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Dear friends, partners and associates

During these exceptional times, as the Covid-19 crisis continues to impact economies and communities across the world and transform the way we live and do business, we thought it would be valuable to share how we are adapting to these new challenges in order to deliver on our projects and work towards building resilient futures with our partners and stakeholders.

While we recognise in the long term that digital modalities may never fully replace face-to-face engagements in our line of work, the current limitations are highlighting the value of both accelerating and increasing our online engagement and learning strategies. This is critical as our work is rooted in stakeholder engagement and participatory analysis.

Amongst other strategies, a key action we have put in place in many of our projects is the inclusion of an assessment for online readiness for our local stakeholders and consultants.

We hope you will come us with us on this journey, as we practise and build resilience.

We wish everyone good health

Belynda and the OneWorld team

Highlights from selected projects



Now entering its next phase, this project is progressing in our three project countries, Mauritius, Mozambique and Seychelles. We have co-developed – with our stakeholders, and our client, the Green Climate Fund, a robust plan for Project Delivery under COVID-19 Conditions to our client, the Green Climate Fund, which utilises local consultants and takes into account the varying levels of online readiness across the three countries.

Project work is therefore continuing - and it is working - with each country's Risk and Vulnerability assessment underway. We wish to congratulate and thank the Government of the Seychelles for accessing and submitting critical data to us under these stressful conditions, and for their continued responsiveness and collaboration.



We are currently carrying out two projects for the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Groundwater Management Institute:

[Training Manual for accessing funding for groundwater related infrastructure projects](#) - OneWorld began the Training Needs Assessment of SADC Member States this week, disseminating an online survey to National Focal Persons in every SADC country to assess their specific training needs, which we will follow up through appropriate, targeted interviews. In parallel to this, the training course development team have met with Hubble Studios, our online learning partner, to plan for an exciting and innovative online training course for our stakeholders and client.

Establishment of National Focal Groups (NFGs) in SADC Member States –The recent project kick-off meeting focused on ensuring how best we can provide proactive and dynamic services tailored to the current context – but which also produce sustainable outcomes for groundwater governance and investment in southern Africa. We envisage providing continuous and personalised online support for development of the NFGs, to advance and personalise the online material. We will also rely on recruiting in-country experts to assist across the SADC Member States.

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