

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



Meet Titus, 1 of 150 children cared
for at TUJENGE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

After the passing of his mother, Titus* stayed with his grandmother who mistreated him. Eventually, he ran away and began living on the streets, where his health took a sharp decline. Hearing about this, his aunt brought him to live in her home. A widow with 10 of her own children, Titus's aunt relies on the money she earns from selling charcoal and farming to provide for her large family. Already aware of the family's vulnerability, as three of his aunt's youngest children come to the Life Centre, the Care Workers also invited Titus to the Life Centre. His health began to improve with the consistency of a daily hot, nutritious meal. Over time, Titus has grown in confidence and his ability to socialise with the other children. Care Worker Ma Mujinga shares, "Titus is free to play with the other children while he was struggling to [bring] some time back. We have developed a good relationship."

Community Update

Over the last year, exciting things have been happening at the Tujenge CBO. The number of Care Workers has increased, creating an even greater capacity to care for the most vulnerable children. The youth are growing in their involvement in the day-to-day activities of the Life Centre, a testimony to the Care Workers' commitment to investing in their lives. Within Toyota, there are now two feeding points, allowing children to access the Life Centre closest to their home. The community is spread over a large area. An ongoing struggle for both feeding points is that the current property size limits the facilities that can be constructed. Yet even with this challenge, the vision of a Life Centre is being lived out on a daily basis, as Care Workers display the transformational love of Christ through their commitment to knowing each child and their story personally.



Activities and Projects

In April, the Likasi team facilitated a Maranatha Workshop for the Care Workers, where they shared the truth of who Christ is, and what it means to holistically care for the most vulnerable children and one another. Fruit is evident with the Care Workers' growing understanding of Holy Home Visits and the importance of Relationship Groups, a safe place where they can share their challenges and read God's word. After several years without teams due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the community was encouraged by the international team's visit. Playing games with the children and doing Holy Home Visits brought a renewed sense of joy and hope to the Care Workers, children and Primary Caregivers. To increase security of the storage room, where the food for the children is stored, steel doors were installed (pictured left). Additionally, deworming medication was distributed on a quarterly basis, ensuring the children receive the proper nutrients from their daily meal.

