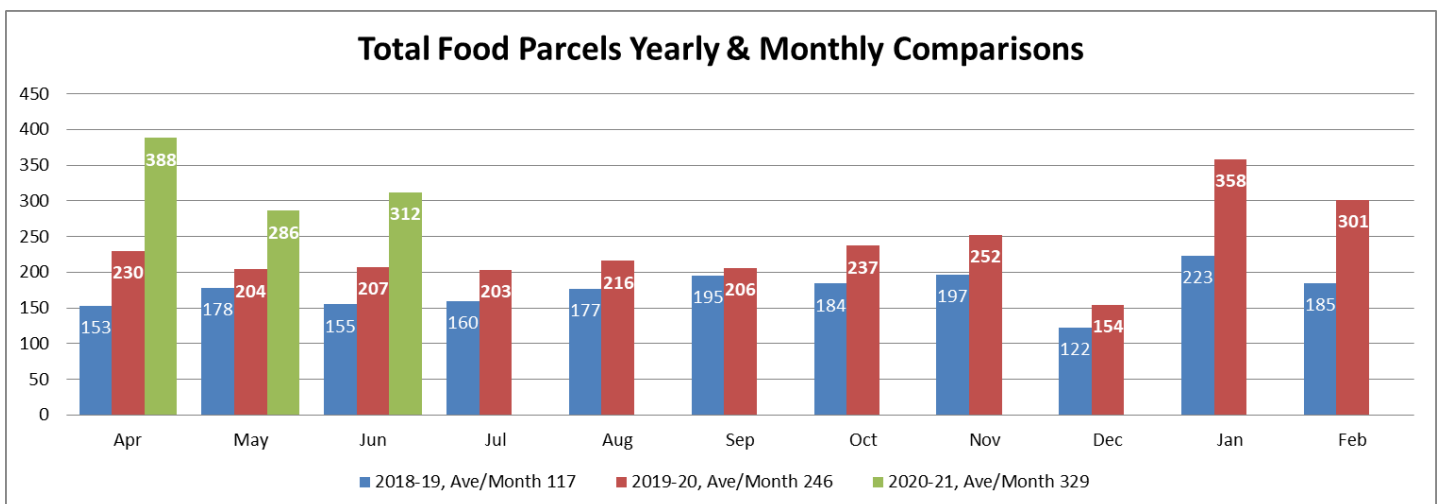




***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"***  
***[Matthew 25:35]***

***Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise***

## ***Need Project Report*** ***June 2020***



### ***Lower numbers than expected***

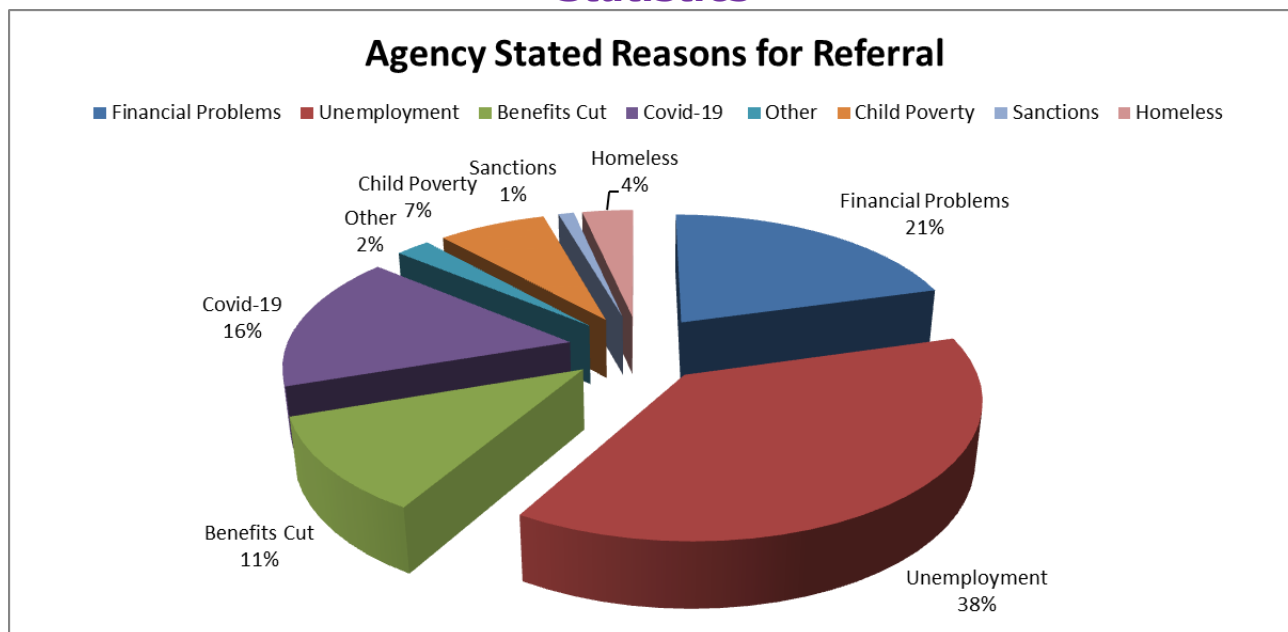
We are aware of several areas where local initiatives have been providing emergency food parcels during the lock-down period. We may see an increase as things start going back to 'normal' over the next months.

The agencies and partners that most of our referrals came from are:

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Child'n Cent's (Cent Beds)
18	19	42	90	3	29

Most came from Central Beds Council, **119** including Childrens Centres. Other agencies that sent us referrals, but not counted specifically include schools, job centres, welfare organisations, charities and churches.

## Statistics



Although not reported or noted as Covid-19, many of the unemployed and financial problems were probably due to lock-down and jobs lost plus benefits not paid out yet.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	114	38
Sandy	225	75
Stotfold	162	54
Shefford	108	36
Biggleswade	101	34
Marston	37	12
Out of Area	240	80
	<b>987</b>	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	<b>£ 53,244.00</b>	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	<b>£ -</b>
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	<b>£ 16,848.00</b>	Overall Total Year from April to Date	<b>£ 53,244.00</b>

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	517	441	304	1519	<b>2781</b>
Christmas	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

Messages received this month:

*Just wanted to thank you and Dave etc for the food parcel. It was brilliant. I'm so grateful and could not have got through the last few months without you all. I'm hoping it's the last time I need it as I finally had my pip assessment this week so hoping my disability warrants some benefits. I've never claimed benefits before...and I've been waiting since 10 January.so fingers crossed.*

*I just wanted to send an email to thank you all. Yesterday my car was absolutely filled to the brim with food parcels, bags of clothes, shoes and bedding all from yourselves, which I delivered to 5 families within Hertfordshire. I can't even begin to describe the difference you make to the families I deliver the parcels to. I have been collecting parcels from yourselves and delivering them to families for almost a year now and it is clear what a massive help these food parcels make to a family.*

## ***Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods***

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	3	£ 230.00	Cookers	1	£ 70.00
Beds	7	£ 315.00	Fridges/freezers	2	£ -
Bedroom furniture	4	£ 120.00	Suites/sofas	1	£ 70.00
Lounge furniture	7	£ 165.00	Washing machines	2	£ 160.00
Misc & baby equip	2	£ 100.00	Microwaves	0	£ -
Bedding	4	£ 40.00	TV's / DVD players	0	£ -
<b>Estimated value</b>		<b>£ 970.00</b>	<b>Estimated value</b>		<b>£ 300.00</b>

<b>Tot Est Value for Month</b>	<b>£1,020</b>
<b>Tot Est Value Year to date</b>	<b>£1,895.00</b>

Despite restrictions due to the lock-down in both the number of items donated and the logistics of delivery, we have been able to continue helping families with household items including 7 beds.

### ***There's a Cost.***

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail:

[admin@theneedproject.co.uk](mailto:admin@theneedproject.co.uk) .

### ***Our objectives***

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

### ***Our values***

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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