

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



Twelve-year-old Damien* comes from a family of nine children. His mother, out of her desperation, sells her body as a way to make money to survive. The murder of Damien's father by one of her clients resulted in his mother going to prison. When this happened, Damien and his older siblings went to live with his father's relatives who neglected and mistreated them, believing they were bewitched. When his mother was released from prison, she took Damien back, but was still not consistently present in his life as she looked for work in the mines. When Care Workers met Damien, his health was poor, but has since improved, thanks to their holistic support. Damien is always finding ways to help at the Care Point, like carrying charcoal and food. He is very clever and creative, and enjoys making things out of the plastic lids off soft drink bottles. Damien is a huge gift to this community of care.

Community Update

The community of Care Workers continues to grow stronger, with a few extremely committed ones travelling the long distance from Kikula A to support the Kikula B Care Point. They know their children very well and always follow up when challenges arise. They are willing to do the hard work and show great commitment. As there is no food storage at the Care Point, they have to haul food and water each day. Though the Under 5s program has started, they are needing to grow in their rhythms which is something that the local Hands at Work team in Likasi is committed to modelling for them. A highlight for Mapendo CBO is that Hands at Work owns the land that the Care Point in Kikula B is on and has papers for it.



Activities and Projects

This year, the local Hands team in Likasi facilitated two trainings for the Kikula B Care Workers: a Foundational Training where they shared about the model of Hands at Work in caring for vulnerable families (pictured left) and a Maranatha Workshop where they shared the good news of the gospel. The newer Care Workers are growing in their passion of serving the most vulnerable children through these events. Additionally, blankets, secondhand clothes and shoes for the children were purchased and distributed. Deworming was also done, and the Care Point ensures that the children are receiving the necessary nutrients from their daily meal. The Mapendo Care Workers are grateful to have new toilets on the property, providing safety and dignity for the children.

