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JAM

HELPING AFRICA HELP ITSELF

QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL TO

BENEFICIARIES REACHED



FOOD AND NUTRITION
550 547



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS
2 965



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)
541 405

- Access to clean water (drilling) **15 000**
- WASH training **30**
- COVID-19 WASH messaging **477 995**
- WASH NFIs/handwashing stations **48 380**

HIGHLIGHTS

- JAM's work within the **COVID-19** Response context reached over **900 000** people during the second quarter through food assistance, risk communication and hygiene promotion interventions. By the end of June 2020, JAM had served **72 204 530** million meals across six of its operational countries through various food assistance modalities. With school closures still in effect in all countries, normal school feeding programmes could not be resumed. Take-Home rations remained the main food assistance modality in Angola, South Africa and Sierra Leone while Mozambique and South Sudan were not in a position to distribute food to school children due to in-country lockdown restrictions.
- As part of the **JAM Mozambique COVID-19** Response efforts, **141 000** people were also reached with sanitation and hygiene messaging done through roadshows and establishment of handwashing stations in vulnerable communities. Additionally, **441** vulnerable families received a variety of vegetables from the JAM greenhouse to support dietary supplementation amidst growing limited access to nutritious food in the context of **COVID-19**.
- JAM South Africa** continued to respond to nutritional gaps experienced by preschool children due to lack of access to nutritious food as a result of closure of ECD centres and schools since the March **COVID-19** lockdown pronouncement. Another **107 580** beneficiaries were reached with food parcels between April and May. Additionally, an estimated **1 349** flash vouchers each valued at **R400** were also distributed to beneficiaries who used them to buy groceries for their households
- JAM Angola** continued to play a critical role in **COVID-19** risk communication too hard to reach communities. To this end, JAM Angola produced a radio jingle

(currently being aired) in local languages of Portuguese and Umbundu to educate the communities on the **COVID-19** pandemic and counter misinformation about the virus. Nearly **742 000** people in the JAM operational areas are being reached through the airing of the radio jingle. **100** Tippy tap hand washing systems were manufactured and distributed to **50** schools and **114** communities to improve the sanitation and hygiene conditions of our beneficiaries. In addition, **10** clinics were supplied with detergents, disinfectants, mopping trolleys and soap for use in trying to combat the spread of the virus. **25** boreholes were drilled in schools and communities enabling an estimated **12 500** people to have access to safe water.

- JAM South Sudan** re-opened an office in Boma County and will be offering nutrition services through six Outpatient Therapeutic Programmes (OTPs) and one Stabilisation Centre. The Stabilisation Centre will help us to treat children with basic health complications in a community with extremely limited access to primary health care services. Overall, JAM's work in nutrition, livelihood support and food assistance reached **201 593** people.
- JAM Uganda** continued with ongoing efforts to strengthen its operational presence in Uganda to better meet the needs of the ever-growing refugee population in West Nile. Previously JAM Uganda worked out of one zone in the Imvepi Refugee Settlement area. By the end of June, it had expanded operations to cover two more refugee settlements (Lobule and Omugo) as well as the Koboko Refugee Reception centre where asylum seekers are first screened and registered. JAM's nutrition garden project and the demonstration gardens that also serve as the reception centre garden at Imvepi continued to generate a lot of interest from partners with the UNHCR donating seeds to support the kitchen gardens. **2 946** people receive support from JAM Uganda.

- In addition to the ongoing vocational training programme benefitting **649** enrolled children, **JAM Rwanda** continued to run a successful agricultural programme that produces food to complement the diet for students at the training school.
- 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 were also reached with WASH and **COVID-19** messaging.

CHALLENGES

- The **COVID-19** pandemic seems to be reaching peak season with a rising number of cases throughout the continent placing further strain on resources as the humanitarian crisis in our operating countries and the whole continent in general. Countries continue to impose restrictive measures to try and combat the spread of the pandemic. The restrictive measures have also made the distribution of much needed relief services very difficult and worse in some vulnerable groups and communities. **COVID-19** induced school closures in Angola, Mozambique and South Africa has had a negative effect on our school feeding and nutrition activities as school and ECD centres are our major distribution points.
- Increasing food and nutrition insecurity is projected to cause far reaching negative socio-economic consequences on already vulnerable communities more than **COVID-19** itself, presenting an even more complex operational context for JAM and other humanitarian partners.
- There is widespread intercommunal violence that is impacting programme delivery in South Sudan whilst security in the central provinces of Mozambique remain uncertain with commercial trucks and public transport continuously being targeted by armed rebel groups thereby affecting humanitarian and relief efforts.

STORY

TRIBUTE TO JAM ANGOLA TEAM



JAM team shows Dr. Maria nutritional supplies in the warehouse.

Dr. Mari Begonha de Cauto has been working for the Ministry Health, Balombo municipality for the past 18 years. She travelled 190 kilometres all the way to JAM Benguela, to give her special thanks to JAM for the immeasurable contribution in providing assistance to communities and support for the therapeutic milk F75, F100 and Plumpy Nut. Through JAM support, Balombo staff and Dr Mari have done their best to treat the affected children who are recovering quickly.

Although no positive cases of COVID-19 have been recorded in Balombo, the number of malnourished children is overwhelming. Kwashiorkor is the biggest ailment amongst the children. With the quality support services and supplies offered by JAM, Dr. Mari and her team have been able to further extend their services to the two provinces of Huambo and Sumbe, which do not form a part of the Balombo catchment area.

Dr. Mari is very grateful for inclusion of the MannaPack Take-Home ration programme for recovered/ discharged malnourished children. "The programme is making a difference in the Balombo outpatient clinic.

Families can at most afford white soft porridge (Pap) and vegetables for their children. The poorer communities do not have the money to prepare diversified diets. Fortunately, soya in the MannaPack rice will provide proteins that are lacking in the children's diet and this will help them fight malnutrition at home." She lamented.

Dr. Mari expressed fear that the number of malnourished children will rise in the spring season because many mothers do not normally visit health centres to seek treatment during winter. She reiterated that the very cold weather conditions have resulted in an increased mortality rate for under-fives who are admitted in the malnutrition clinic due to hypothermia as their living structures are not adequately insulated to preserve heat. She has requested JAM to supply hospitals with visual posters and charts to help in nutrition, education and communication. At the moment they do not have IEC materials to help mothers to understand and comprehend nutrition. JAM will do all it can to respond to the request.