

Twenty-five dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by David Mabena, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Chabota. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



For many years, nine-year-old Ivonny* and her two brothers lived with both their parents. However, her father did not provide for the family and spent the little money they had on alcohol instead. Recently, he left, leaving Ivonny and her siblings under the care of their mother. This year when the Chabota CBO increased to caring for 125 children, the Care Workers, seeing the desperate situation, invited the children to the Life Centre. Ivonny has little time to be a child herself, as she dutifully helps her mother care for her siblings. Thankfully, the family has further support with the Care Workers visiting regularly and Ivonny and her siblings coming to the Life Centre. Daily, she brings her youngest brother, who is only two years old, and makes sure he eats his food. Ivonny has a heart to care for people and she dreams of being a nurse when she finishes school.

Community Update

The Care Workers from the Chabota CBO have had a strong year of unity and stability. The relationships between the Care Workers are supportive and they are continuing to grow. Relationship Groups are regularly held and are a safe space to share challenges and read God's word. They are very well attended and organized. The Care Workers all have different roles in the meeting, and they even have a small group that meets beforehand to pray. The number of children being cared for increased from 100 to 125, making a big difference to the families who were added. There was a very poor harvest this past year because of the lack of rain and fertilizer. The situation is critical, and Hands at Work is attempting to assist with planting resources for next year's crops. Please pray for good rains and that God will provide for our struggling families.



Activities and Projects

While there were no workshops held this year, God is continuing to move. The youth in Chabota and in neighboring communities have experienced a great revival and there is a hunger for Jesus in many of them. Regularly, the youth meet one another at a central location outside of Chabota. Some of these youth were invited to take part in a youth camp in Chisamba, another community Hands at Work has served in for many years. They learned about Jesus and what it means to have a relationship with Him. A Care Worker revival was held for female Care Workers from the Chabota and Baraka CBOs (pictured left). Twenty-eight ladies attended and had an encouraging day filled with bible teaching, crafts, and creativity. They all loved it and didn't want it to end. Quarterly, each child was dewormed and blankets and clothes were distributed to all the children to ensure the overall health and well-being of the children.

