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QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER - DECEMBER

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

PROGRAMME AREA	ANGOLA	MOZAMBIQUE	RWANDA	SIERRA LEONE	SOUTH AFRICA	SOUTH SUDAN	UGANDA	TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED
YEAR TO DATE	1 599 041	958 315	3 000	106 885	413 218	811 532	32 918	3 924 909

OVERVIEW

Our operational countries continued to face some of the most challenging humanitarian situations in the last quarter, resulting in an increased need for JAM's assistance. The effects of COVID-19 continued to be a threat to countless livelihoods across the board. The scale and impact of the worst floods to be witnessed in decades in South Sudan are yet to be fully comprehended. As the assessment of the impact continues, some places remain flooded more than three months later. In Mozambique, the conflict in the Northern Cabo Delgado Province has triggered a humanitarian crisis with the number of internally displaced people now reported at over half a million people. To compound the situation the country is still reeling from the effects of Cyclone IDAI over a year later which left a trail of destruction of livelihoods and infrastructure, displacements and loss of life. In Angola, the country faces the threat of food shortages due to poor rains especially the Northern parts of the country covering Benguela, JAM's major operational center. Rising inflation and a poor economic outlook mainly due to the falling oil prices have not helped matters for the most vulnerable groups. In addition are the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which has made the movement of essential goods and services targeted for vulnerable groups very difficult. JAM has risen to the challenge by finding innovative ways of reaching the most vulnerable and giving hope for a better future.

Across our six countries of operation, JAM has reached a cumulative total of **3 924 909 beneficiaries** through the School Feeding, Food and Nutrition, Community Agriculture, Emergency Relief and Emergency WASH activities in the year 2020.



FOOD AND NUTRITION



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

SOUTH AFRICA

- In South Africa we reached a total of **73 470 beneficiaries** in the reporting period through School Feeding, Food and Nutrition, Community Agriculture and WASH. A significant proportion of the work was in the context of COVID-19 emergency relief activities. As Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres were preparing for reopening following the easing of lockdown restrictions, JAM assisted with their alignment and compliance with the Department of Social Development regulations, and assessment of their readiness to open. A prominent need amongst most ECDs was the for protective personal equipment(PPE) for staff. JAM responded to this by doing an 'ECD Readiness Kit' appeal resulting in donations of PPE's to some centres. With this drive, JAM managed to secure more than **100 'ECD Readiness Kits'** inclusive of basic PPE's such as sanitisers, gloves, paper towels, a thermometer and masks. An additional **28 First Aid Kits** were distributed in **28 ECD centres** supported by SASOL in October.
- In this quarter JAM also partnered with Pick n Pay, a major supermarket chain to provide food assistance to vulnerable children in KwaZulu-Natal Province by distributing **1 000 food hampers** in 3 schools in the province.

ANGOLA

- We reached a total **494 913 beneficiaries** across all our programmes including our COVID-19 emergency response. A total of **579 750 take-home ration meals** were provided to **19 325 school going children** averaging **193 250 meals** per month. Through the JAM's Health and Nutrition programmes a total of **51 812 children** were screened for malnutrition in the last quarter. Of these, **1 617 severely malnourished children** were treated in our malnutrition clinics. An additional **4 857 children** were registered on the outpatients programme and received Mannapack rice (a source of protein, carbohydrates and key nutrients totaling **874 260 meals** during this quarter translating to **291,420 meals** per month. A further **17 071 children** under-five received Vitamin A supplementation whilst **14 097** received Albendazole which is essential for deworming. Through the ongoing education support project in partnership with Boeing aerospace company, **153 girls** were selected to participate in the Girls' Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club, while **18 teachers** from **15 primary schools** received training to promote the interest and future uptake of STEM subjects amongst girls in mid and upper primary school grades as they prepare for high school. In partnership with UNAIDS and the Provincial Health department JAM participated in HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns that took place during the first week of December and also commemorated World's AIDS Day in the seven municipalities in the province of Benguela.

- JAM also continued its COVID-19 sensitisation interventions including direct messaging, pamphlets, posters and radio jingles on COVID-19 preventative and safety measures. The jingles produced by JAM in Portuguese and the local language; Umbundu, were aired on radio stations in four provinces (Benguela, Kwanza Sul, Sumbe and Bie) to educate the communities on COVID-19 pandemic prevention. The radio listenership coverage is **1.5 million** people.

MOZAMBIQUE

- JAM reached a total of **68 761 beneficiaries** across its programmes including WASH, Food and Nutrition Support as well as Livelihood activities. Covid-19 response efforts continued reaching **3 461 beneficiaries** across the country with educational messaging. JAM also provided food assistance to the most vulnerable households in Inhambane and Sofala provinces benefiting **39 591** people. Through a Food for Assets project (whereby locals are given work to improve the assets in their community in exchange for food) in Sofala province we reached **17 500 beneficiaries** who received a total of **402.5 tons** of maize and beans and **17 500 litres** of vegetable oil. A total of **29 170 Internal Displaced People** as a result of conflict in Cabo Delgado were reached with sanitation and hygiene infrastructure.

SOUTH SUDAN

- We reached a total of **216 689 beneficiaries** across all sectors in this quarter. JAM also began a new emergency project under the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to assist to deliver Nutrition as well as Food Security and Livelihood support to flood affected communities in Pibor. The project has the twin objectives of saving lives and restoring livelihoods and will also seek to rehabilitate nutrition infrastructure and improve on service delivery and outreach to affected communities. With the re-opening of schools towards the end of the year we assisted with School Feeding that benefited a total **12 183 children**. This contributed to an increase in the number of school children reached with food rations both through existing programmes as well as our Mannapack rice pipeline from partner Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) donations.

UGANDA

- JAM reached **11 896 beneficiaries** in the last quarter through WASH and Nutrition activities. We expanded operations to an additional refugee settlement known as Palorinya and acquired a vehicle and motorcycles that will greatly improve mobility of staff, improve operations and ensure closer monitoring of projects. With the opening of borders to refugees, JAM is working with new arrivals after a long closure due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have also continued to strengthen partnerships with various agencies including UNHCR, World Vision and the Danish Refugee Council. UNHCR has been making provision of livelihood support inputs such as seeds for us to distribute to beneficiaries.

SIERRA LEONE

- JAM partnered with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) to support **4 777 pupils** and their families with Mannapack Rice take-home rations reaching nearly **23 885 individuals** in December.





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CHALLENGES

- Schools remained closed in most of our countries of operation with only partial openings, thereby having a significant impact on our Feeding programme however Take-Home Rations continued to be the most viable option for reaching those in need. When schools reopened in South Africa, there was a drastic decrease in enrolment numbers due to job losses/ pay cuts and other financial constraints leaving parents without means to send their children back to school for the remainder of 2020. Some ECD Centres could not register all the children who applied due to a COVID-19 regulation that demands capacity restrictions to ensure social distancing while other ECD Centres battled to raise funds to purchase the PPE needed to reopen.
- In South Sudan, nearly all JAM operational areas reported high levels of acute food insecurity. Contributing factors include flooding, widespread intercommunal violence, market disruptions brought about by COVID-19 restrictions as well as prolonged years of asset depletion and loss of livelihoods. Several months of suspension of our nutrition services further contributed to elevated cases of malnutrition in Pibor. A staggering 90% of the population in Pibor is now facing food insecurity with 11 000 anticipated to face catastrophic levels of food insecurity. The needs continue to far outstrip the resources available. Due to flooding and insecurity, roads remained impassable for the most part of the quarter hindering humanitarian logistics. Supplies remained in storage awaiting roads to various field locations to be opened.
- Conflict in Cabo Delgado and central Mozambique continued to be a major challenge with the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) having risen to **550 000**. The affected people were spread across accommodation camps throughout northern Mozambique. Our aging fleet makes it challenging for us when delivering food to our beneficiaries.
- A drought is looming in Benguela and other provinces in Angola due to the erratic rains. Crops planted for the 2020/21 season dried up rendering the season a complete write off even if the rains were to come now. The municipalities that are seriously affected are Balombo, Bocoio, Ganda, Cubal and Caimbambo. The prices of basic commodities increased on both formal and informal markets with the annual inflation rate surging for the 14th month to 25.2% in December of 2020.
- Heavy flooding experienced since July in South Sudan affected three of our field office sites – Bor, Twic East and Pibor. The flooding also affected **800 000** people and led to displacement of **368 000** more with further destruction of infrastructure.

STORY

ANGOLA Adelina Nacessa Therapeutic F75 and F100 Success Story



Adelina Nacessa (1) is the daughter of Domingos Júlio (25) and Maria Quintas (21). Adelina lives with her mother Maria and her older sister Luísa Teresa who is 4 years old. Domingos and Maria are separated leaving Maria battling to take care of her 2 daughters on her own.

She is a merchant who sells sugar for survival and often the money she makes is not enough to cater for the household's needs. The community in which the family lives does not have a safe water supply point of its own and relies on a small source from their neighbours.

On August 7, 2020, Adelina was admitted to the Balombo Nutrition Center with symptoms including swollen feet, vomiting and weight loss. On the day of entry into the Nutrition Center Adelina weighed in at 7kg. During the first 5 days at the Center, Adelina was put on Therapeutic Milk F75 and was then later put onto Therapeutic Milk F100. By the 14th of September 2020, Adelina had recovered and was no longer vomiting. The swelling on her legs had disappeared and her weight had increased to 9.5 kg. Having been cleared of any other sickness, she was released from the center and went back to her home.

Adelina's mother was very elated with her child's recovery and expressed her profound gratitude saying, "I am very thankful to JAM because my daughter was helped with the therapeutic milk and Adelina quickly recovered."



STORY

SOUTH SUDAN Mannapack Rice save Family of 8 from Starvation



Charity John Laso 48, from Kuwait village, Juba South Sudan was on the brink of starvation following the COVID-19 lockdown. Prior to the lockdown, Charity was a vendor selling Sandewishi, a delicacy of small fries mixed with cowpeas, at Munuki East primary school. On a good day she would make a profit of USD 2 (1 600 SSP). The COVID -19 outbreak, led to imminent school closures and Charity had no market to sell her goods affecting what was her family's only source of livelihood.

What saved her was the introduction of Mannapack, a humanitarian assistance food ration consisting of fortified rice given to primary school going pupils in South Sudan hailing from Peri-Urban areas to mitigate the effects of COVID -19.

"When the school head teacher Michael Pitia brought news about fortified rice to be given to pupils by JAM and WFP, I did not believe him at first" she says with a smile.

A few days later, she was given packs of fortified rice, totaling to 4.5 kgs which was enough to feed her family of 8 individuals for 12 days. According to Charity, the rice also saved her food expenses for two weeks. She added that she has since diversified her business to selling cola-nut paste, locally known as dekowa as she was able to save up USD 4 (2500 SSP).

One of the family members, Richard John Laso, a grade seven pupil at Munuki School said the rice has encouraged him to study and he wants to become a pilot. "I want to fly planes that take food to starving children," he says. In June 2020 UNICEF called on the South Sudan Government and its partners in the education sector to work closely together to ease the negative impact of the school closures on the wellbeing and learning of the children. It is against this background that Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) USA partnered with JAM to distribute 68 metric tons of fortified rice to 17,786 primary school children from 27 schools in Juba country (Central Equatoria State), South Sudan. JAM piloted the Mannapack feeding programme to help children out of school to have at least 2 meals a day since they could no longer access any at school. This has benefited children and their families such that of Charity who are so grateful for the relief this has brought to them and their children. On behalf of our beneficiaries, JAM is very appreciative of the partnership and support from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).