



MID-YEAR REPORT 2021

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FOREWORD

Dear friends and supporters,

2021 continues to be a challenge for us as JRS and especially for our beneficiaires we serve. The pandemic has turned the world upside down and made us change our plans but also improvise the way of working.

Despite the current circumstances, I am happy to share with you the Mid-Year Report 2021 of JRS Uganda.

It shows what we have achieved despite the impact of the pandemic so far in our urban program in Kampala as well as in our project in Adjumani, Northern Uganda.

I am grateful for the continued support and trust given to JRS Uganda by you. Without your financial contributions towards our implementation we would not have been able to achieve all those activities. At the same time I am thankful for the work of all JRS team members, both in Kampala and Adjumani. Without their engagement and effort, our 6-months achievements would also not have been possible this way.

The needs in the country are huge and the number of refugees are increasing day by day.

We have to continue our important work to serve those in urgent need. As the two lockdowns so far combined with the fast spread of the virus have affected and are still affecting the people and the country, we have to be dedicated, pro-active and innovative to be able to continue supporting our beneficiaries in a more cohesive way.

Thank you very much once again and may you all stay safe and be protected.

Yours,

Christina Zetlmeisl, JRS Uganda Country Director



Photo: Women in Moyo

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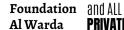
















1. NARRATIVE REPORT

1.1. Project Achievements: Progress on Outcome-based objectives and Results indicators

OVERALL GOAL:

IMPROVED WELLBEING OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MOST VULNERABLE HOST COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGH: INCREASED ACCESS TO PROTECTION SERVICES, BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT, QUALITY EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AND SELF-RELIANCE ACTIVITIES.

KAMPALA URBAN PROGRAM

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #A:

Most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members have access to basic goods and services.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members accessing daily food by December 2021.

Target:

5,000 (2,500m; 2,500f)

Annual Achievement to date:

1,040 (472m; 568f) most vulnerable households provided with food assistance to benefit 5,007 (2,319m; 2,688f) individuals since January, 2021.

% Progress towards target:

·100 %

Results Indicator 2:

Number of most vulnerable refugee, asylum seekers and host community member households supported with 1-3 months' rent contribution by December 2021.

Target:

200 (100m, 100f) households.

Annual Achievement to date:

36 (15m; 21f) most vulnerable refugee households have so far received rent support to benefit 194 (96m; 98f) individuals.

% Progress towards

target:

18 %

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 the home visits to determine the need for rent support had been put on hold.

Results Indicator 3:

Number of most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members accessing basic medical assistance by December 2021.

Target:

1,000 (500m, 500f)

Annual Achievement to date:

616 (240m, 376f) most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers received various medical support.

% Progress towards

target:

62 %

Results Indicator 4:

Number of most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members will be supported with non-food items by December 2021.

Target:

650 (300m, 350f)

Annual Achievement to date:

77f beneficiaries have so far received maternity kits.

% Progress towards target:

12 %





Photo: Refugees at JRS Kampala compound waiting to be attended.

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #B:

Refugees and asylum seekers have access to psychosocial support.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of extremely vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers households (persons with disabilities, elderly, SGBV and torture survivors, and women headed households among others) aged 15+ receive psychosocial care and accompaniment by December 2021.

Annual Achievement to date:

48 (07m; 41f) household visits conducted to benefit indirectly 231 (118m; 113f) individuals.

Target:

84 (32m, 52f)

% Progress towards target:

57%

Results Indicator 2:

Percentage of refugees and asylum seekers aged 15 years and above accessing individual counselling demonstrating ability to cope positively with psychological stress by December 2021.

Annual Achievement to date:

53 (18m; 35f) new individual counselling cases enrolled. 18 (01m; 17f) cases were successfully discharged because the clients were now able to cope on their own.

Target:

Individual Counselling: 80% of 180 (60m, 120f)

% Progress towards target:

37 %

Results Indicator 3:

Percentage of refugees and asylum seekers aged 15+ accessing group counselling sessions demonstrate ability to cope positively with psychological stress by December 2021.

Target:

80% of 60 (24m, 36f)

Annual Achievement to date:

60 (15m; 45f) clients.

% Progress towards target: 100 %



Results Indicator 4:

Percentage of teachers and instructors from JRS-Kampala partner schools and institutions trained on MHPSS and providing psychosocial support and referrals by December 2021.

Target:

80% 60 (24m, 36f)

Annual Achievement to date:

60 (22m; 38f) have so far benefitted from the trainings.

% Progress towards target:

100 %

Results Indicator 5:

Number of those who receive emergency assistance (food, medical, transport, financial, consultation fees by December 2021.

Target:

80 (24m, 56f)

Annual Achievement to date:

328 (54m; 274f) survivors of SGBV received basic needs support.

Referrals in and out with other NGOs to date:

144 (36m; 108f)

NOTE: The need for Basic Needs Support (specially medical) is VERY HIGH.

% Progress towards target:

+100 %

Results Indicator 6:

Percentage of beneficiaries who are responsive to issues of SGBV/mental health and human rights having undergone awareness training by December 2021.

Target:

15 % of 360 (120m, 240f)

Annual Achievement to date:

222 (33m; 189f) participants received 1-3 day awareness training on: SGBV, mental health and psychological wellbeing, Human Rights.

% Progress towards target:

62 %

Photo: Refugee woman being attended by one of our staff for assessment.





OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #C:

Refugees, asylum seekers and host community members have access to quality formal and non-formal education.

Results Indicator 1:

Percentage of refugees and asylum seekers enrolled in the English language course completing with a score of 50% and above by December 2021.

Target:

80% of 240 (120m, 120f)

Annual Achievement to date:

166 (79m; 87f)/69% refugees and asylum seekers registered in the English language course in 2021.

% Progress towards target:

69 %

Results Indicator 2:

Percentage of children completing pre-school by December 2021.

Target:

90% of 70 (35m, 35f)

Annual Achievement to date:

71 (36m, 35f) pupils were enrolled in Child Care Centre in 2020 and remain at home since March 2020 up to date.

% Progress towards target:

0 %

JRS Kampala Education Team conducted Home Visits to assess the needs of the children, distributed home learning materials as well as breakfast support like milk, sugar and maize flour.

Results Indicator 3:

Number of sponsored primary and secondary school children completing the current level by December 2021.

Target:

228 (107m, 121f)-primary, 82 (46m, 36f)-secondary

Annual Achievement to date:

229 (107m, 122f) and 84 (48m; 36f) pupils and students respectively enrolled for primary and secondary sponsorships in 2020 continued in 2021.

% Progress towards

target: 100 %

NOTE: The abnormal school year is attributed to Covid-19 pandemic which has affected the normal school year resulting in an overlapped academic year. Since June 7th schools have been closed again.

Results Indicator 4:

Number of refugees completing one academic year in professional and university training by December 2021.

Target:

14 (07m, 07f)

Annual Achievement to date:

16 (08; 08f) students enrolled in various courses in the different tertiary institutions under the JRS scholarship program in 2021. 04 (02m; 02f) students have successfully completed their respective courses.

% Progress towards target:

100 %





Photo: One of the classrooms for English courses at JRS Kampala compound.

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #D:

Refugees, asylum seekers and host community members have improved sustainable livelihoods.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of refugees, asylum seekers and most vulnerable host community members aged 15+ and above completing different vocational trainings with a score of at least 50%+ by December 2021.

Target:

290 (110m, 180f)

Achievement:

All 240 (91m; 149f) students are now home after all schools, institutions and trainings were suspended on June 7th, 2021 to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infections spreading across the country. Although all the above students are at home, the following classes are undergoing online studies from home:

Advanced Computer Networking and Multi Media Studies at netlabs!UG: 20 (18m; 01f)

Computer Networking at JRS: 10 (08m; 02f).

% Progress towards

target: 90 %

vocational skills training

% Progress towards

^{target:} 26 %

Computer literacy skills enrolment

Results Indicator 2:

Number of graduate students of JRS skills training receiving internship placement opportunities by December 2021

Target:

240 (100m, 140f)

Annual Achievement to date:

153 (45m; 108f) secured internship placements/job placements with local businesses/firms.

% Progress towards target:

64 %



Results Indicator 3:

Number of refugees and asylum seekers, and host community members, aged 18-65 years receive business grants and mentorship support by December 2021.

Target:

150 (60m, 90f)

Annual Achievement to date:

49 (13m; 36f) graduates of JRS-Kampala vocational skills training received business grants.

% Progress towards

target:

33 %

Results Indicator 4:

Number of student graduates of JRS skills training aged 18-65 years gaining employment or initiating their businesses within 6 months of completion of training by December 2021.

Target:

150 (60m, 90f)

Annual Achievement to date:

81 (20m; 61f) graduates of vocational skills have obtained employment

Arts & Crafts: 01f Catering: 17 (06m; 11f) Hairdressing: 26 (02m; 24f)

Fashion & Design: 28 (04m; 24f) Computer Networking & Multi media

studies: 06 (05m; 01f)

Electronics Repair & Maintenance: 03m

% Progress towards target:

54 %

Results Indicator 5:

Percentage of refugees, asylum seekers, and host community members completing training in entrepreneurship and soft skills with pass mark of at least 50% in the post-training test by December 2021.

Target:

80% of 280 (100m, 180f)

Annual Achievement to date:

39 (35m; 04f) have so far started business skills training.

% Progress towards target:

17 %



Photo: Store with learning materials for different livelihoods trainings in Kampala.



ADJUMANI PROGRAM

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #A:

Most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members have access to basic goods and services.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of most vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and host community members accessing at least two meals a day by December 2021.

Target:

1,000 (500m, 500f)

Annual Achievement to date:

86 (47m, 39f) most vulnerable households provided with food assistance.

% Progress towards

8.6 %

Results Indicator 2:

Number of most vulnerable refugee, asylum seekers and host community member households supported with 1-3 months' rent contribution by 31st, December 2021.

Target:

50 (25m, 25f) households.

Annual Achievement to date:

90 (51m, 39f) most vulnerable households provided with non-food items.

% Progress towards target:

25,7%

Photo: Refugee women waiting for their ration during a food distribution in Moyo.





OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #B:

Refugee and host communities in Adjumani, Moyo and Obongi Districts have access to quality, equitable secondary and tertiary education.

Results Indicator 1:

Percentage of refugees and most vulnerable host community children enrolled in secondary schools and tertiary institutions completing with a score of 60% and above by December 2021.

Target:

Secondary: 80% of 390 (195, 195f) Tertiary: 95% of 50 (20m, 30f)

Annual Achievement to date:

306 (166m, 140f) students enrolled on the scholarship program. 35 (11m, 24f) students sat for Uganda National Examinations and 27l (155m, 116f) semi-candidate students managed to report to school. % Progress towards target: _____

78,4 %

Results Indicator 2:

Number of secondary students, incl. students with disabilities, provided with scholastic material and textbooks by December 2021.

Target:

3,000 (1,000m, 2,000f): Adjumani: 1,300 (650m, 650f). Moyo: 772 (386m, 386f). Obongi: 772 (386m, 386f). Secondary students with special needs: 156 (80m, 76f)

Annual Achievement to date:

1,050 home learning materials and 1,013 text books distributed to benefit 12,000 (7,590m, 4,410f) students in 21 secondary schools.

% Progress towards

+100 %

Results Indicator 3:

Number of secondary teachers receiving training and refresher courses by December 2021.

Target:

300 (150m, 150f): Adjumani: 200 (100m, 100f). Moyo: 50 (25m, 25f) Obongi: 50 (25m, 25f)

Annual Achievement to date:

157 (91m, 66f) School Management Committee members including Head Teachers, teachers, BOG chairpersons, Caregivers/guardians and health care workers attended health and hygiene management training.

% Progress towards

target:

52,3 %

NOTES:

89 primary school teachers (67m, 22f) are still undergoing a 6 months Sports for Protection training. The YSF/ Sports for protection course has been running well since November 2020. Students have begun the second part of the course which is a Practicum. The training is being conducted at 6 locations: Alere, Maaji, Boroli, Ayilo, Nyumanzi and Pagirinya. The course is being facilitated by 6 Onsite facilitators (03m, 03f). Students have also signed the course engagement contracts, the code of conduct and the child safeguarding policy. It is a joint activity between UNHCR, Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) and JRS.

Sports materials were distributed to 15 primary schools where the JWL students teach. These materials were procured by UNHCR and handed over to District Education Office (DEO) but JRS took lead in the distribution exercise to the respective schools.

Results Indicator 4:

Number of secondary students (incl. students with disabilities) receiving hygiene material by December 2021.

Target:

3,100 (1,550m, 1,550f) : Adjumani: 1,240 (620m, 620f). Moyo: 820 (410m, 410f). Obongi: 1,040 (520m, 520f)

Annual Achievement to date:

A total of 41,375 (23,783m, 17,592f) students received hygiene materials support.

Primary Students: 31,173 (17,733m, 13,440f). Secondary Students: 10,202 (6,050m, 4,152f).

% Progress towards

+100 %



Results Indicator 5:

Number of permanent secondary school infrastructure (incl. water tank and gutters and solar panels) constructed by December 2021.

Target:

Pagirinya SS (1 girl's dormitory, 1 kitchen, 1 latrine incl. girls changing room, 1 incinerator, 1 science laboratory). Mungula SS (1 girl's dormitory, 1 latrine incl. girls changing room, 1 incinerator). Maaji SS (1 girl's dormitory). Nyumanzi SS (1 of 2-classroom block, 1 staff accommodation). Alere SS (1 library).

Annual Achievement to date:

100% Ayilo Teachers Latrine and Lewa Students Latrine construction with changing room for girls completed.

100% 01 block of three (3) classrooms completed at Pagirinya SS. 100% hand-washing station construction for 15 schools completed.

% Progress towards target:

100 %

NOTE:

The Bid Opening for the construction projects at Pagirinya and Mungula SS was conducted and BID Evaluation took place on 8th of June 2021.

During this month, these sites will be officially handed over to the contractors who were successful in the bid selection as follows; Pagirinya awarded to East and West Construction Company and Mungula to Nile Joint Operation Limited. The Site handover Ceremony will be graced by the DEO, OPM, BOG/PTA, UNHCR and the School management respectively. The BID evaluation was conducted by the JRS Procurement committee

Photo: Group of refugee students in Pagirinyia school premises.





OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #C:

Refugees, asylum seekers and host community members in Adjumani and Obongi Districts develop positive relations in diversity and live together in peace and solidarity.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of youth receiving conflict resolution, peace building and reconciliation and leadership skills training by December 2021.

Target:

200 (100m, 100f): 100 (50m, 50f) Adjumani 100 (50m, 50f) Obongi

Annual Achievement to date:

21 (16m, 05f) youths receiving training of Trainers program.

% Progress towards

target: 21 %

NOTE: JRS' Peace building Planning Workshop, which took place in Adjumani Town from 22.-26.02.2021. The strategic workshop helped JRS to exchange ideas about Peace building work in a participatory manner (please see pictures attached).

Results Indicator 2:

Number of religious leaders, community support structures (RWC and LCs) trained in peace building, reconciliation and community leadership by December 2021.

Target:

200 (100m, 100f): 100 (50m, 50f) Adjumani 100 (50m, 50f) Obongi

Annual Achievement to date:

67 (44m, 23f) Religious leaders and Refugee Welfare Committee members including Local Council Members (RWC and LCs) trained in peace building and reconciliation.

% Progress towards target: __ _ _

33.5 %

OTHER ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT:

CONFLICT ASSESSMENT:

In April 2021, the department conducted conflict assessment to ascertain the dynamics of conflicts within the ongoing covid-19 pandemic period in the two districts of Adjumani and Obongi respectively. In Adjumani, the assessment was done in five settlements (Pagirinya, Nyumanzi, Ayilo 1, Olua 1 and Maaji II). While in Obongi District, it was also conducted in five settlements of (Morobi Zone II, Zone I {Keguru}, Chinyi, Basecamp {Umijo} and Dongo East {Lukuri}). The assessment reached out to 105 individual respondents, 3 Focus Group Discussions.

RADIO PROGRAM WITH RADIO USALAMA:

Launching of Radio Program with Radio Usalama. The launch took place on 14th June and the time for the program is 3-5 pm every Thursday. This is done in attempt to reach out to many people as possible concerning message of peace building and reconciliation since gathering them for various peace activities is hindered due to COVID 19

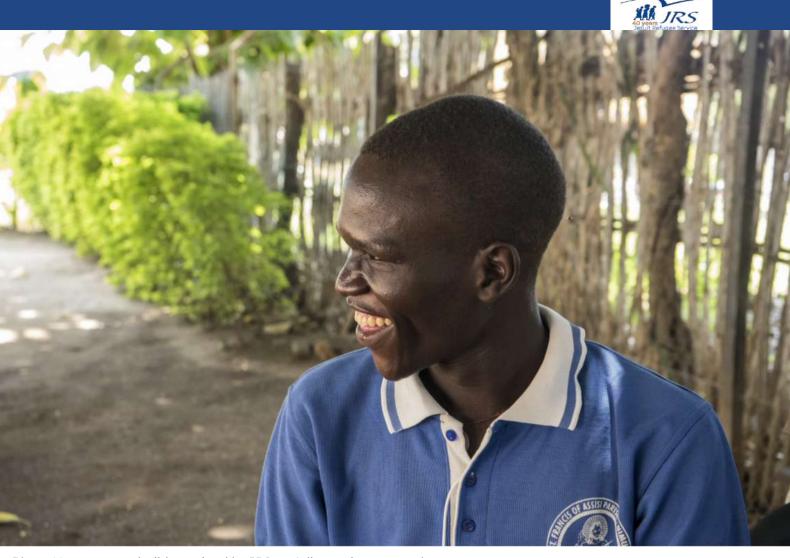


Photo: Young peace builder trained by JRS, at Adjumani compound.

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #D:

Refugees, asylum seekers and most vulnerable host community members in Adjumani, Moyo and Obongi Districts have an access to psychosocial and protection support.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of extremely vulnerable refugees and host community households (persons with disabilities, elderly and women headed households among others) aged 15+ receive psychosocial care and accompaniment by December 2021.

Annual Achievement to date:

236 (128m, 108f) clients

Target:

200 (100m, 100f): 100 (50m, 50f) Adjumani 100 (50m, 50f) Obongi/Moyo

% Progress towards target: **·100** %

Results Indicator 2:

Percentage of refugees and host community aged 15 years and above accessing individual and group counselling demonstrating ability to cope positively with psychological stress by December 2021.

Target:

400 (200m, 200f) 80% of 200 (100m, 100f) Individual Counselling 80% of 200 (100m, 100f) Group Counselling

Annual Achievement to date:

225 (80m, 145f) clients received psychosocial support through individual and group Counselling

% Progress towards target:

13,5 %

Individual Counselling Group Counselling



Results Indicator 3:

Number of primary and secondary school teachers receiving MHPSS training by December 2021.

Target:

300 (150m, 150f)

% Progress towards

Annual Achievement to date:

169 (101m, 68f) teachers and SMC members received MHPSS and PFA training.

target:

56.3 %

118 (70m, 48f) primary teachers

44 (26m, 18f) secondary teachers

07 (05m, 02f) SMC members

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #E:

Refugees, asylum seekers and most vulnerable host community members in Adjumani, Moyo and Obongi Districts have an access to psychosocial and protection support.

Results Indicator 1:

Refugees, asylum seekers and host community members in Adjumani, Moyo, and Obongi Districts have an access to pastoral services.

Target:

52 Holy Eucharistic Celebrations Adjumani: 18, Moyo: 16, Obongi: 18

Annual Achievement to date:

27 Holy Eucharistic celebrations have been animated for refugee Christians living in Maaji II, Agojo, Pagirinya settlements, Radio Usalama and those around JRS office premise.

% Progress towards

target: **52** %

NOTE:

In June 2021, due to the measures put by the Ugandan Government to reduce on the spread of COVID 19 virus, public worship among other restrictions was imposed and in order to reach out to the people with the church's Sunday Eucharistic celebration, we resorted to celebrating the Holy Eucharistics on radio Usalama to be specific. The Holy Eucharistic Celebrations were scheduled for 9-10am. In order to comply with the government directives, we go with a choir of 05 members to assist in animating the liturgies and responding to the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, taking readings and singing.

Results Indicator 2:

Percentage of beneficiaries attending Diocesan Training Programs (Kizitos, Youth, Catholic Leaders, and other selected pastoral groups) by December 2021.

Target:

750: 80% of 150 Kizitos, 80% of 500 Youth, 80% of 100 catholic leaders & other pastoral groups

Annual Achievement to date:

227 (116m, 111f) Kizitos, Youth, Catholic Leaders, and other pastoral groups received leadership and communication training and music festivals.

% Progress towards

target:

30,2 %

Results Indicator 3:

Number of women refugees and most vulnerable host community members, aged 18-65 years receiving livelihood and skills (leadership, communication, team building, MHM and reproductive health, food management, child care and pastoral leadership) training, business grants, micro finance services and mentorship through by 31st, December 2021 from Adjumani, Moyo and Obongi.

Target:

80f : Adjumani 28f, Moyo 26f, Obongi 26f

Annual Achievement to date:

179 women in Adjumani and Obongi Districts trained.

% Progress towards target: +100 %



Results Indicator 4:

Number of permanent and temporary chapels, churches, portable 59: 5 temporary chapels, 1 church and and permanent hand-washing stations constructed/established by 31st of December, 2021 in Adjumani District.

Target:

JRS staff community house, 43 portable hand-washing stations, 10 permanent hand-washing station.

Annual Achievement to date:

10 permanent hand-washing stations for 5 Parishes constructed.

% Progress towards

target:

OUTCOME-BASED OBJECTIVE #F:

Refugees, asylum seekers and host community members have access to livelihoods through quality vocational and business skills training, business development services and employment.

Results Indicator 1:

Number of refugees, asylum seekers and most vulnerable host community youth aged 18+ and above completing vocational trainings by 31st, December 2021.

Target:

100 (50m, 50f)

Annual Achievement to date:

55 (36m, 19f) students enrolled for vocational scholarship program at Moyo Technical Institute.

% Progress towards

target:

55 %

Results Indicator 2:

Number of JRS students graduating in IT and Tailoring by 31st, December 2021.

Target:

100 (50m, 50f)

Annual Achievement to date:

30 young women, teenage mothers enrolled in tailoring course and business skills training at JRS Compound.

% Progress towards target:

30 %



Tailoring class at 7RS Adjumani for young mothers.



3. CHALLENGES

BASIC NEEDS

 Overwhelming number of beneficiaries seeking basic needs support (food, medical, rent support among others) at JRS-Kampala.

The high unemployment among urban refugee and disrupted livelihoods stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic means urban refugees continue to face challenges meeting their basic needs. In addition most refugees' complain that they are stranded because of the pandemic and OPM is not admitting new people in the settlements. Those stranded in the city cannot relocate to the rural settlements.

 Continued increase in the number of beneficiaries seeking medical assistance among whom are people with terminal illnesses.

Covid-19 pandemic continues to hit hardest most vulnerable urban refugees in Kampala who do not receive regular assistance as refugees in the settlements.

MHPSS & LIVELIHOODS

- Difficulties of clients accessing trainings and other services such as group counselling due to restrictions on physical meetings.
- Issue of space to conduct MHPSS and livelihoods activities and trainings is still a problem.

It has been alleviated to some extent with a tent.

• Data costs for online studies for Computer Networking studies are high

This leading to higher implementation costs.

EDUCATION

- Learning and trainings in all schools and institutions suspended from June 7th, 2021 to reduce Covid-19 infections.
- Some parents lack the capacity to guide and support their children in home learning because of language barrier.

The materials are in English but the parents may know Swahili, French and their local dialects only.

 For primary and secondary school subjects, the pupils and students need the support of teachers who are difficult to access due to pandemic restrictions.

This is especially in Mathematics and other science subjects.

GENERAL

Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions is a challenge generally to every one (beneficiaries, staff and other stakeholders) in the ways below:

- Access to all services including emergency basic needs support like food, medical, shelter support is challenging to all beneficiaries.
- Staff access to work limited because of 10% staffing policy during the lockdown phase.
- Ban on all transport except for essential services.

But even then, it is difficult to get movement permits. So staffs have challenges in access





ON BEHALF OF ALL JRS FAMILY THANK YOU!

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ESKERRIK ASKO! GRACIAS! MERCI! HATUR NUHUN!

