

# UPDATE FROM SEVILLE B COMMUNITY | SOUTH AFRICA



Hands at Work  
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Seven dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Marsha, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Seville B. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Meet Abigail, 1 of 50 children cared for  
by SEVILLE B COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

Abigail\* is a five-year-old girl who lives in Seville B with her sister Ruth\*, who is seven, and their grandmother (Gogo). They are a family from Mozambique who have no documentation, meaning they have no income and can't easily access government services. Their house is very small and they sleep together in one room. Ruth takes care of Abigail and Gogo, doing all the household chores and cooking. Abigail was unable to attend school until a Care Worker from Seville B CBO helped her enrol and get a school uniform. Today, Abigail goes to school with her friends and enjoys learning. Care Worker Marsha visits them regularly and helps them with their needs. She also plays with Abigail and Ruth and listens to their stories. Abigail and her family are grateful for the love and care they receive from the Care Workers at the Care Point.

## Community Update

The Care Workers in Seville B have built great relationships with the children and the community, and they inspire others to join them. They've also partnered with local pastors who share God's word with the children. This year, the local Hands at Work team in Hazyview started a Relationship Group for the Care Workers, which is an important space to encourage each other and build relationships. But the CBO faces many challenges. The Care Point currently operates out of one small room and doesn't have a proper cooking space, toilet or youth building. This makes it difficult to do all the activities of a Care Point to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to the most vulnerable children and families. In the wider community, there is a division between the South Africans and the Mozambicans. The latter are refugees who don't have access to health, education and other government services. The CBO is still learning how to support these groups of people, and encourage unity between them.



## Activities and Projects



This year, the Care Workers and local churches in Seville B were inspired and equipped by the Hazyview team during a Foundations Training (pictured left). Here, they learned about the vision and values of Hands at Work, and how to serve the most vulnerable children. There are plans to have a Maranatha Workshop soon, to celebrate what God has been doing in their community and to share more about Jesus. Regularly, the South African Regional Support Team joins the Hazyview team in supporting the Care Workers by visiting them and doing Holy Home Visits. The Care Workers have taken initiative in caring for the children by providing sanitary pads to the youth girls, showing ownership and a dedication to the holistic care of the children. A hope for the future is that the CBO can get more community stakeholders involved in the Care Point.