



COVID-19 RESPONSE

REPORT SIX | AUGUST 2020

TARGETED SECTORS



WATER, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE (WASH)



FOOD AND NUTRITION

TARGETED
BENEFICIARIES

1.3M

JAM BENEFICIARIES
REACHED

1.7M

(April - August)

FUNDING TARGET

US \$2M

TOTAL RECEIVED

US \$2.1M

COMMODITIES

US \$4.1M

RESPONSE
COUNTRIES

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



KEY MESSAGES

- The **COVID-19** pandemic has consumed the world for over six months already, and with no approved vaccine in sight, promises to remain a focal point globally.
- What has emerged are a number of key issues, with food insecurity and education at the top of the list. Already challenged food insecurity has been grossly accelerated and looks to completely destroy the progress made in terms of **Sustainable Development Goal 2** (SDG2) – Zero Hunger. According to the United Nations, by 2030, the world could see as many as 840 million people suffering from hunger.
- The impact of worldwide restrictions ranging from lockdowns to curfews has had a disastrous effect on the education of nearly 1.5 billion young students, many of whom rely on school feeding programmes <https://gcnf.org/covid/>
- For many of these students, a school meal is the only meal that they receive daily and as such, they are missing out on essential nutrients as well as an education. It is also feared that many will not return to school once the lockdowns ease, placing further burden on already struggling families.
- JAM's school feeding activities in **South Africa, Angola, Mozambique and South Sudan** have been suspended since early March 2020 and the children have been at home with their families. As a result, more than 550,000 children in schools and ECD centres have not received the nutritional support that they benefited from Pre-Covid. The halt in nutritional support and learning is going to reverse what little nutritional as well as educational gains these children have had.
- Assistance in the form Take-Home rations have continued in some countries, in an attempt to counter some of the damage done as a result of **COVID-19**. Food distribution efforts have also continued, with new protocols in place in order to keep both beneficiary and staff safe from possible spread of the Coronavirus.
- JAM's assistance has also been in the provision of fresh vegetables, vital for building immune systems and fighting disease. Food gardens have played a important role in food security as well as providing sustainable livelihood assistance.

- **JAM's** Global Support Office and Programme countries continue to participate in various coordination forums to share information, advocate for urgent preventive measures against the spread of **COVID-19** in Africa, and lobby for increased and expedited funding to the response.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- The Coronavirus pandemic has pushed already severely food-insecure countries to the brink of starvation, and the World Food Programme (WFP) now estimates that the number of acutely hungry people across the world could increase by as much as 82 percent compared to the pre-pandemic levels.
- Drawing a parallel to the global crisis of 2008-2009, when humanitarian requirements grew by 54 percent, 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 may exacerbate the already fragile situation, especially among vulnerable communities with high levels of acute malnutrition, including refugee settlements and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) camps, slums, and arid / semi-arid areas. This is particularly evident in South Sudan and Uganda.
- In South Sudan, a nation already devastated by violence and intercommunal fighting, humanitarian teams are now battling the worst seasonal flooding in over a decade. Near-impossible to access road conditions, as well as mass amounts of flooding means many aid workers are cut-off and unable to reach those that need assistance the most.
- Uganda's growing refugee crisis is placing strain on an already struggling NGO sector support system, and more assistance is needed to provide for the many fleeing to the country in search of safety.
- Countries like Mozambique are still recovering from the negative effects of Cyclone Idai & subsequent Cyclone Kenneth that hit Sofala and Cabo Delgado provinces in March 2019. Violence in the province of Cabo Delgado is also creating further complications, and preventing aid from reaching the most vulnerable.



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JAM TEAMS

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

RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

Since April, response measures have reached a total of **1,764,635** vulnerable persons with various interventions including food assistance, water provision, WASH supplies and handwashing stations, **COVID-19** messaging as well as nutrition gardens. For the month of August, the following has been achieved in the various operational countries:

- **JAM Angola** has provided **330,499** Take-home rations to **31 763** beneficiaries, those normally dependent on school meals. Water drilling since March continues to provide clean water access to **48 000** individuals with over 100 boreholes drilled. Vital information campaigns relating to **COVID-19** has reached **750 000** people. More than **80 000** people continue to prevent the spread of **COVID-19** previously installed handwashing stations through regular handwashing. **900** vulnerable people continue to benefit from the supply of fresh vegetables from gardens established earlier in July. In total, JAM Angola reached **750 000** beneficiaries in August.
- Due to lockdown restrictions and **COVID-19** preventative measures, **JAM Mozambique** has been unable to continue with school feeding programmes. They have however been able to provide **1 557**

beneficiaries with emergency food assistance, targeting the most vulnerable with hampers containing maize meal, beans, rice, sugar, oil, soap and fresh vegetables. Through WASH training, **3 900** community members have been trained on the importance of hygiene and related sanitary practices. **64 089** individuals have been reached with **COVID-19** messaging campaigns, highlighting the importance of wearing masks and preventing the spread of the disease. **32 844** handwashing stations have been supplied in communities where water access is limited. A further **16 667** individuals have received vegetable crops from JAM's nutrition gardens for dietary supplementation. In total, JAM's nutrition gardens for dietary supplementation. In total, **JAM Mozambique** has reached **81 000** new beneficiaries through COVID-19 response measures in August.

- The **JAM South Africa** team has been hard at work assisting our beneficiaries and their families, reaching **46 159** people with **842 505** Take-Home rations. **269** vulnerable persons also received training in Sanitation and Hygiene to fight the spread of the Coronavirus. Whilst doing food distributions, **JAM South Africa** has also been hard at work distributing **COVID-19** messaging and posters which reached **6 172** individuals. The provision of **2 591** hand wash stations has provided communities with the ability to wash hands and protect themselves. A further **105** people have also benefitted from 5 nutrition gardens established in the various JAM-supported communities

- **JAM South Sudan** has reached a total of **115 299** vulnerable persons with various **COVID-19** response initiatives. In a country facing the worst seasonal flooding to date, as well as continued violent political unrest, providing aid has been paramount despite seriously hampered operating circumstances. Emergency food assistance, with **COVID-19** friendly adjusted operations, has reached a total of **46 299** beneficiaries through **649 485** meals. Various WASH activities, including provision of hand wash stations and non-food items, essential for flood victims, and **COVID-19** awareness campaigns has reached **72 000** people. Awareness campaigns have been a vital element in the fight against the spread of disease, as the threat of the Coronavirus could be disastrous in overcrowded areas where hygiene standards are poor and healthcare facilities inadequate.

- The **JAM Uganda** team have provided food assistance to **1 800** refugees, through the provision of **54 000** meals. WASH training, vital in an area such as a refugee settlement, reached **3 800** individuals while **3 505** individuals benefitted from nutrition gardens and supply of nutrient-dense vegetables. In total, **JAM Uganda** has reached **10 905** needy individuals through various **COVID-19** response measures in the month of August.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED APRIL - AUGUST



1 764 635

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES



130 901 872

TOTAL MEALS SERVED



61 200

(drilling) SAFE DRINKING WATER



896 061

COVID-19 MESSAGING



143 807

(WASH training - 6 549) WASH SUPPLIES



25 092

NUTRITION GARDENS

DONATE

jamint.com/covid19-response/

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