

We deliver over 8.4 million meals to hungry families

Since COVID-19 became a harsh reality, vulnerable communities across the world have been sending this clear, urgent and repeated message: *"Hunger may kill us before the virus does."*

The United Nations World Food Programme currently puts the number of people at risk of starvation at more than 270 million. This is double the pre-pandemic figure. The COVID crisis has greatly exacerbated the situation for those already suffering from poverty, armed conflict and the climate crisis. The World Bank predicts that by the end of this year, the pandemic will cause 111 to 149 million people worldwide to fall into extreme poverty.

Even before the pandemic, the number of people suffering from chronic hunger had been on the rise again. Far from "Zero Hunger", the number is now predicted to come close to one billion.

In South Africa, the number of people who are food insecure has nearly doubled – dramatically increasing the demand for nutritious food supply to communities across the country. As in the past, Rise Against Hunger Africa (RAH Africa) rose to the challenge.

Established in the USA in 1998 and operating in South Africa since 2009, Rise Against Hunger is an international organisation that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid worldwide.

Its focus is on reaching hungry children – especially those of pre-school age – and it provides fully balanced meals essential for early childhood development. The meals

provided are highly nutritious and comprise rice, soya, dehydrated vegetable mix and a fortification pack of 23 essential minerals and vitamins specifically formulated to combat malnutrition.

Super Group has been a logistics partner to RAH Africa since 2013 – transporting thousands of tonnes of raw ingredients to volunteer-driven meal-packing events and distributing meal packs across the country. Since the national lockdown began in South Africa at the end of March 2020, RAH Africa and Super Group have distributed over 8.4 million meals to more than 176,000 people affected by the pandemic.

During the strict lockdown, ingredients for meal packs were particularly difficult to obtain, but with the use of the Super Group vehicles, RAH Africa was able to source and collect the required products to ensure continued meal packing and much-needed supply.

"With partners like Super Group we are tackling hunger on a global scale," says Brian Nell, CEO of Rise Against Hunger. *"Our mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable,"* he expands. *"With the commitment of Super Group and others like it, we can end hunger by 2030!"*

See how you can help at: www.rahafrica.org.

