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Our School- COVID-19 RESPONSE:

PSA 1: Parents supporting Learning at Home (How to keep your child busy and learning while schools are closed)

Sound	<p>children playing, mother tells the children it's time to read their books.</p> <p>(Knock on the door)</p>	
Introduction of the draft script	Mother: (Surprised) You're early from work today. What happened?	
	Father: We had been told to close our shops because of the lockdown. (Suddenly wonders) where are the kids? It's quiet today that's unusual!	
	Mother: They've just gone behind the house to do some schoolwork.	
	Father: (Laughs) Mama Susan, schools are closed, let them play.	
	Mother: They will play after reading their books. I want to make sure that they don't forget schoolwork. (Worried) Because, we still don't know for how long the schools will stay closed, so it's better to create a routine as if it were school, keep their minds busy with schoolwork for a couple of hours or so every day. They will get playtime too and help us in the house. (Smiling and joking) And you and I will help give them assignments.	
	Father: (Jokes) But do I even remember any school lessons? (Mother laughs) But how did you manage to convince them and get them to do schoolwork at home?	
	<p>Mother: (Jokes) It was tricky, but I found a way to do it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I've come up with a routine for them, both the girls and the boys, they have time to read, time to play and time to help me around with house chores. Like now the play time is over and they are reading, and we stick to this routine. 	

	<p>2. I allow them to talk freely and sometimes I join in their talks, I ask them what they've been reading about, to spend time with them.</p> <p>3. And when they are behaving well, I praise them for it, which they really like. Because I want to create a supportive environment for them.</p>	
Concluding Voice	As schools are closed to help stop the spread of the new coronavirus, as parents, you can help your children manage these changes by helping them take time to continue school learning in a caring home environment at home.	
Total Time	<u>Father: (Still surprised)</u> even Susan has accepted to study at home? Great!	1 minute

PSA 2 Topic – Social Distancing-Children

1	Voice	Natural Sounds, Children Playing with their Mother as they jump.	Duration
4	Achai:	(Walking in) Hallo, Flora?	
5	Flora:	Yes Achai, (Turns to children speaks a bit louder) Just keep playing in the compound Ok, don't leave the compound.	
6	Achai:	Aren't the children going out to play today? As I was coming, I thought I would see them playing under the usual tree in the neighbourhood.	
7	Flora:	(Laughs) I told them to stay within, and ...I've told them not to have any close contact including no shaking hands.	
8	Achai:	I see, that's why they just waved at me. (Flora says yes) You are actually doing the right thing to protect your children from COVID-19. But how do you make them understand how to keep distance from people especially from their friends because all they want to do is play and touch each other?	

9	Flora:	What I did was, I explained to them about COVID-19, making sure they understood why things are happening, I told them about its signs which are almost like the ones for flu and cough, so that in case they are not feeling well they can tell me to help them...	
11	Achai:	Mmmmmmmmm	
12	Flora:	...and I explained to them and I keep reminding them- things they can do to keep themselves and us safe from COVID-19...	
	Achai:	like staying at home and keeping a distance.	
	Flora: Yes. In other words, creating a physical space between people and reducing the chances of coming into physical or very close contact with others, just while COVID-19 is a risk.	
	Tagline:	Children probably don't fully understand why parents/guardians aren't allowing them to be with friends. We can help them understand in a supportive way, which helps them to take responsibility for doing these things themselves.	

PSA 3 Topic: Washing hands – Children

1	Voice	HOME AND NATURAL SOUND:	Duration
2	Child:	Father why are schools closing if kids aren't sick?	
3	Father:	Because of this disease called COVID-19, which is caused by something called novel coronavirus, when kids get COVID-19 they don't seem to get as sick as adults. But even if kids are not having symptoms, other people could still get COVID-19 from them and they might become ill. Closing schools helps protect everyone in a community.	
4	Child:	Can kids get together with friends?	
5	Father:	for now, people should not go to places like churches or mosque or to group events, sports activities, and even visiting friends or families.	
6	Child:	<p>oooooh father that's reminds me, uncle Bob came to take his hoe today; and mama told us not shake hands with him, and would not let him into the house, they talked outside ; she also asked him if he washed his hands.</p> <p>Also, when you're not at home; mama is asking us to wash our hands frequently, even if she sees my hands are clean. If she sees me going to rub my eyes, she makes me wash my hands first.</p>	

7	Father:	<p>(Laughs) my child, whilst COVID-19 is an issue we need to change how we behave a little. We all need to be washing our hands when we arrive and before we leave home, as well as more often in the day. Also, clean surfaces that get touched a lot like doorknobs. We must clean those with soap and water and more often.</p> <p>So, it is our duty as parents to teach you my child to wash your hands. Please come let me show you how to do it.</p> <p>SOUND.....</p> <p>Demonstration: wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry in front of hands, back of hands, between and along every finger and thumb, the tips of your finger and nails — and the key times to wash hands are after using of?</p> <p>.....</p>	
8	Child:	hmmm after using toilet and before eating	
9	Father:	Yes; and before you touch your face, mouth, nose or eyes, or when you cough or sneeze into a tissue, put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands, and wash your elbow if you coughed into your elbow, and as soon as you get home if you have been outside, and before you leave,	

11	Father and child:	(Together) You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own hand washing song or turning it into a game.	
12	Tagline:	Remember to make hand washing a habit at home, school, and at play! Because, it will help reduce the spread of COVID-19, as well as some other disease.	