Global Action Team Stories from the Field

Success and Fellowship
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Meet Today’s Presenters

PID Dr. Manoj Shah
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Lions of Kenya
Support Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis

PID Dr. Manoj Shah
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CA 8: Africa
COVID-19: Kenya Today

24,792 tested
490 cases
24 deaths
173 recovered

16 counties account for all cases:
NAIROBI 289
MOMBASA 158
KILIFI 8
MANDERA 8
KIAMBU 5
KITUI 4
KAJADO 3
BUNGOMA 2
KWALE 2
MIGORI 2
NAKURU 2
SIAYA 2
WAJIR 2
HOMA BAY 1
KAKAMEGA 1
UASIN GISHU 1

This map considers counties where cases were diagnosed.
Updated May 4, 2020
Source: Ministry of Health
Supporting Frontline Workers

Providing workers at M.P. Shah Hospital with:

- Cooked meals, tea, coffee and snacks
- Accommodations
- Transport between hospital and accommodations

Combining donations with an LCIF emergency grant to procure and donate:

- Hazmat suits
- N95 & surgical masks
- Gloves
- Shoe covers
- Goggles
Supporting Frontline Workers

The hospital has treated over 30 COVID-19 cases thus far and increased its capacity with:

- 60 COVID-19 beds
- 12 critical care beds
- 9 ventilators
- fully trained staff of 80 to handle the growing number of cases

The Lions of Kenya delivering the medical supplies to M.P Shah hospital.
The Lions of Kenya have embarked on a food distribution service activity to serve the most vulnerable and affected families in Nairobi and other large cities.

- Providing food packs that can feed a family of 4 for two weeks
- To date, more than 5000 families have been assisted
Supporting the United Nations

The Lions of Kenya are working very closely with the UN Headquarters in Kenya

- Facilitating UN Staff quarantine at a hotel in Nairobi
- Working with the UN medical team to help create a dedicated 60 Bed COVID-19 facility for UN Staff
- Facilitating transport and quarantine of UN staff stuck in Somalia
- Director-General of UN Ms Zainab has applauded and appreciated the role of Lions
Response to COVID-19

CC Jacqui Hocking
GAT Area Leader
CA 8: Africa, Group C
Overview

A resilient group of men and women, the Lions of MD 410 are managing the pandemic without putting anyone at risk in the following ways:

• Working with Health Departments and forming partnerships with essential service suppliers
• Working within the restrictions of the current lock down
• Lions Leaders communicating regularly with all our clubs
• Motivating and encouraging Lions to keep active and relevant
• Planning for life after COVID-19 and the anticipated escalation of the services we provide
Lions Face Mask Challenge

• One of the many challenges facing our communities at the moment is the acute shortage of face masks.

• A startling statistic that motivated the Lions of MD 410 to take up the face mask challenge: “the average person touches their face 2,000 to 3,000 times a day, 3-5 times a minute.”

• 56% of clubs participated.

• 1800 facemasks have been distributed via Ward Councilors, Health Officials and Local Police Force in club’s respective areas.
Partnering with various organizations and churches, collecting financial donations and preparing food at home to be collected for distribution

About 320,000 Food Parcels have been packed and distributed

- 9500 ready made meals
- 40 soup kitchens

Totals:

- Overall ZAR 3
- Cash donations ZAR 8000
- Animal Shelter donations (for food) ZAR 15,000
Other Projects & Looking Ahead

The Lions of MD 410 are helping with donations to the COVID-19 Helicopter flight mission, packaging and distributing anti-virals and antibiotic soaps.

Once the lockdown concludes, Lions plan to:

- Increase blood sugar testing as a result of the impact of COVID-19 on those suffering from Diabetes
- Reopen its Vision Screening Clinics
- Reopen Lions Bright Sight project (see website for more information)
Partnerships

Have Lions in your area partnered with any agencies or other organizations to help support COVID-19 relief?
Developing Local Partnerships Guide

Available on the Service Toolkit webpage
Belgium MD 112
COVID-19 Response

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CA 4: Europe, Group E
MD 112
First in Nation to Act!

▶ Lions in Belgium are responding quickly to provide needed masks and supplies to hospitals and the elderly.

▶ All 281 clubs have participated in activities to combat the spread of COVID-19 (7,336 members)

▶ Districts have collected
  • 132,000 FFP2 masks
  • 47,500 FFP1 masks
  • 5,000 surgical aprons
  • 3,000 gloves
  • 430,000€ from the clubs

▶ Used 91,000€ from an LCIF grant
High Profile Exposure From the Press
MD 105 Foundation Trust
COVID-19 Response

PDG Max Mongia
GAT Area Leader
CA 4: Europe, Group D
Why?

- England, Scotland & Wales are in lockdown
- COVID-19 is seen as the biggest threat to the British Isles in a generation
- We have a duty to help those in our communities when they are in need

Other Benefits:

- Gives clubs of MD 105 a purpose
- Makes Lions feel useful despite lockdown
- Keeps up the profile of Lions in local communities
COVID-19 RESPONSE

• A meeting of the Foundation Trustees was called

• £100,000 was identified as available

• Applications were invited from all clubs for £250.00 to £1,000.00

• Application form was simple and decided upon within 24 hours. Council of Governors were supportive
COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Grants have been made to nearly one third of clubs in MD 105
  - Matching grants available £360,000
  - Total funds for Pandemic £500,000

- The Foundation Trust has been a great success

- Most grants paid within 4 days of request approval.
The funds have enabled clubs to promote the following service areas:

- PPE for Care Homes and Hospices
- Support for local Food Banks
- Delivery of prescriptions and other essentials to the Communities
- Support to Blood Bikes and other First Responders
Challenges to Serving

What is the biggest obstacle your club is encountering when trying to serve safely within the restrictions of COVID-19?
CA 2 GAT Success Story
From District A 12

PDG Chris Lewis
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CA 2: Canada, Group B
Going From Physical to Virtual

• Daniel Elkin's A12: We've brought him back to talk about "The Art of the Story" to teach us how to use story telling on social media to engage with our communities

• First Virtual Chartering Event in Canada

• Holding First Online Canadian Virtual Worldwide Induction
Lions Clubs have been bringing McDonalds to front line healthcare workers and first responders

Utilizing $10,000 USD Grant from LCIF to support the continue efforts of service in our local communities

The grant has allowed us to provide these refreshments to every long term care home in our A-12 district of Simcoe County, Muskoka and Parry Sound. Thank you to LCIF and the frontline staff during these times.
Responding to COVID-19
CA 1: MD 16

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CA 1: USA, Group F
Hands-on Service

▶ Hunger
  • Preparing & Distributing Meals
  • Supporting Food Banks
  • Distributing Groceries

▶ Lockdown Assistance
  • Checking up on the Venerable
  • Hotline for Critical Needs
  • Volunteer Management
Supporting Healthcare

- Hospitals/Nursing Homes
  - Personal Protection Equipment
  - Baby Monitors and Oximeters
- Patients
  - Plasma Donor Database
  - Family Support
- Community
  - Providing Masks/Gloves
  - Medical Transportation
Supporting Our Own

- Information
  - COVID-19 Information
  - Mental Health
  - Managing Chronic Conditions
- Well-Being Meetings
- Targeting Group Online Chats
- Live Online Training
- Happy Hours
Going Virtual

Which virtual activity has your club been able to implement effectively?
Questions or Comments?
Next steps

• Join the conversation on our GAT Facebook group

• Send your success stories to GAT@lionsclubs.org

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