

Update from the Field

Daily life continues to be tough for our marginalized families in Nepal. Lockdown has confined them to their small, dark rented rooms with too many people and too little to eat or do. Travel restrictions - even by foot - have been extended time and again over the past two months. With the number of coronavirus cases steadily increasing, there's no doubt it will be continued until at least June.

Since nearly all of our HIO mothers are out of work, we've provided food and cash relief to families throughout the health crisis. Our heroes on the ground are finding ways to alleviate emergency situations. Their steadfast support and guidance bring a semblance of stability and hope to HIO families who accomplish so much every day with so little.

The pandemic's strain has everyone on edge. We're disoriented, but hopeful, knowing we must move forward. Quietly and safely, we began mobilizing some of our education programs and the children loved it. Yay - finally, something to do! Sadly, lockdown restrictions have become even more stringent, limiting our ability to offer preschool classes, no matter how small a group is gathering. Our dedicated teachers are embracing new ways to create learning opportunities for the children. Developing remote lessons and at-home learning kits using resources from our two Boroff libraries are helping us to slowly gain ground.

You play a profound part in this miraculous team effort. Abundant gratitude for all that you do.

Lovingly — Ricky, Laura and the HIO team