

# UPDATE FROM CHIGODOLE COMMUNITY | MOZAMBIQUE



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



Meet **Alisha**, 1 of 150 children cared for  
by CHIGODOLE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

In 2020, Alisha's\* father passed away and his wife was suddenly left on her own with five children to provide and care for. Overwhelmed and alone, she moved back to Chigodole, the village she grew up in. Between raising five children and working in the fields, Alisha's mother could not do it alone, but thankfully the Care Workers from Tariro CBO stepped in.

The Care Workers welcomed Alisha and all her siblings to the Care Point, which offered great relief to the family! By having a safe place to come to every day and having the children's physical needs met, Alisha's mother could rest, knowing she was surrounded by a beautiful community of men and women to help in raising her children. Care Worker Laurinda takes special care to build a strong relationship with Alisha and her mother, offering friendship and showing Alisha and her family that they are not alone.

## Community Update

The Care Point in Chigodole operates out of a local church, which has been given to the CBO to use. Pastors and members of local churches are becoming more and more involved in the Care Point, helping to care for the children and establish good relationships with the Care Workers. The relationships between the Care Workers are growing, and when they meet together for their Relationship Group, they have the opportunity to share their joys and struggles with each other. Though it takes time for these men and women to be open and vulnerable within the group, their capacity to care well for each other and the children is growing.

The number of children being cared for each day at the Care Point has grown to 150 this year. The vulnerabilities within the community are so evident and this increase has encouraged the Care Workers immensely.



## Activities and Projects

Throughout this year, the Care Point has been a central point in the community for people to gather and care for the most vulnerable. Following a Church Mobilisation last year, local churches have become more involved at the Care Point, offering more hands-on help. The Care Workers grow vegetables in their shared garden. Practical items have been handed out to the children who need them most. They received blankets (pictured left), mats, jackets and deworming medication. Seventeen roofs were repaired to ensure they are watertight and strong when the winds and rains come. The Care Workers have been establishing connections with influential people within the community. Health care providers, police and teachers from the local schools know the Care Workers and support the Care Point in the ways they are able to.