

Our Response to COVID-19

Dear NutriFund Community,

I hope this note finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The global health emergency of COVID-19 has shaken us all, forcing us to distance ourselves from one another, evaluate our essential priorities and meet unexpected needs.

But here in Honduras, we face a **critical emergency.** With many months of disruption still ahead in the local response to the virus, **the people we serve are already going hungry**. I know this request comes at a time when you are facing your own challenges, but **we need your help**. The Nutrifund mission is more important now than ever.

In 2019, we began a rigorous assessment of the needs of very low-income households in Yoro, Honduras. We were preparing for our first preventative health extension project set to begin in May 2020.

But this crisis demands that we shift our priorities. Heads of households have lost work due to economic stagnation and the forced closure of businesses. These are households with no savings and no government safety net. **The people of Yoro need immediate food assistance. NutriFund is responding to that need.** We are working with Jesuits who staff our local parish to distribute food to those most in need. And to build food security and community wellness for the future, we are investing in community gardens and access to clean water.

Friends, the need here is great and your help will have immediate, direct impact. As I write to you today, thousands of families in Yoro do not know where their next meal is coming from. Your generous support will help us deal directly with this crisis, delivering food person-to-person and providing food security to families we know as neighbors.

Please consider making a donation on our website at <u>nutrifund.org/donate</u>. No gift is too small. And help us spread the word and follow our progress by joining us on Facebook and Instagram (@NutriFund).

I deeply appreciate that you've taken a moment to read this note. All of us are grateful to the growing community of Nutrifund supporters that are making our mission a reality for the people of Yoro.

Thank you for your generosity!

Patrick Mulligan
Executive Director