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At this point, no matter where you live in the world, your community and your life has been impacted by COVID-19. As of April 2, 2020, over 1 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 have led to 53,167 reported deaths [1]. Unfortunately, we know that our most vulnerable populations get hit the hardest.

HAI is first and foremost a solidarity organization. We work in partnership with Ministries of Health to bring our resources to help address their top healthcare priorities. Right now, HAI's Country Directors and Leadership in Seattle, Côte d'Ivoire, Timor-Leste and Mozambique are working to pivot and quickly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.



We are supporting the elaboration of a workforce contingency plan for Mozambique's provincial health systems in Sofala and Manica provinces;



We are rolling out updated guidance on AIDS treatment so that people living with HIV in Côte d'Ivoire have enough medicine to be jointly adherent to "stay home" orders and life-extending medical regimens;



In Timor-Leste, we have already helped integrate COVID-19 messaging into the Liga Inan mHealth program to help provide useful information to families throughout the country, while ramping up other community education efforts including promotion of Timor-Leste's newly established Coronavirus hotline.

Working to create more prepared and resilient public health systems in the future, is even more urgent under our current circumstances. We know right now, many of us are justifiably looking to our own families and our own communities to better understand the personal impact of this pandemic. However, at HAI, we believe that there is no better time to be paying close attention to the impact of inequity on the health of communities around the world. **Social distancing may be the recommendation, but social solidarity must be the path forward.**

With deep gratitude to our supporters who bring us much needed flexibility during times like these,

[1] <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>