

# UPDATE FROM PIMAI C COMMUNITY | ZIMBABWE



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



Meet Susan, 1 of 125 children cared for at PIMAI C COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

Local Care Worker Tafadzwa found Susan\* in 2017, sitting at home crying about her hunger. Tafadzwa spent time with the family and, after hearing their story, knew that she was among the most vulnerable. Susan lives with her mother, Violet\*, five siblings and several other relatives. Her father left the family in 2006 and remarried. The large family lives in a one-roomed house, with the responsibility of providing for the children left to Violet. Unable to find consistent work, Violet relies on finding odd jobs in the community and doing a small amount of farming, but this is rarely sufficient.

Thankfully, Susan and her family are no longer alone in their challenges. Tafadzwa shares, "The relationship between me and Susan is very good. I visit her regularly and help her in the garden. I always do my best to assist her and her siblings with the little I have because their family is poor."

## Community Update

A great strength of CBO is the Care Workers' commitment to meeting together for Relationship Groups, a safe place for them to share their challenges and hear from the word of God. There is mutual respect among the Care Workers, making it easy to make unified decisions about the day-to-day running of the Care Point. The Care Workers enjoy playing games with the children and the local church leaders are regularly involved in what is happening at the Care Point. The water that the Care Workers use for cooking, drinking and washing dishes is located in a well that is far from the Care Point. There are plans in place to dig a borehole at the Care Point later this year.



## Activities and Projects

This year, the CBO was visited by the Wasp family (International Volunteers from the UK serving in South Africa). The Care Workers were encouraged by their spiritual maturity and willingness to join them on Holy Home Visits. With challenges in the community like abuse and early marriage, the local Hands at Work team in the Honde Valley are quick to support the Care Workers in fighting on behalf of the children. When necessary, they work with local child protection services to get justice for the children.

This year, the cooking shelter was completed, giving the Care Workers their own place where they can cook, meet together and be protected from the weather. Committed to caring for the health and hygiene of the children, blankets, underwear, toiletries, school shoes, school jerseys and school uniforms (pictured left) were purchased and distributed to the most vulnerable children in need.

