

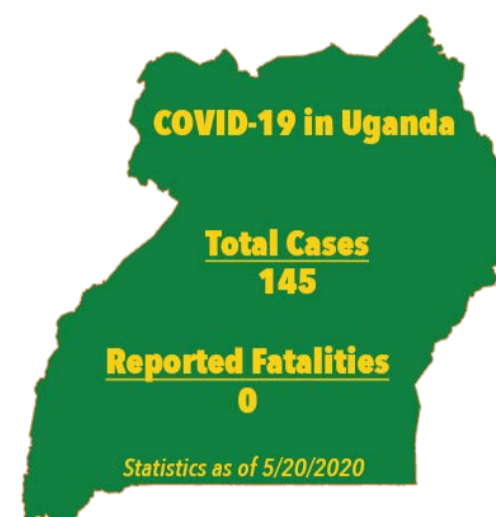


## Uganda COVID-19 Update

Uganda registered its first COVID-19 case on March 22, 2020, but four days earlier the Country's president had addressed the nation about the COVID-19 pandemic. The address outlined a number of proactive measures the government would take to deter the spread of the disease throughout the country. Uganda has been on lockdown since late March, with public gatherings suspended, curfews and stay at home orders in place, all border entry points closed, and all schools closed as well. Recently, some aspects of the lockdown were relaxed, but most of these measures remain in place until at least June 2.

As of May 20, Uganda government updates its COVID-19 cases to 145 and with zero deaths. They have a strict contact tracing and isolation protocol in place to contain the spread of the disease. You can follow updates from the Ministry of Health [here](#).

The [Palliative Care Association of Uganda \(PCAU\)](#) is working at the national level to ensure that hospice and palliative care organizations across the country are prepared and supported during this pandemic. They are helping member organizations secure personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizer, soap and other necessary supplies.



## Road to Hope Children

At word of schools shutting down, PCAU mobilized quickly to coordinate the safe return home of children on the Road to Hope (RTH) program. With the help of families, guardians and the regional palliative care nurses who support our children, all 56 children currently enrolled on the program were safely returned to their families and guardians throughout Uganda.

Schools remain closed and the Ministry of Education and Sports is keeping children engaged with their studies through radio and television broadcast tutoring sessions. They are also publishing home-schooling packages for each class level in the national newspapers. Many families still struggle with availability of electricity and affording the newspapers, so PCAU is in touch with all guardians to help ensure the RTH children get these newspapers and other reading materials. PCAU and the regional palliative care facilities and/or palliative care nurses are continuing to check in on the RTH children and their families to ensure they have the support needed right now.



The regional palliative care nurses (along with support from other staff, drivers and volunteers) who support the RTH children are amazing. These are the very people who first identified many of our RTH children in the community and then worked with PCAU to enroll them on the RTH program. In addition to their nursing duties, these palliative care nurses regularly help PCAU monitor the progress and well being of the children. They work with PCAU in coordinating a child's return to-and-from school, they provide medical and psychosocial support for the children, and they are an essential member of the social support team for the children. During the COVID-19 lockdown, these palliative care nurses are crucial to staying connected with the RTH children!

## How You Can Help

- For those sponsoring a child on the RTH program, you are welcome to write a letter of encouragement to your child(ren) and email it to Denis Kidde, International Program Coordinator, at [kidded@cfhcare.org](mailto:kidded@cfhcare.org) If you are not currently sponsoring a child but wish to write to one of them, please contact Denis for details. These letters will be forwarded to PCAU, who will share them with the child when they are able to do so.
- Write a letter of encouragement to the regional palliative facilities and/or nurses, drivers, volunteers etc. who support the children. You may write a general note we can share with all or contact Denis if you'd like to personalize a note to a palliative care team member. Please email letters to [kidded@cfhcare.org](mailto:kidded@cfhcare.org).
- [Make a donation](#) to support the Road to Hope program or mail a check to Hospice Foundation, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545 (attention: Denis Kidde). Checks should be made out to 'Hospice Foundation' with 'Road to Hope' in the memo line.

***Thank you for supporting the partnership between Center for Hospice Care and the Palliative Care Association of Uganda!***



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