

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

ALUGBO COMMUNITY

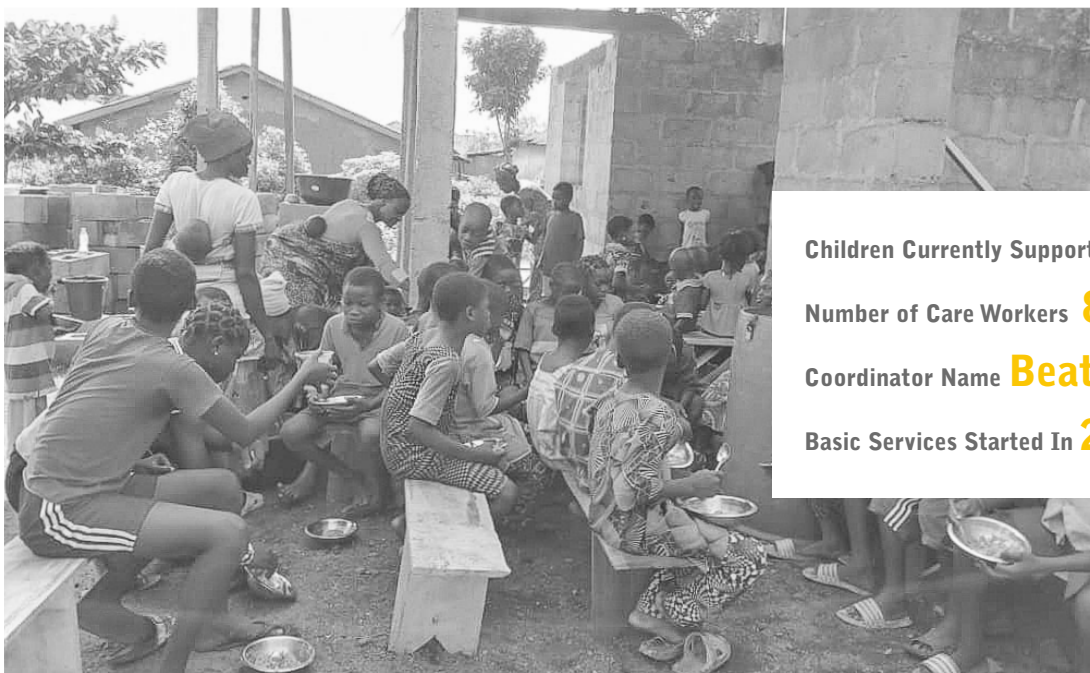
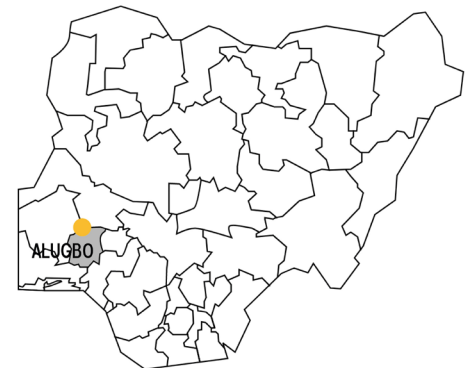
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Within Alugbo idol worship runs deep and many people participate in the practice of witchcraft and ancestral worship. Additionally, there are many Muslim families living there and the good news of Jesus is not commonly heard.

In 2022, the local Hands at Work team in Lagos was looking to expand their work in Nigeria, committed to their care of the most vulnerable children. When Toyin, a member of the Lagos team, shared this dream with her mother, she mentioned other places around the Ibadan area that were incredibly vulnerable. As they walked, they went through a series of communities, but none of them felt like the place where God was leading. However, when they entered Alugbo, the vulnerability was obvious. This was where God was calling them to start caring for children.

In Alugbo they connected with a local pastor and his wife, who were already active in their community, visiting people in their homes and praying over them. It was clear that they had a heart to serve. As Toyin shared the vision of Hands at Work, this couple were eager to be involved and introduced Toyin and the team to the local chief and a number of key people in Alugbo. From there, they began mobilising other ladies within the community who, although vulnerable themselves, expressed a desire to do something to help the children in the community. As they visited their homes and shared about Jesus in this predominantly Muslim community, the team of Care Workers began to grow. It so happens that many of the Care Workers are also the Primary Caregivers of the children being cared for.

In 2022, once a team of Care Workers was mobilised, the Alugbo Community Based Organisation began officially serving 50 of the most vulnerable children at the Care Point.



Children Currently Supported **50**
 Number of Care Workers **8**
 Coordinator Name **Beatrice+Maria**
 Basic Services Started In **2022**