda is one of the largest refugee hosting countries in the world, with most refugees arriving from either South Sudan or the Democratic Republic of Congo. Densely crowded refugee camps are at high risk of COVID-19 spreading. Altogether 15 million children are out of school in Uganda, including 600,000 refugees. The Ugandan Government has delivered printed home-study packs to families. However, many children have yet to receive packs.

Stephen, 15, is a Congolese refugee who was attending school in a refugee camp in Uganda. He says:

“ When I think of and hear the word corona I feel bad because it has made me miss school and miss my friends.

I know the corona is a virus that kills people very quickly. This illness spreads through shaking hands, hugging friends and other people, touching your eyes and playing with friends outside my home.

I've missed my English lessons. I've been trying to read my books at home after I do digging and washing plates (to help out in the family home) but it's not good because my younger brothers want to read with me, and when I support them we just end up playing.

I can't wait to hear that schools are open again and I can play with my friends again. ”

