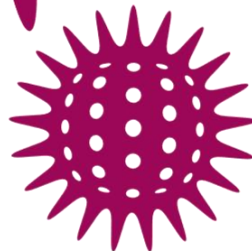
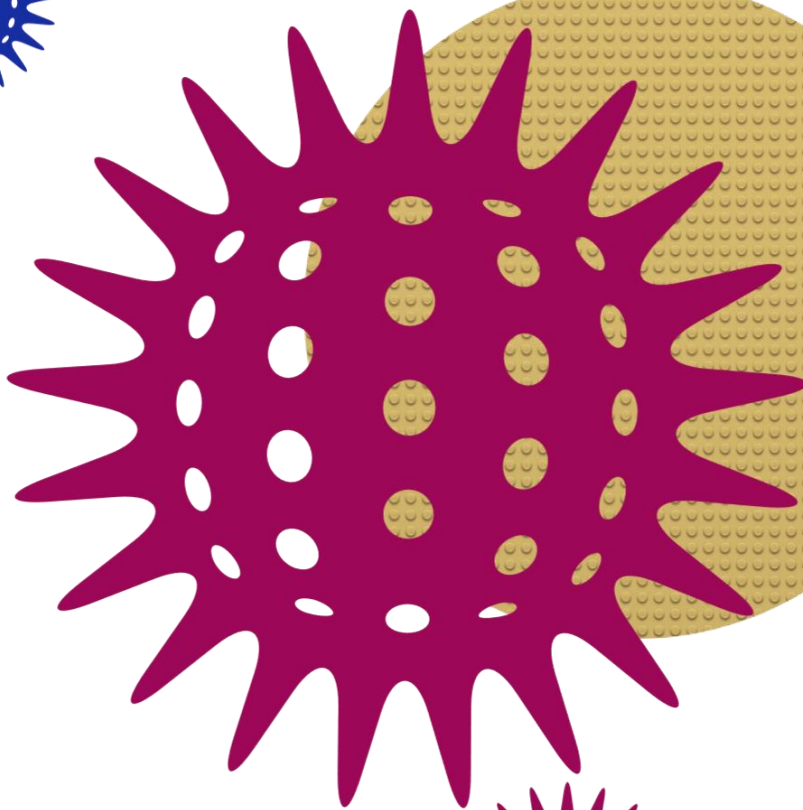
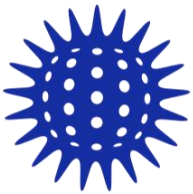
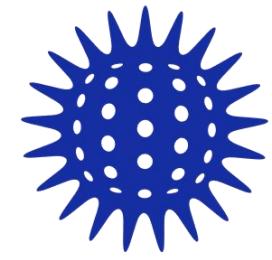


MAPUTIATOTA'S CORONA-STUCK NANO EBOOK 13



**PRACTICAL TIPS ON WHAT
TO DO WHILST STUCK AT
HOME.**

Live productively during the
Corona Virus lockdown!

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Introduction

Welcome back dear reader. Thank you for your consistency! This is the **thirteenth** book in a **14 part** nano-ebook series. Just in case you've forgotten, I'm Maputiatota*, and I live in this amazing country, Zimbabwe. Very little content is available about how to live **productively** during the Corona Virus lockdown, and I am on a mission to leave you better than you were when the lockdown began.

Time to DIVE IN!

PREPARING FOR THE END

The end is in sight. It is time to prepare for what you are going to do :) In this nano-book I ask a few critical questions, and give a few suggestions about things to do.

What needed to be done?

Kids. They play all day long, eat free food, and never have to worry about paying for ZESA (electricity) and other expenses. We however, are not kids. We have work to do. It is most probable that just before the lockdown, you were doing work (whatever it was). Ask yourself the following:

- Which tasks did I leave incomplete? Why?
- What did I need to get them completed?
- What can I do in preparation of getting the work done?
- After the lockdown, how can I finish doing my work **and** stay safe?

For the safety part, here are a few of my suggestions.

1. Use the fake news identification skills that were in my first nano book, and avoid fake news as much as you can. Misinformation is dangerous!
2. Research more on how the virus operates – how it spreads, how long it stays on surfaces. This will help you make informed decisions with regards to how you will protect yourself against it.
Get reliable information from the Ministry of Health, WHO, and other reputable websites and **NOT** Facebook.
3. Try face masks. I am of the opinion that anything (cloth, or face mask) that covers your nose and mouth. If you have money buy the disposable n95 masks – and make sure to change them every now and then (more than once a day. Way more than once). If these are expensive consider simple homemade cloth masks (that ought to be washed each time one gets home). My simple theory (correct me if I'm wrong) is that if an infected person wears any mask..even a homemade mask, and an uninfected person wears a homemade mask, when those two people meet, some droplets that supposed to leave the infected person's mouth would be trapped in his mask, and some droplets that were supposed to get to the receiver will also be trapped in the receiver's mask. This might not be the most effective method to use, but its better than nothing. I strongly believe it works...somehow.
4. Try social distancing where possible.
5. Carry a hand sanitizer with you. If that's not feasible, then wash your hands as often as you can with soap and water.
6. Avoid unnecessary trips. If you're going to work, then eliminate all unnecessary non-work related errands. If you're going to buy food, then avoid going to visit THAT friend of yours. You can do it later. Its OK.
7. Say no. You want to visit me? NO. Learn to say no.

Things you can still work on

Well, just because we've almost reached the end doesn't mean that we have to ignore all the time we have right now. There are things that you can work on such as:

Learn how to create better material. One of the reasons I created this series is to learn how to create content for 14 days straight. As you noted, none of my books were the same – each was different. You can still start to learn how to create better material such as: Work reports, CVs, Messages to your clients (e.g. on Whatsapp, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter), and how to write better emails.

In my last book I talked about being prepared. Take advantage of this lockdown to prepare yourself. Once the lockdown ends, you'll have that competitive advantage as some of your competitors will be horribly out of shape.

And last of all, use this period to learn how to identify opportunities. Opportunities are all about creating value, and finding some entity that acknowledges the value you create.

Find out how you can create value. Ask yourself, how can I help? Let's have a case study. I am a **tech enthusiast, programmer and creative writer**. I asked myself what I could do with my skills during this Corona Virus Lockdown.

Programming would take a bit of time –to brainstorm, research, create a working prototype, then find a point of application -and that's the wrong order! It's the point of application that's supposed to come first. Because of this, and other reasons I decided not to use that skill.

I am a **tech enthusiast** – Through formal education, I have gained quite an appreciation of electronics. I decided to use the skills I learnt - research on a secret project that I am doing with a friend (I can't disclose it yet...for obvious reasons).

I am also a **creative writer**. I noted how everyone is churning out jokes, games, but nobody – absolutely nobody was creating content about how to stay productive during this lockdown. That is why I started this series, and I hope I helped you get a bit productive. If you learnt just one thing, and applied it to your life then I will be extremely happy.

If I could do it then why can't you? We **all** have different skills. Find out how you can use your skills during, and after the Corona Virus lockdown. Don't wait for the world to come to you – I didn't ask anyone to start this series. I just did it! CREATE VALUE NOW!

Conclusion

That's it for today. Tomorrow will be our last nano book. It will be all about feedback. Want to have your feedback included in the book? No problem. Talk to me. I don't bite.

I hope you enjoyed it. For more material, feel free to head over to my blog <https://maputiatotablog.wordpress.com>

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Don't be shy to say hi!