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### **Grace Impact continues to financially support Amref Health Africa in Kenya**

#### **Waithaka Community Library in Dagoretti During the Covid-19**

The Covid 19 pandemic continues and people living in poverty, especially those domiciled in rural areas, are hit the hardest. The majority of these people live paycheck to paycheck and cannot earn money working from home. Many have no health insurance and/or permanent employment contracts. Grace Impact understands this hardship and is doing its best to support its projects/companies in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Countless community libraries, just like so many primary schools, high schools and tertiary institutions and government offices and businesses across the country, are closed to the public for the foreseeable future to slow the spread of the **COVID 19**. Therefore Waithaka Community Library physical services and programs are currently suspended due to the virus pandemic. However, registered users who have borrowed books have received renewals and the library is doing its best to maintain the best possible service to its patrons online.

**James** is the head Librarian at the Community Library and he visits the Library twice a week to check books in and out while respecting the current social distancing rules. This is motivating because it shows just how much the Dagoretti community values the Library's services. Library users are part of a "Whatsapp Group" that provides consulting services and shares informative academic materials.



The financial and technical support provided by **Grace Impact** has ensured that the staff can continue its important work at the library during the current lockdown. Moreover, James is able to support himself and his family during the pandemic.

**Background**

In July 2019, Grace Impact made a grant to the Waithaka Community Library in Dagoretti (Nairobi) to purchase five laptops – along with Wi-Fi connection installation and a photo copying machine. Key to the operation of the library, Grace Impact pays the salary of the professional librarian, Mr. James Waithaka. Grace Impact would like to **thank Dr. med. Ronald Beyer of Munich, Germany for his very generous donation to Grace Impact** and for making this first step in supporting the Waithaka Library.