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### MCU/MCB COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE REPORT

#### APPRECIATION

MCU would like to appreciate the Methodist Church in Britain for the continued financial support that made this intervention possible despite the difficult times of COVID-19 crisis globally. The relief items reached the most vulnerable people deep in the villages in the various circuits.

We pray to the Almighty God to heal the world of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic and may God bless you abundantly.

The intervention sought to achieve the following objectives;

1. To provide emergency food supplies to a section of the target population of 1,500 who are hungry within the next six months (May 2020 – October 2020).
2. To provide personal hygiene items that will keep the population healthy
3. To provide food supplements to targeted children less than five years of age and vulnerable Women.
4. To provide early maturing and drought resistant seeds to the targeted population to ensure food security in the future.

With the financial support provided by Methodist Church in Britain, Methodist Church in Uganda was able to meet the first two objectives i.e (a) provided emergency food supplies to a section of the target population and (b) provided personal hygiene items like laundry soap to ensure proper hygiene of the population. MCU reached out to a total of **752** direct beneficiaries/families with a family having an average of six (6) people hence a total of **4,512** people benefited from the relief support. Each beneficiary received 10kgs of maize flour (posho), 5kgs of dry beans and one bar of laundry soap.



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### COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The beneficiaries appreciated the relief support citing that they did not go hungry for some days during the difficult lockdown period and also had enough soap to keep themselves safe from the deadly COVID-19. The beneficiaries also appreciated the time of intervention quoting that the support came at the time they needed it most.

Another church member stated that “it saved her from begging for food and soap from her neighbors” and another beneficiary from Makuutu Methodist Church said that “It came freely to me, thank you God”. Citing

The above statements are clear indications that the relief items distributed served their purpose of; provision of emergency food supplies to the targeted population and provision of personal hygiene items that will keep the population healthy.

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

A planning meeting involving the Synod staff and Synod senior leaders was held to plan for the funds received from MCB. It was resolved that the relief items will be distributed in the seven circuits and a truck will be hired to transport the items because of the long distance between churches.

The distribution of relief items (maize flour, beans and laundry soap) was done in Seven (7) circuits of **Jinja, Iganga, Butangala, Buyende, Irundu, Kaliro** and **Kamuli** with a total of 32 churches. The distribution of the relief items was done in two phases because of the distance between the circuits and the strict standard operating procedures that were set up by the government to contain the spread of COVID-19. The first phase of distribution was done in June while the second phase was done in July 2020. The composition of the Methodist Churches that received relief items in the seven circuits is as follows;



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**Jinja Circuit:** Bugembe, Mpumudde, Namulesa

**Iganga Circuit:** Ikonko, Bulubandi, Iganga Central, Nawankonge, Mawagala

**Butangala Circuit:** Muguluka, Mpumwire, Butangala, Kibundaire

**Buyende:** Nambula, Mango, Namusita, Ikanda, Bukungu

**Irundu:** Irundu, Nakalongo, Buyumba, Kitoiki, Nabisiki, Innula

**Kaliro:** Kaliro Town, Kyani, Makuutu, Kerebu, Bupyana

**Kamuli:** Nabirumba, Bugondha, Bubeeko, Nabitula

Each church from Jinja circuit had 35 beneficiaries because the people there stay in an urban area and were affected more by the lockdown while each of the churches in Iganga, Butangala, Buyende, Irundu, Kaliro and Kamuli circuits had 25 beneficiaries respectively. The beneficiaries selected were both church and non-church members in each of the above churches.

The local pastors selected the most vulnerable people in their churches in collaboration with the superintendent Ministers.

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### COORDINATING TEAM

The team was well coordinated through the leadership of the Synod Bishop who was locked down in Kenya because of closed borders.

The distribution exercise was coordinated by Rev. David Ntogohnya the Synod Secretary who was on ground with full support from the Synod Bishop, together with the synod staff who included program Coordinator, Synod Accountant, the Youth Coordinator, the superintendent ministers and local pastors.



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### CHALLENGES

During the distribution exercise, the beneficiaries did not gather at the distribution centers (churches) due the difficulty in observing social distance as mandated by the government.

However, the pastors and local area leaders delivered the relief items to the individual beneficiaries at their homes using bicycles and motorcycles where they acknowledged their receipt. It was a tedious exercise but they managed to accomplish it within one day of distribution in that particular circuit.



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**AS PART OF OUR REPORT, WE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING THE  
DISRIBUTION EXERCISE**



*Rev. David Ntoghnya, the MCU Synod Secretary, handing over relief items of maize flour, beans and laundry soap to Mrs. Irene Lwanga the chairperson of Bugembe Methodist Church, Jinja.*

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*Pastor Steven Biso of Nawankonge Methodist Church handing over 10kgs of maize flour, 5kgs of beans and soap to Mr. Latifu Magumba*



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*Pastor Mwesigye Francis of Bulubandi Methodist Church handing over relief items to Miss. Akoth Betty as Rev. David and Rev. Margret Nakaluuba looks on.*

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*Ps. Eng. Ron Paul Mufumba of Iganga Central Methodist Church handing over maize flour and beans to Miss. Tape Kwagala*



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*Pastor Samson Ndinywa (extreme left) and Mr. Ronald Mugweri (extreme right) of Buyumba Methodist Church, Irundu circuit handing over relief items to Mr. Byakatonda Joshua and Mr.Kigenyi Samuel.*

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*Rev. Mujoma Jonathan of Irundu Circuit handing over relief items to pastor Tenywa Patrick of Nabisiki Methodist Church, Irundu circuit.*

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*Rev.Hamis Mugendawala of Kaliro Circuit (extreme Right) and Mr. Tenywa Aaron the Synod accountant (extreme left) handing over relief items (maize flour, beans and soap) to beneficiaries of Makuutu Methodist Church, Kaliro circuit.*



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*tons of maize flour(posho) at the Synod Head Offices along Magwa Crescent road, Jinja City ready for distribution.*



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*Maize flour and beans being offloaded for storage at the Synod offices in Jinja*

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*Pastor Joshua Kanaabi from Innula Methodist Church, Irundu Circuit with some children who had accompanied their parents to receive the relief items.*



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*Relief items including maize flour, beans and soap being offloaded from the truck at Nabitula Methodist church in Kamuli circuit.*

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