



Q4 | 2020

QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER - DECEMBER

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

PROGRAMME AREA	ANGOLA	MOZAMBIQUE	RWANDA	SIERRA LEONE	SOUTH AFRICA	SOUTH SUDAN	UGANDA	TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED
YEAR 2020 TOTALS	1 599 041	958 315	3 000	106 885	413 218	811 532	32 918	3 924 909

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

OVERVIEW OF Q4

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. Compounding this 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 in 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 bringing hope for a better future. Despite these challenges, we reached 889 614 in the three months reporting period.



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 during this 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 to reopen following the easing of lockdown restrictions, JAM assisted with their alignment and compliance with the Department of Social Development regulations, and assessments of their readiness to open. A prominent need amongst most ECDs was for personal protective 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. In October, an additional **28** First Aid Kits were distributed to **28** ECD centres supported by SASOL.
- In this quarter JAM also partnered with Pick n Pay, a major supermarket chain, to provide food assistance to vulnerable children in the KwaZulu-Natal Province, by distributing **1 000** food hampers to three schools.

ANGOLA

- We reached a total of **494 913** beneficiaries across all our programmes including our COVID-19 emergency response. A total of **579 750** take-home rations were provided to **19 325** school going children averaging **193 250** meals per month. Through 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 years received Vitamin A supplementation whilst **14 097** received Albendazole, which is essential for deworming. Through our ongoing education support project in partnership with Boeing Aerospace, **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 AIDS Day in the seven municipalities in the province of Benguela.

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

MOZAMBIQUE

- JAM reached a total of **68 761** beneficiaries across our 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 the Inhambane and Sofala provinces, benefiting **39 591** people. Through a Food for Assets project in the Sofala province (whereby locals are given work to improve the assets in their community in exchange for food), we reached **17 500** beneficiaries with a total of **402.5** tons of maize and beans as well as **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 during this quarter. JAM also began a new emergency project under the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to assist in delivering Nutrition as well as Food Security and Livelihood support to flood affected communities in Pibor. This 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 effected communities. With the re-opening of schools towards the end of the year we assisted with School Feeding that benefited a total of **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 the donated Mannapack rice pipeline from our US partner Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

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 our 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 providing 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 **23 885** individuals in December 2020.



CHALLENGES

- Schools remained closed in most of our countries of operation with only partial openings, thereby having a significant impact on our School Feeding programmes, however Take-home Rations continued to be the most viable option for reaching those in need.
- In South Africa, when schools reopened, there was a drastic decrease in enrolment numbers due to job losses, pay cuts and other financial constraints, leaving parents without the 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 their PPE needed to reopen.
- In South Sudan, nearly all JAM operational areas reported high levels of acute food insecurity. Contributing factors included 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** anticipate facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity. The needs continue to far outstrip the available resources. Due to flooding and insecurity, roads remained impassable for the most part of this quarter, hindering humanitarian logistics. Supplies remained in storage awaiting the re-opening of roads to various field locations.
- In Angola, due to the erratic rainfall, drought is looming in Benguela and other provinces. Crops planted for the 2020/21 season dried up, rendering this season a complete write-off even if the rains were now to come. The seriously affected municipalities 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 2020.
- In Mozambique, the conflict in Cabo Delgado and central Mozambique continues to be a major challenge with the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) having risen to **550 000**. The affected people are spread across accommodation camps throughout northern Mozambique. JAM's aging fleet makes it challenging for us to deliver food and supplies to our beneficiaries
- In South Sudan, heavy flooding since July 2020 affected three of our field office sites – Bor, Twic East and Pibor. The floods affected **800 000** people and led to the displacement of **368 000** more, with further destruction of infrastructure.

STORY

ANGOLA Adelina Nacessa Therapeutic F75 and F100 Success Story



One year old Adelina Nacessa is the daughter of Domingos Júlio (25) and Maria Quintas (21). Adelina lives with her mother Maria, and her four year old sister, Luísa Teresa. Domingos and Maria have separated, leaving Maria battling on her own to take care of her two daughters.

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

On August 7, baby Adelina was admitted to the Balombo Nutrition Centre with symptoms including swollen feet, vomiting and weight loss. On the day of entry into the Nutrition Centre, Adelina weighed just 7kg. During her first five days at the Centre, Adelina was treated with F75 Therapeutic Milk and later transferred onto F100 Therapeutic Milk. By September 14, Adelina had recovered and was no longer vomiting. The swelling of her legs had disappeared and her weight had increased to 9.5 kg. Having been cleared of any other sickness, little Adelina was released from the centre to return home.

Adelina's mother was 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 recovered quickly."



STORY

SOUTH SUDAN Mannapack Rice saves Family of eight from Starvation



Charity John Laso 48, from Kuwait village, Juba in 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 US\$ 2 (1 600 SSP). The COVID-19 outbreak led to imminent school closures and Charity had no market to sell her goods; 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 pupils in South Sudan's 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, Charity was given packs of fortified rice, totaling 4.5 kgs which was enough to feed her family of eight for 12 days. According to Charity, the rice also saved her food expenses for those two weeks. She has since diversified her business to selling cola-nut paste, locally known as dekowa, and she was able to save US\$ 4 (2 500 SSP).

One of her 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 said. 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 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 county (Central Equatoria State). JAM piloted the Mannapack feeding programme to help children out of school to have at least two meals a day since they could no longer access meals at school. This has benefited children and their families like Charity who are immensely grateful for the relief this has brought them. On behalf of our beneficiaries, JAM is greatly appreciative of this wonderful partnership and support from FMSC.