



VULNERABLE CHILDCARE



HELPING AFRICA HELP ITSELF

Many children in Africa grow up under extreme conditions that place their physical and mental wellbeing at risk. These conditions include conflict, death of parents, poor parenting, unemployment, poverty and substance abuse. Such socio-economic issues are the major contributors to the crucial need for focused vulnerable childcare in Africa.

Since its establishment, JAM has focused its efforts on caring for orphaned and vulnerable children living in impoverished and war torn communities in Africa. One of JAM's first programmes was the establishment of an orphanage in Mozambique for 300 orphans in 1986. After the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, JAM built another orphanage to house 800 displaced, or orphaned, victims of the genocide.

JAM's vulnerable childcare efforts are currently concentrated in South Africa and Angola. In South Africa, JAM South Africa (JAM SA) supports 50,000 children in over 1,000 child care centres in impoverished communities. These centres consist of corrugated iron shacks with holes in the walls, leaking roofs and dirt floors, which is why JAM SA's also focuses on raising funds for renovations, referred to as 'Makeovers'. In Angola, JAM supplies malnutrition clinics and hospitals in Benguela Province with life-saving therapeutic milk formulas for young children suffering from severe malnutrition.

PROGRAMME FACTS

- **South Africa:** JAM SA supports 1004 Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres in South Africa's poor and economically challenged informal settlements.
- **Angola:** JAM supplies therapeutic milk to six malnutrition centres in Benguela Province.

