



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

REPORT FOUR | JUNE 2020

## TARGETED SECTORS



WATER, SANITATION  
AND HYGIENE (WASH)



FOOD AND NUTRITION

TARGETED  
BENEFICIARIES

1.3M

JAM BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED

934 721

FUNDING TARGET

US \$2M

TOTAL RECEIVED

US \$1 640 040

RESPONSE  
COUNTRIES

Angola, Mozambique,  
Rwanda, Sierra Leone,  
South Africa, South Sudan,  
Uganda



## KEY MESSAGES

- Many children in vulnerable communities have already had to deal with the loss of one or more parents, or one or more siblings, as well as the threat of violence and severe hunger. The **COVID-19** pandemic has placed further strain on such children, leaving little hope for recovery unless they are the focus.
- School feeding programmes have long played a key role in assisting such children, providing a way out of hunger, as well as an educational start. School closures mean that children are at risk of going hungry again and a delay is experienced in providing a better future for them.
- The threat of **COVID-19** has far less implications for such communities. It is outweighed by the threat of not receiving assistance or food, which is a greater fear.
- Further concerns are the lack of access to proper healthcare facilities or treatment, should the disease spread through a community.
- According to the Global Nutrition Report, approximately **113** million people across **53** countries experience acute hunger, as a result of conflict and food insecurity, climate shocks and economic turbulence.

## HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- The total global financial requirements for **COVID-19** have risen from US\$2 billion to \$6.71 billion. This significant increase is due to a rapid evolution of humanitarian needs, the inclusion of the additional fragile countries, increased cost of essential health and other supplies, and air and sea transportation.
- The additional requirements for the **COVID-19**-related emergency responses compound the already significant funding gap for humanitarian response plans globally.

- In December 2019, the UN projected a requirement of \$28.8 billion in the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) for its response to humanitarian needs in 2020.
- Drawing a parallel to the global crisis of 2008-2009, when humanitarian requirements grew by 54%, all indications are that humanitarian needs will increase significantly by the end of 2020, due to the secondary impacts of **COVID-19**.
- The **COVID-19** pandemic has exacerbated the already fragile situation, especially among vulnerable communities with high levels of acute malnutrition, refugee settlements and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) camps, slums, and arid / semi-arid areas. This is particularly evident in South Sudan and Uganda.
- Countries like Mozambique are still recovering from the negative effects of Cyclone Idai and the subsequent Cyclone Kenneth, that hit Sofala and Cabo Delgado provinces in March 2019. Many families are still living in resettlement centres waiting on humanitarian assistance. Any increase in the spread of **COVID-19** would lead to increased vulnerability and a further deterioration in the humanitarian situation. The water & sanitation standards and facilities in these locations are very poor.

## JAM TEAMS

- JAM International has a team of highly skilled humanitarian responders available and ready to respond in areas including food distribution, water, sanitation & hygiene, health and nutrition and distribution logistics.
- JAM also works with Community Volunteers and Project Management Committees who are instrumental in mobilization and organization of communities. JAM is building the capacity of local actors to participate in innovative delivery of humanitarian assistance.



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## RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

- Current response measures have reached a total of **934 721** vulnerable persons with various interventions including food assistance, water provision, WASH supplies and handwashing stations, **COVID-19** messaging as well as nutrition gardens.

- JAM Angola** has provided a total of **1,380,000** meals reaching **23 000** beneficiaries with food assistance. **242 000** people have been reached with sanitation and hygiene messaging. **15 000** vulnerable people have access to clean water through borehole drilling and installation of handpumps. **30 000** people have been provided with handwashing stations and soap. **30** community nurses have also been trained as part of the prevention efforts. JAM is proud to partner with BP Angola in the mass production of face masks for distribution to communities in need.

- In Mozambique, JAM has reached **141 000** people with sanitation and hygiene messaging through roadshows & provision of handwashing stations. **1 590** people have access to nutrient-rich vegetables for dietary supplementation and preventing malnutrition.

- In partnership with PLAN International, **JAM Sierra Leone** distributed supplementary food packs to **83 000** people - equivalent to **9 960 000** meals. **13 833** people have been reached with **WASH** and **COVID-19** messaging.

- JAM South Africa** has distributed **6 300 000** meals through Early Childhood Development (ECD) distribution centres across the country. A number of South African corporate brands have come onboard and assisted us with food distribution to more than **221 000** beneficiaries. **36 833** vulnerable persons have also been assisted with soap and hand-sanitizers. JAM South Africa launched a unique family food parcel voucher system that promotes safe food distribution of food packs, preventing long

queues, dignity and promotion of physical distancing. The electronic voucher system supports the SMME economy as communities redeem their vouchers from local Spaza shops.

- JAM South Sudan** has reached **36 395** people with **COVID-19** messaging and handwashing stations. **54 409 280** meals have been served to **218 372** beneficiaries ensuring continuous access to food assistance for households experiencing movement restrictions due to **COVID-19** restrictions.

- In **Rwanda** JAM has provided **2 250** meals, accompanied by WASH & COVID-19 messaging to **75** people in the Skills Training Centre vicinity.

- JAM Uganda** has provided **153 000** meals to **5 100** beneficiaries, whilst **1 375** persons have been assisted with establishment of nutrition gardens to ensure consumption of nutrient-rich vegetables. **7 859** vulnerable individuals have received **COVID-19** and **WASH** messaging, while **4 400** people received **WASH** supplies.



## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED APRIL - JUNE



934 721

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES



72 204 530

MEALS SERVED



15 000

SAFE DRINKING WATER



30

HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED



477 995

COVID-19 MESSAGING



48 380

WASH SUPPLIES



2 965

NUTRITION GARDENS

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