



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



Meet **Lukas**, 1 of 100 children cared for
by SOMMERSET COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

Lukas* smiles every time he sees Agreement, his Care Worker, walking towards his house. He often runs to greet her and hugs her tightly, knowing she is there to visit him and his family. Lukas lives with his grandmother, his brother and his cousin in a small two-room house. The family is originally from Mozambique and do not have South African documents, which means they are unable to receive any government assistance. They have no income and depend on the food that they get at school and at the Care Point, which they have been attending since 2019. Agreement listens to the children's stories, prays with them, and helps them with their needs. She is like a family member to them. Today, Lukas is 11 years old and is in grade 3. He loves going to school and learning new things. He dreams of becoming a doctor one day.

Community and Graduation Update

From the beginning, Hands at Work has been focused on serving in the most vulnerable communities. As the Sommerset CBO and the local church mature and develop in their understanding and capacity to care for the most vulnerable, there comes a time when they are ready to take the next step and take ownership to care for vulnerable people. This step is called graduation and this is where we find the community of Sommerset.

Sommerset CBO has grown in the last year, thanks to the dedication of several Care Workers and the investment into the youth development ministry that has led to strong youth involvement and maturity. They have a Board of Development with Japhet and other local leaders, who support and guide them. This year, a day of community prayer was held at the Care Point, where local



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pastors were invited to join the Care Workers and Hands at Work family in praying for the community and sharing words of encouragement.

At the end of this year, Sommerset CBO will graduate from the support of Hands at Work, so the Hazyview team are working together with the local pastors and Care Workers to ensure the continuity of care for the vulnerable children and families.

Sommerset CBO is building a relationship with a local organisation in the community called 'Africa Foundation' who have supported Sommerset CBO with the construction of new toilets and a borehole, as well as garden seedlings for the garden the Care Workers cultivate and sell vegetables from. This relationship is a sign of the development of the community of Sommerset as a whole, and the CBO has registered as a Non Profit Organisation (NPO) which positions it to more easily

access government funding and other partnerships. Though there is still poverty and many vulnerable families within Sommerset, local churches are active and are in a much better position to respond and support. In September, the Care Workers were visited by their good friends, Sunbury Baptist Church, who helped paint the Care Point and spent time encouraging them. We thank God for this beautiful, committed friendship and the example of the global Church unifying to bring hope and life.

- Please pray for unity among the Care Workers as some, struggling with their own difficulties and trauma, do not attend the weekly Relationship Group because they do not get along with each other.

- Please pray for the continued support and involvement from local churches, other community supports in Sommerset, as well as partnerships with other agencies

- Please pray for wisdom for Martha as she navigates difficult situations with families and continues in faithfulness to her calling

