



As COVID-19 continues to spread rapidly across the globe, we at Africa Collect Textiles—like all of you—have been closely monitoring the situation and adapting our work and lives as a result. We have been consulting widely to determine the best course of action to keep our staff and everyone as safe as possible, and to do this we have benefitted from the best practice advice of other international organizations and health and safety experts.

In addition to the first and most urgent priority of protecting health and safety, we feel it is our responsibility to adapt to behavioural changes. Here is what we have done thus far to respond, mitigate impacts, and prepare for what's to come.

- The health and safety of our communities have our first priority. We have taken the necessary measures to protect our staff, including suspending travel for Africa Collect Textiles (ACT) staff, cancelling events, limiting meetings and engaging physically. We are adopting virtual meetings using WhatsApp calls and texts.
- We are advised to wash our hands, use hand sanitizer and keep social distance and avoid social gatherings. We have to slow the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to instructions from official experts.
- In case our collection partners' facilities are open our collection containers are operational; your items can still be dropped. The donated items will be used to help people that are affected most by the current crisis.
- As regard our operations, high standard health practise is adhered to, from handling collection, sorting and distribution. We ensure we wear clean dust masks, gloves when handling goods and wash our hands and sanitize regularly. Above all we ensure this reusable dust mask is washed after use. Therefore, during every step, hygiene is top priority.

As the situation is changing rapidly, we will continue to update you in the coming days and weeks to reflect our latest actions and efforts to respond, adapt to the situation, and above all, to keep our communities safe.

Let's keep fighting this pandemic together.

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