



Läkarmissionen has through its operational wing IAS, more than 30 years of experience of providing WASH services, water, sanitation and hygiene, in emergency and fragile communities. That knowledge is vital when it comes to fighting the spread of Covid-19. With a strong community network, vivid impacts in the community and committed donors, IAS are equipped to meet the challenges of the pandemic.

Our Response project goals are to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 through increasing access to safe water and teach good hygiene practices. We work in four different areas:

#### 1. AWARENESS

Awareness creation: includes empowering communities with information on how Covid-19 is spread and how they best can protect themselves and find credible information that defuse fear.

#### 2. KNOWLEDGE

Safety promotion: this includes interventions aimed at keeping people from contracting covid-19. This covers a range of initiatives from person safety measures to community safety measure.

#### 3. ACCESS TO HYGIENE

Access to safe and clean water is critical in guaranteeing healthy and productive lives. There is a direct linkage between hygiene and the spread of Covid-19. As a result, handwashing has emerged as a key strategy to protect communities from the pandemic. Therefore clean water, hand washing facilities, soap/disinfectants and mouth cover are crucial.

#### 4. SUPPORT COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

We work together with local government, local health facilities, community leaders and informal authorities in the communities we serve.

*“IAS has brought us the hand washing facility and soap, I will encourage my friends to practice what they told us: To keep social distancing and wash our hands.” Akuel Garang, 19, Tea maker in Manyel market*



*“I am very pleased because IAS trained us on the Corona virus. No one else did!” Mr. Victor Akok Doi, Health Officer of Akuem Health Centre.*



*“Your training has open our minds by widening the knowledge on Covid-19. This will help us to conduct awareness both within the Health Centre and in the community.” Mr Nogr Nogr, Director of Health Yargot Payam, Souht Sudan*

## WHAT WE DO – KEY ACTIVITIES

1. Construction and rehabilitation of water points; we have skills, expertise and equipment to construct boreholes and solar pumping stations to ensure access to safe and clean water
2. Provision of soap: This was used as a starter to help the community understand the reasons for hand washing with soap which they should internalize and eventually get used to it to enhance good hygiene practices.
3. Provision of hand washing facilities: This is installed in communal congregation areas like court halls, health centres, schools and worship places used as an example for the authorities responsible for those congregation areas to pick it up and continue using the system.
4. Solid waste management: Strengthen healthcare waste management protocols by making sure bins in the POCs are located at all points of care, ensure that they are routinely emptied, and waste is disposed of in a safe gazetted place.
5. Training of community groups in soap and liquid soap making; we empower community members to sustainably make their own soap, and this too enhances their livelihoods as they are able to sell some soap and raise their household incomes.
6. Promotion of behavioural changes practices like frequent washing of hands with soap, social distancing, encouraging people to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, encouraging people to stay at home and avoid crowded places.
7. Disinfecting public places such as markets and health facilities.

### WHY PARTNER WITH INTERNATIONAL AID SERVICES?

Since its inception in 1989, International Aid Services has become a lead organisation in providing innovative and sustainable Water and Sanitation Services.

To date, IAS is operational in 10 countries with support offices in Sweden, Denmark, America and Germany.

We have nine fully equipped country offices serving vulnerable communities.

We are equipped with borehole drilling rigs, geophysical machines and Water Laboratories.

We have 400 trained technical staff members and 6,000 trained WASH promoters and trained community development staff with various community entry skills.

We have strong alliances with governments, partnering, UN organizations such as UNICEF, UNHCR, and international organisations such as SIDA, DANIDA, SMC, Save the Children, among others.

IAS is results driven, committed to transparency and accountability. We deliver results and we are rooted in the community. We are change catalysts. We deliver, we empower and we transform communities.