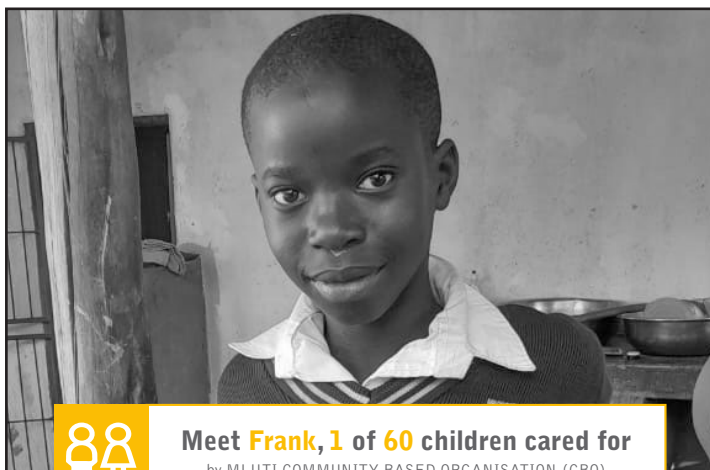




Six dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Nomsa, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Mluti. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Care Worker Nolwazi smiles as she sees 11-year-old Frank* and his siblings walking towards the Care Point. She knows their story well. They came from Mozambique with their grandmother (gogo), who took them in after their mother passed away. Gogo is currently away, learning to be a traditional healer for the next two years. The siblings have moved in with their older sister who works hard doing odd jobs, like laundry, for people in the community. Sadly, the family has no documentation, meaning they can't access any government support. But they know that Jesus has a plan for them, and he has given them Nolwazi for support. She loves Frank and his siblings like her own children, supporting them practically and emotionally. Nolwazi has seen them grow and change since they joined the Care Point in 2017. She says they are respectful, loving, and enjoy each other's company. In God's mercy, they are not alone.

Community Update

The Care Point is a place of hope and healing in a community where children see violence, alcohol abuse, substance addiction, chronic illness and teenage pregnancy often. Recently, new Care Workers have joined Mluti CBO and are dedicated to cooking and caring for the children.

There are also pastors who support by cleaning at the Care Point and praying with the children. One of the Primary Caregivers has a special heart for the under 5s and makes sure they are fed, rested and well-loved. There are some challenges, such as disunity among the new Care Workers. The local Hands at Work team in Hazyview supports them through Relationship Groups and Holy Home Visits, where they share God's word and encourage them to build relationships, reconcile and receive God's love.



Activities and Projects

Mluti CBO has made great progress in the last year. They have initiated a garden project, where the Care Workers can grow vegetables to feed their own families and the children they care for. Hands at Work has supported the CBO with seeds and help from the Projects Team (pictured left). A highlight from this year has been the church mobilisation events, where local pastors were invited to learn more about Hands at Work and how they can partner with us. Some improvements were carried out at the Care Point, such as a new playground and a fresh coat of paint. The children were blessed with hygiene items and school uniforms – all contributing to their overall health and well-being. The wider community continue to support the Care Point, exemplified by the involvement of the local councilor, who helped one of the families whose house was burned down by providing blankets and food. He also brought his team to assist the Care Workers with cleaning the Care Point and watering the garden.

