



Dear Msingi East Africa Stakeholders,

As you are aware, the world and our region are going through uncharted times. Covid-19 has not only affected the businesses and supply chains across the globe, but also affected our personal lives and movement. The closure of borders and limits on travel are unprecedented and at this time, we are unable to predict what could come next. Msingi EA and its team is, however, adjusting to the new realities as quickly and as proactively as we can.

Our partner Governments of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania have been taking concrete steps to limit the spread of this highly contagious disease. In an effort to align with the governments as well as ensure the health and safety of our staff and partners, Msingi East Africa has mandated a work-from-home policy which started on 17<sup>th</sup> March and will continue until further notice. Our office location will remain closed during this period. Additionally, our staff will not be travelling or attending large meetings or conferences.

Msingi East Africa aims to keep business going as usual and thus our team will be accessible virtually through phone, email, teleconferencing and videoconferencing. We aim to keep communication with our stakeholders responsive and fluid. We apologise for any inconvenience due to the change however we believe these steps are critical to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have spilt over into the EAC economies and present a significant challenge to the region and the globe. The economic impact directly affects our mandate as an organization where we work to create widespread, long-lasting prosperity in the region. We are therefore mapping and developing options to provide additional technical support to the sectors we work in – Aquaculture and Textiles & Apparel – as well as support to the governments in the region to attempt to minimize the impact on the economies. We will identify the optimal space for Msingi's support by engaging with you, our stakeholders, to identify the support you require and how we can facilitate.

Msingi East Africa will therefore, continue to operate and will be working even more closely with you over the coming months. We will be issuing updates on a regular basis if anything changes in how we are responding to the situation.

May you and your loved ones stay safe during these trying times.

Warm regards,

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