



REPORT ON IRCU FOOD DISTRIBUTION EXERCISE

IRCU Humanitarian effort towards complementing government effort in food relief distribution in Wakiso

Introduction

Inter Religious Council of Uganda on May 6th, 2020 launched the IRCU COVID-19 Humanitarian response following consent given by the President of Uganda, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. This drive is intended to complement government effort in food relief distribution in Kampala and Wakiso districts respectively.

Humanitarian Support towards IRCU COVID-19 Response

IRCUCOVID-19 response has been supported by various well wishers inform of donations to fund the IRCU COVID-19 food distribution drive.

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT
07-05-20	Bishop Joshua Lwere	10,000,000
11-05-20	Mr. Emmanuel Katongole	5,000,000
12-05-20	Bishop Lugolobi Waiswa Ivan	1,000,000
13-05-20	Mr. Robert Kabushenga	1,000,000
14-05-20	Dr. Ian Clarke	1,000,000
14-05-20	Mr. Aga Ssekalala	2,000,000
14-05-20	Mr. Kishor Joban Putra	3,000,000
	TOTAL	22,000,000

Meeting with field commanders from Office of the Prime Minister

On 13th May, 2020, the IRCU Covid-19 Technical team held a harmonization meeting with officials from the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). The officials were Col. David Lumumba, Col. Alex Namara, ACP Akakunda A. B. and Mr. Paddy Galabuzi.

It was resolved that IRCU gives 15kgs of posho and 10kgs of beans on average per household or 18kgs (3bags) of Maize flour and 9kgs (3bags) of beans depending on the packages received from OPM Stores; IRCU team shall not distribute food to places where Government (OPM Team) operates/completed; IRCU would go back and mop-out households that missed food items during the food distribution exercises in the areas where they have been and issuance of special food items received from OPM (such as rice, milk, biscuits, soap) should be according to availability.

It was also agreed that the documentation of the distribution form should be spearheaded by Uganda Red Cross volunteers.

IRCU's food distribution coverage so far

Division	Parish	Villages covered	No. of HHs	No. Persons
Makindye Ssabagabo	Masajja	Kibiri B; Kalina cell; Busabala; Gangu B; Massaja B; Gangu C; Kiziba Gangu; Massaja A; Kabuuma; Gangu A; Kibira A; Ndikutamada; Kikajjo; Zindi	4,199	20,155
	Ndejje	Kigo-Lunya; Mirimu Cell; Nazziba Cell 2; Kanyanya; Seguku Cells; Seguku Cell IV; Ndejje Control Cell; Lugga; Mutungo; Lubowa; Lubugumu; Lweza B Cell; Lweza A	5,250	25,200
	Bunamwaya	Luboowa; Kisingiri; Mirembe; Nankiga; Kirimanyanga; Ngobe; Wabiyinja; Bunamwaya; Kanaala; Nfufu; Lufuka; Zana; Kikumbi	5,300	25,440
Kasangati	Kasangati	Gayaza A; Gayaza B; Kyankima; Bulaamu; Wampewo; Kyetume a; Kyetume B; Gita Nabutaka; Nangabo-cell; Lutete A; Buyinja	5,121	24,581
Gombe	Matugga	Kito-cell; Kiryagonja; Katalemwa; Kiryoowa; Buyinja; Kilwaniro cell; Kyilamuli; Lwadda A;	5,571	26,741
Entebbe	Kajjansi	Bwebaja; Buzzi; Nakigalala; Makadwa, Kitende B; Bweya Central cell; Ddungu lumuli; Kawotto; Kiryamuli; Nsogu central; Kanyigo-Bulonde cell; Namulanda; Kaama III; Bulwany central; Kajansi cell; Mawanyi bwebajja; Lutaba cell	3,312	15,898
Nansana	Busukuma	Magigye; Buso; Kasambya; Naggamba; Busukuma; Namalongo; Nabalenga; Seeta	1,584	7,603
Total			30,337	145,618

Institutions reached out to:

Institution	Target No. of Persons
Uganda Christian university	150
Kyambogo University (Kakumba Chapel)	70
Uganda Cancer Institute	160
Total	380

Faith Based Institutions

FBO	No. of HHs	No Persons
Uganda Orthodox Church	350	1,680
Church of Uganda	800	3,840
National Alliance of Pentecostal and Evangelical Churches in Uganda	250	1,200
Uganda Muslim Supreme Council	600	,880
Seventh-day Adventist Uganda Union	220	1,056
Born Again Faith	300	1,440
Kibuli	300	1,440
Kawempe Mosque	150	720
Total	2,970	9,600

Institutions reached out to:

Institution	No Persons
Seeta Outreach Organization	15
Sanyu Babies Home	50
Kito-Kira	25
Refugee Community - mengo	1,090
Muyenga Vulnerable youth	111
Matuga Vulnerable youth	30
Namirembe Diocese Mothers Union vulnerable communities	147
Kasangati Ghetto youth	700
Gospel Artists	350
Total	2,518

IRCU's Comparative Advantage

- 1) Elaborate and robust structure of the member institutions. These run from national to family level.
- 2) Experience in handling emergencies. Member institutions have running agencies like Caritas, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA),

and Church of Uganda, Planning, Development and Rehabilitation Department (COU- PDR) that have the capacity and experience to support communities during emergencies.

- 3) Ready and available volunteers. These include priests, pastors, imams, women and youth
- 4) Goodwill from the public. This has been proven through the donations in form of cash, trucks fuel and labour during the food distribution.
- 5) Ownership of Faith Based media houses that give mileage to COVID-19 awareness messages.

Challenges faced

- 1) There has been inadequate supply of especially beans to the IRCU stores
- 2) This exercise has been occasionally politicized in some distribution centers. In some cases, the local council leaders tried to personalize this exercise.
- 3) Inadequate support from Office of the Prime Minister technical team.