

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

BEESKOP COMMUNITY

SOUTH AFRICA | OSHOEK REGION

In 2009, George Snyman, the co-founder of Hands at Work, stood overlooking the Oshoek Community with a pastor friend, who said, "It's the worst community I've ever seen." Later, George met a local principal who said, "So many of the orphans are disorientated. They don't even know what day it is." Hands at Work began building a relationship with Bamabanani Community Based Organisation (CBO) and partnered to care for the most vulnerable children in the area.

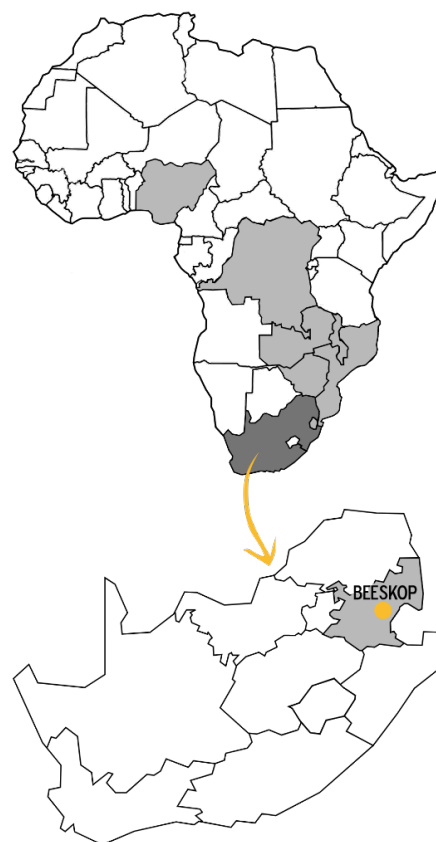
The first community in Oshoek that Hands at Work served in was Beeskop. Beeskop is located close to the South Africa and Eswatini border amidst picturesque, rolling, grassy hills. Though it is visually stunning, it can be bitterly cold and windy. Due to its proximity to the border, the community has many cultural ties to Eswatini. Many people have come to South Africa from Eswatini to find a better life. Because of the challenges within Beeskop, Hands at Work has mobilised the local church to respond and care for vulnerable children in the community. From this mobilisation, Care Workers stepped forward to serve, and the Beeskop Community Based Organisation (CBO) was born.

In partnership with Hands at Work, the Beeskop CBO began serving the most vulnerable children in their community in 2014, providing the three essential services of a daily hot, nutritious meal and support with education and basic health care.

Over the years, Hands at Work has developed strong relationships with the local schools and the clinic. These relationships help to provide the protection and support needed for the most vulnerable children.

Visiting orphaned and vulnerable children in their homes is the foundation of everything that Hands at Work does. Care Workers conduct regular Holy Home Visits, allowing for a holistic assessment of the children's practical, emotional and spiritual needs.

In 2021, new toilets were built for the CBO. Having these facilities contributes to the overall health and hygiene of the children. In 2022, a fence was built around the CBO property, ensuring that the children are safe and secure.



Number of Care Workers **3**
 Coordinator Name **Ncamsile**
 Distance from Local Office **20km**
 Basic Services Started In **2014**