



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

REPORT FIVE | JULY 2020

## TARGETED SECTORS



WATER, SANITATION  
AND HYGIENE (WASH)



FOOD AND NUTRITION

TARGETED  
BENEFICIARIES

1.3M

JAM BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED

1.4M

FUNDING TARGET

US \$2M

TOTAL RECEIVED

US \$1.6M

RESPONSE  
COUNTRIES

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



## KEY MESSAGES

- The **COVID-19** outbreak continues to accelerate in Africa with over **700 000** cases and **12 000** deaths reported in the WHO African Region. Though the death rate as a result of the virus continues to increase in the region, it has remained relatively low in comparison to European regions and other countries.
- According to the *2020 Synthesis Report*, **COVID-19**, has, as predicted, resulted in a catastrophic food crisis, increasing the number of people facing hunger by a further **10%** in the Southern African Development Community (SADC region).
- The report has revealed that the severe socio-economic impacts due to loss of livelihoods and unemployment as a result of lockdown and other movement restrictions, has pushed close to **50 million vulnerable people** into a hunger crisis in the SADC region.
- School closures have also had a severe effect on children, as many children from disadvantaged backgrounds depend on school meals for nourishment. It is feared that malnutrition will increase by some **25%** in the region, providing little or no support to children who rely on this nutritional assistance.
- Assistance by **JAM** in the form of Take-Home Rations and food parcel distribution, water provision, soap, hand-washing stations and sanitizers as well as targeted hygiene awareness campaigns has enabled our teams on the ground to minimize the risk of **COVID-19** infection to over 1 000 000 beneficiaries; with a special focus on women and children, those generally more at risk.
- **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 exacerbated the need for humanitarian assistance globally, compounding the problem for countries already suffering from protracted crisis such as violence, flooding and severe food insecurity.
- Total UN-coordinated appeal requirements related to COVID-19 have already reached US\$37.7 billion, 25% higher than the same period in 2019 and the largest increase in funding requirements in over six years. (<https://www.devinit.org/resources/global-humanitarian-assistance-report-2020/crisis-financing-covid-19-pandemic-response/#section-4-1>)
- 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.
- Intercommunal fighting in South Sudan during the first quarter has already led to close to 700 deaths, and is having a disastrous effect on civilians who are fleeing their homes in search of safety. These violent clashes are hampering humanitarian efforts, as aid organisations are struggling to reach affected communities. The rainy season in South Sudan will place further strain on these efforts as well as most areas are cut off.
- 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. Many families are still living in resettlement centres waiting for 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, and healthcare is limited or unavailable.



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## JAM TEAMS

- **JAM International** has a team of highly skilled humanitarian responders in areas including food distribution, WASH (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

*Current response measures have reached a total of 1.4M 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 continued to fight **COVID-19** in Benguela province, reaching **ten** municipalities. **23 000** children, those normally dependent on school meals, have benefited from **1 380 000** meals distributed as Take-Home rations. **27 500** people have been reached with emergency water supply through the drilling of new boreholes and rehabilitation of existing wells. **47 080** people have been reached with hand washing stations, soap, bleach and alcohol. Surveillance training of **600** community leaders, has taken place allowing JAM to reach more vulnerable people with vital information and awareness campaigns relating to the virus. JAM Angola has also been participating in a mask production initiative alongside BP, and has already reached **2 337** individuals with protective masks. In collaboration with the local radio station, JAM's **COVID-19** awareness campaigns and radio jingles have reached an audience in excess of **742 000**.
- **JAM Mozambique** together with the Ministry of Health, has continued implementation of WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) activities focused on school children whilst working alongside parents and guardians.

In Sofala Province, **83** wash stations have already been installed, with **1,856** masks also distributed civilians in markets and at bus stations, with **COVID-19** awareness campaigns ongoing reaching a target of approximately **32 844** people.

The Resettlement Camp has **813** families settled and all of them were sensitized on **COVID-19** prevention practices, resulting in self-construction of **813** Tippy-Taps. **344** latrines, both for individual households, shared, communal as well as pit latrines, were also established in the camp. **One borehole** was drilled and equipped with a handpump for use at the Resettlement Camp.

- In Sierra Leone, **JAM** continues to work alongside government in re-establishing programming in the country. A recent intervention, alongside PLAN International, saw the distribution of supplementary food packs to **83 000** people - equivalent to 9 960 000 meals. A further **13 833** people have been reached with WASH and **COVID-19** messaging.

- **JAM South Africa** has, at the end of June 2020, distributed more than **7 100 000** Take-Home rations to over **207 677** beneficiaries, as well as reaching **46 323** individually with food parcels thanks to the continued sponsorship of generous corporate South Africans. During these distributions, **JAM SA** has provided WASH training to **215** parents and ECD practitioners, and a strong focus has been placed on **COVID-19** messaging as well, through distribution of educational materials and hand wash stations as well. **30** vulnerable individuals also benefited from the **JAM SA** community garden in Orange Farm, providing nutrient-dense vegetables.

- In the month of July, **JAM South Sudan** identified various **COVID-19** high-risk locations and reached **31 379** vulnerable community members with hand washing facilities, with leaders of the community tasked with taking responsibility for refilling water tanks and replenishing soap supplies. Radio jingle messages, in both Arabic and English, were aired through local radio stations and also mounted in public address systems on to vehicles which then do slow drive throughs in various neighborhoods, with a total audience of **329 529** reached.

- **JAM Rwanda**, through the Fred Nkunda Life Centre has distributed hand sanitizer and soaps to the citizens of Shyogwe sector benefiting widows, child-headed households and other vulnerable families - in total

reaching **3000** individuals.

- The **JAM Uganda** team has been appointed as the **lead livelihood partner** at the **Imvepi Refugee Settlement**. Through this initiative, **JAM Uganda** has already supported **200** Households with livelihood interventions particularly vegetable production, while a further **300** households have been trained on WASH interventions.

At the **Lobule settlement**, **JAM** has handed over **1 700kg's** of fresh green vegetables, benefiting over **800** households. **280** refugee households received hand wash kits and **JAM** has continued support of 36 water points in the camp as well.

## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED APRIL - JUNE



1.4M  
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES



128 885 253  
TOTAL MEALS SERVED



31 300 (drilling)  
SAFE DRINKING WATER



1 090 207  
COVID-19 MESSAGING



108 454 (WASH training - 2 345)  
WASH SUPPLIES



10 881  
NUTRITION GARDENS

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