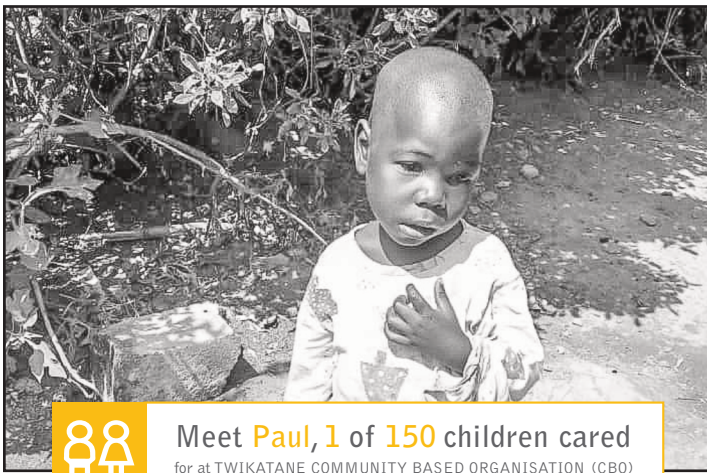


Twelve dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Grace Mwila, who support the most vulnerable children in the community of Amlw. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Meet Paul, 1 of 150 children cared for at TWIKATANE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

Walking on a Holy Home Visit through Amlw, the Care Workers came across a large family. Sensing their vulnerability, they listened to their story, quickly realising the urgency of inviting the children to the Care Point. Shy and quiet, four-year-old Paul\* takes time to connect with people but Care Worker Rosemary has learnt that perseverance rewards her with a big smile. The family has suffered immensely; Arriving with their children to nurse their sick mother, Paul's mother and aunt were left to support a family of nine with no income after their husbands were killed in a boating accident. Paul\* became malnourished. After receiving food consistently, Paul's health and prospects have greatly improved. He loves to learn about God and enjoys being a child again, experiencing the love and care of the Care Workers.

## Community Update

Life is hard for the Amlw Care Workers, with many struggling in their marriages and feeling unsupported at home. The encouragement that they give each other is extremely important. The Care Workers are united, enjoying each other's company and working well together. Taking a personal interest in each child under their care, they like to use their initiative and resources before connecting with the Service Centre for help, a strength that bonds them and enhances their team spirit. Amlw has placed particular focus on youth education, as early dropout from school is a problem. Illiteracy is common, as the pull of the local mine is strong. Children salvage at the mines illegally, placing their lives at risk and stopping them from learning. A recent camp enabled some of the youth to be disciplined, encouraging them to continue with school so that they can receive an education and develop crucial skills needed for their future.



## Activities and Projects

Recently, deworming was undertaken and the basic necessities of mosquito nets, blankets, underwear and dental hygiene items were procured, all to be distributed alongside clothing based on individual need. Having these items goes a long way to ensuring the health and hygiene of the children and their families. A structure was completed for the under-fives programme, allowing the children a place to sit and digest whilst eating (pictured left). The programme was officially launched on a Primary Caregivers day, enabling the children to be supported by the Care Workers' constant encouragement and to feel God's love. Although the CBO is searching for more church involvement at Amlw, the pastors in the area attended a Bible school at Kachele Farm, and 13 Care Workers devoted their lives to Christ at a Foundational Training! With five more potential Care Workers showing an interest, this training was a high point in the developing growth of the team.

