



NUTRITIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING



HELPING AFRICA HELP ITSELF

According to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the African Union's 2013, *Cost of Hunger in Africa Study*, "Undernourished children face additional barriers in health, education and school performance. These setbacks in life limit their ability to impact positively on economic activities later in life." It is for these reasons that JAM believes that 'without education there can be no development' as such it has prioritised nutritional school feeding as its primary focus area in achieving its vision of 'Helping Africa Help Itself.' Improving nutrition is vital and helps to solidify the foundation of children's learning in the pre-school and primary phase, which as experts agree, are the most vital years in child development.

Africa has the world's highest percentage of youth, with over 40 % under the age of 15. It is therefore imperative that Africa reduces dropout rates and increases education levels for the continent to prosper. JAM's school meals served in its "Red Bowls" are a proven method of improving education levels by promoting attendance and enrolment, thereby reducing drop out levels. A key outcome of increased enrolment and attendance has been the additional investment in infrastructure (schools and classrooms) and the employment of more teachers at JAM supported schools on the continent.

School children in South Africa, Angola and Mozambique receive a fortified blended food every day, which provides them with 75 % of their daily nutritional needs served in JAM's iconic "Red Bowls." In South Sudan, JAM implements a Food For Education (FFE) programme in cooperation with the World Food Programme (WFP), and children are given a take home ration.

FEEDING PER COUNTRY

- **Angola:** JAM feeds over 300,000 primary school children daily in Benguela and Kwanza- Sul Province.
- **Mozambique:** JAM supplies 6,000 primary school children with food grown directly from its farm as part of our Homegrown School Feeding (HGSF) programme.
- **South Africa:** JAM feeds 50, 000 children in more than 1,000 Early Childhood Development Centres (ECD) in five provinces: Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Kwazulu-Natal and Limpopo.
- **South Sudan:** JAM as a major cooperating partner of the World Food Program (WFP) implements a Food For Education Programme (FFE) in 90 schools.

