



Seven dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Maman Kaj, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kikula A. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Dany's\* mother was married and had two sons. In 2018, her husband tragically passed away, leaving her grieving with two young boys. She moved from the city of Lubumbashi to the slum community of Kikula, 130 kilometres away. Several years later, she remarried and had two more children: Dany and his little sister. Last year, Dany's mother also passed away, leaving her four children behind. Though their grandmother stepped in to care for them, food security remains a daily battle. Despite working hard to farm a small plot of land, she has little access to seeds or fertilizer, making her harvest very poor. Thankfully, the Kikula Care Workers met and started caring for this family. Each day, the children come to the Care Point for a hot, nutritious meal, and have also been supported with the provision of mattresses and blankets for their home. Regularly, Care Worker Maman Faila visits Dany and his family in their home. She is somebody that Dany trusts.

## Community Update

We continue to thank God for the committed group of Care Workers in Kikula A, who continue to know the children and their stories deeply. An ongoing challenge that they face is being able to walk long distances to do Holy Home Visits, as some are quite elderly and others have newborn babies. A challenge in the wider community of Kikula is a lack of parental care. Children can be seen as a way of adding to the income of the family by doing labor jobs like breaking stones, washing clothes, or carrying water for others. Sometimes the children do not come to the Care Point as they are having to work. Pray for the Primary Caregivers to understand the importance of their children coming to the Care Point.



## Activities and Projects

The Care Point in Kikula A continues to be a safe place for the kids to gather. Recently, Mapendo CBO finished the construction of a fence around the property, increasing the safety for the children when they are playing (pictured left). Regularly, the most vulnerable children were given deworming medication, ensuring they are receiving the proper nutrients from their daily meal. Care Worker Papa Dodo had been a really great support for Mapendo CBO over the past few years, but has had to step back due to his increased commitments at his church. However, he still comes every Saturday to disinfect the toilets and cut the grass; a beautiful example of his servant heart and commitment to the most vulnerable.

