Dear Spirit of America teammates,

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, I wanted to provide an update regarding Spirit of America’s operations. In short, our work continues. Even amidst this outbreak, America’s men and women remain deployed around the world, safeguarding our freedom and executing tough security and stability missions. As a sober reminder of the risks they face, just last week two American soldiers were killed by enemy fire in Iraq. Especially in these challenging times, Spirit of America is steadfast in supporting the safety and mission success of our nation’s troops and diplomats.

For the moment, we have recalled our field operations team to the United States. However, the team’s work continues uninterrupted. Thanks to the deep relationships they have established with our US Government partners and broad network of vendors around the world, our all-veteran ops team has made a smooth transition to remote project management until COVID is under control.

Here are just a few examples of the initiatives we’re working on right now, all in direct response to critical local needs identified by our US partners:

- Laos: medical equipment to enable COVID testing
- Syria: educational supplies for local schools to mark the first anniversary of the liberation of communities from ISIS
- Somalia: cameras and recording equipment to help local partners counter al-Shabaab’s extremist messaging
- Trinidad: funding for youth clubs to prevent gang recruitment
- Georgia: renovations to an important medical clinic serving vulnerable communities along the border with Russian-occupied territory

We are also in close contact with US teams about additional ways we can support their work to stop the spread of COVID.

We will keep you updated as the situation evolves, but in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. My very best to you and your loved ones during this difficult moment. Thank you for your partnership in supporting our men and women serving abroad.

Warmest regards,

Isaac Eagan
Chief Operating Officer

P.S. Don’t forget to monitor the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for their latest updates and recommendations for protecting yourself and your family from COVID.