



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



Meet **Noah**, one of the children cared for
by BAMBANANI COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

For 14-year-old Noah*, the Care Point provides a crucial sense of security. Along with his three siblings, they all depend on their grandmother, Dalila* as the Primary Caregiver for the whole family. Originally from Eswatini and without South African documentation, Dalila does not have access to government assistance, leaving this family extremely vulnerable. To make ends meet, she does laundry for the local police, and with the meager earnings, tries to provide for her grandchildren. Currently living in a temporary shelter after their previous landlord noticed their vulnerability and tried to take advantage of them, Noah and his family face uncertainty once again. Thankfully, the Care Point is a source of hope, not just for Noah and his siblings, but Dalila as well, who has even committed to being a Care Worker.

Community Update

The Care Workers are more motivated and encouraged since increasing in number. They are better able to do Holy Home Visits, take charge of the 6-12-year-old program (pictured bottom left) and encourage the youth. On the back end of the annual initiation school season called ngoma, the local Hands at Work team in Oshoek attended a court case to advocate for a child from the Care Point who was burned during one of the ceremony preparations. This traditional practice is a stronghold in the community, especially among the young people. Unfortunately, the case didn't go further because of family pressure. By the grace of God, many of the youth from the Bambanani CBO remain active and responsible at the Care Point, helping to clean up and organize their own youth groups, bringing positive changes to the Care Point and the Care Workers.



Activities and Projects

This year, there was a Foundations Training for the Care Workers, where they were reminded of the Hands at Work vision. Following this, the Care Workers are more eager to do Holy Home Visits, allowing them to effectively care for the children. Additionally, Care Workers were invited to participate in a Care Worker revival, together with Care Workers from across the seven communities that Hands at Work is supporting in the Oshoek region. During this time, the Oshoek team invested into their lives, physically and spiritually, releasing them from the pressures and expectations of their everyday lives and giving them the opportunity to simply be loved and appreciated. Additionally, blankets and educational materials were distributed according to the needs of the children, while some families were assisted with home repairs, ensuring they have a safe place to live. Multiple times this year, a team from Sinani visited the Bambanani CBO, bringing support and encouragement to the Care Workers and children.