Our Response to COVID-19
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In light of the current and rapidly escalating COVID-19 situation we would like to use this month’s e-news edition to explain to you, our supporters, how we are responding to these unprecedented and challenging times.

Our overseas work:
Our project activities throughout India, Nepal and Bangladesh have all been postponed to ensure the health and safety of our staff, partner staff, the carers we work with and those they care for. We acknowledge that as a result of this, the feelings of isolation that carers often experience are at risk of increasing during this time. To combat this issue, field staff are now working from-home and making phone contact with as many carers as possible, developing ways to keep carers in touch with both staff and other carers remotely. Carers and the loved ones they care for are particularly vulnerable at this time. We will do everything we can to ensure carer well-being and to help carers maintain some level of social contact with a person outside of their immediate household for support.

Future impact:
At this stage, the long-term effects and consequences of COVID-19 are difficult to predict in full. There will certainly be disruption to our short-term and mid-term operations. However, we would like to reiterate that we are still committed as an organisation to ensuring carers are not forgotten and to promoting and supporting carer well-being. We are currently thinking deeply about how we can best play a role to help carers, their families and our partner organisations now and how we can best continue and develop that support once the pandemic is under control.

The effects and impact of COVID-19 are changing daily. As changes progress, we are committed to keeping you informed about how we are adapting our practices to respond to the current situation. We would like to thank you for all the support you have shown us to date and hope you will continue to support us as we move through these challenging times.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. I know that we’re going to get through this together.

From Anil and all the team at Carers Worldwide