

Things here change by the day...I am staying as are many of the missionaries, and expats I know. Both Resonate and World renew are monitoring the situation closely. I think the window for getting out has pretty much closed here, so now it is a matter of taking precautions. All schools, churches etc. closed as of yesterday. I was to leave for South africa today, but also off.

This is primarily a subsistence agriculture country, and the rains have been good, so food shortages should not be a problem. All imported goods are either flown in but mostly trucked in from the port in Mombassa, Kenya, so we may begin to see some shortages, but nothing we can't live without.

A bigger concern will be security. Already some foreignners have experienced backlash, being called "corona" or being told that the reason everyone now has to suffer even when there are not yet any cases in Uganda is because of them. As the already tenuous economic situation worsens, I predict more incidents of robbery and violent crime. I sincerely hope I am wrong.

We are instructed to have extra ash in the house, extra cooking fuel and food supplies and water, and be prepared to go at any time (ie a suitcase ready to grab and run) I'm pretty much there. I am not fearful; I have Ugandans who know me and love me and will do what they can to help me and World renew Uganda people are also here in Uganda and we have a good relationship. My house is so sparkly, and I'm trying to get into good habits of some daily exercise and developing some free time activities that I simply didn't have time for before!

This is unprecedented and time will only tell whether the extreme measures were necessary or not. I so appreciate you thinking about me and keeping in touch...good to know we are not forgotten here!

Blessings,
Diana