



Twenty-four dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Winfridah Kachokola, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Chisamba. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Elen is the last born in her family, preceded by her four sisters. Sadly, her father passed away when she was only two years old, and the family struggled to make ends meet. Elen lost weight and her skin and hair became yellow from a lack of proper nutrition. Amid this trauma and grief, Elen and her sisters were identified by the local Care Workers as among the most vulnerable. Immediately they were brought under the care of the Isubilo CBO. Tragedy struck again when their mother passed away only two years later. The girls now live with their grandmother who struggles to fully care for her granddaughters, but thankfully she is not on her own. With the consistent support of the Care Workers, Elen is stronger, receiving regular medication for her illness, and is attending school. As Elen has been helped, she dreams of becoming a nurse so that she can help others.

Activities and Projects

This year, the Care Workers and children were encouraged to have been visited by their long-standing partners, friends from Minnesota, from the United States. They walked together in Holy Home Visits, joined in the Relationship Groups, and had a Care Worker and children's appreciation day. As part of the continued commitment to the holistic care of the most vulnerable children, the Isubilo CBO has provided deworming medication each quarter to every child, ensuring they get as much nutrition from their meals as possible. They have also been able to provide blankets and winter clothes to the children in need. A youth camp (pictured bottom left) also took place earlier this year with six youth from each of the four CBOs in the area. The Isubilo youth know Jesus and have been taking ownership within the community, hosting a Relationship Group of their own. They meet together three times each week!



Graduation Update

From the beginning, Hands at Work has been focused on serving in the most vulnerable communities. As the Community Based Organisation (CBO) and the local church mature and develop in their understanding and capacity to care for the most vulnerable, there comes a time when they are ready to take the next step and take ownership of caring for vulnerable people. This step is called graduation and this is where we find the community of Chisamba.

The Isubilo CBO has been maturing year after year, and this past year has been no exception; Isubilo's Care Point is a fully functioning Life Centre! The Care Worker team continues to strengthen, the youth are increasing their engagement, and the Under 5's program is thriving. Shelters were even constructed to



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accommodate the youth and Under 5's program. A success story from the Care Workers weekly Relationship Group was when the Care Workers came together and donated maize to one Care Worker who had her harvest stolen.

As a step towards seeing the church and community picking up the mantle, 50 children graduated from the Three Essential Services program in July. In this journey, the local churches have increased their support by sending church leaders and members to participate in Relationship Groups and engage with children at the Life Centre. The management team of the Isubilo CBO is strong and continuing to grow stronger. They actively take responsibility in caring for the children and providing for their needs. Regularly, the Isubilo CBO receives donations from people in the community, who believe in what the Care Workers are doing to care for the children. When challenges arise, they know that they can turn to the Chisamba Hands at Work team, who are only a short walk away from the Life Centre. Though the community of Chisamba still faces challenges, the local church and the Isubilo CBO are learning how to stand together and fulfil their biblical mandate to care for the most vulnerable.



Pray for the Care Workers as they move towards graduation. Pray that they will continue to grow in their relationships with one another and in their ability to care for the most vulnerable.

Pray for the local churches to continue their involvement in the Isubilo CBO and that they will speak life and truth into the lives of the Care Workers and children.

