

## PROGRESS REPORT FOR ARCHE NOAH



SECOND QUARTER 2011



THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT IS TO PROVIDE ARCHE NOAH WITH FEEDBACK OF PROGRAMMES SUPPORTED IN SOUTH AFRICA



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## SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM ARCHE NOAH

Your donation of € 9 000.00 has provided a nutritious meal over the last six months to children in the following South African Child Care Centres:

Child Care Centre	Boys	Girls	Total
Orange Farm	55	60	115
Little Stars	43	59	102
Teddy Bear	96	100	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>413</b>



# COUNTRY CONTEXT – SOUTH AFRICA



# COUNTRY PROFILE

**Nationality:** South African(s).

**Population :** 49.99 million. *Composition*--black 79.4%; white 9.2%; colored 8.7%; Asian (Indian) 2.7%. Annual population growth rate : 1.2%.

**Languages:** Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga (all official languages).

**Religions:** Predominantly Christian; traditional African, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish.

**Education:** *Years compulsory*--7-15 years of age for all children. The South African Schools Act (Act 84), passed by Parliament in 1996, aims to achieve greater educational opportunities for black children.

**Health:** *Infant mortality rate* -47 per 1,000 live births. *Life expectancy*--55.2 yrs - women; 53.3 yrs - men.

*Source: US Department of State 2011*

South Africa is a middle-income, emerging market with an abundant supply of natural resources; well-developed financial, legal, communications, energy, and transport sectors; a stock exchange that is the 18th largest in the world; and modern infrastructure supporting a relatively efficient distribution of goods to major urban centers throughout the region. Unemployment remains high and outdated infrastructure has constrained growth. Daunting economic problems remain from the apartheid era - especially poverty, lack of economic empowerment among the disadvantaged groups, and a shortage of public transportation. South Africa's former economic policy was fiscally conservative, focusing on controlling inflation, and attaining a budget surplus. The current government largely follows the same prudent policies.. More than one-quarter of South Africa's population currently receives social grants.



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# MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS - 2015

Current status in accordance with national Government reporting



1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger - **Very likely to be achieved. On track**



2. Achieve universal primary education - **Very likely to be achieved. On track**



3. Promote gender equality and empower women - **Very likely to be achieved. On track**



4. Reduce child mortality - **Possible to achieve if some changes are made. On track**



5. Improve maternal health - **Possible to achieve if some changes are made. On track**



6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases - **Possible to achieve if some changes are made. On track**



7. Ensure environmental sustainability - **Very likely to be achieved. On track**



8. Develop a global partnership for development - **Very likely to be achieved. On track**



Source: MGD Monitor - 2011

# JAM NUTRITIONAL FEEDING STRATEGIES

JAM provides 50 grams of fortified porridge mix in child care centres in South Africa. This porridge provides approximately 70-75 percent of a child's recommended daily allowance. The red JAM bowl filled with CSB represents hope to these children by providing them with a nourished body and mind.

Our feeding programmes allow us to help improve the physical and mental well-being of each of these children, while promoting and enhancing their education by encouraging enrolment, retention and regular attendance. Through daily nutritional feeding, JAM hopes to ultimately enhance the future role of these children in society by providing them with the right foundation.



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# PROGRAMME IMPACT IN SOUTH AFRICA

JAM implements feeding programmes in South African Child Care Centres, providing meals 21 500 children in 399 centres. The ultimate objective of the JAM nutritional feeding programme is to *improve early childhood development in the country* by:

- Providing children with highly nutritious food during their most crucial developmental stage.
- Allowing Child Care Centre directors to save money they can reinvest back into their centre.
- Helping Centres register with government in order to gain Government of South Africa recognition and become eligible for subsidies.
- Upgrading centres.
- Working with Government to design effective ECD (Early Childhood Development) policy.



Children waiting to receive their nutritious JAM porridge at their child care centre



## NUTRITIONAL FEEDING IMPACT

Matshidiso is a three year old little girl who has attended the Teddy Bear Day Care Centre for little over a year. When she first arrived, she was in very poor physical condition, evidently suffering from malnutrition. Her mother had been unemployed for some time and was unable to care for her child. Out of desperation, she brought Matshidiso to the centre hoping that they would be able to help. After two weeks of eating the JAM porridge, there was a marked improvement in her condition. The sores on her body started to clear up and she started to gain weight. Her energy levels have improved and she is able to participate in the activities with the other children. Were it not for JAM and the willingness of the centre principle to assist, no one knows what would have become of little Matshidiso.



Matshidiso enjoying her JAM porridge with her friends



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EVERY ADDITIONAL € 42.00 INVESTED WILL  
CHANGE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER CHILD,  
BRINGING THEM HOPE AND A BETTER FUTURE



THANK YOU

