Hands at Work

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

CHILIPAMUSHI COMMUNITY

ZAMBIA | KABWE REGION

In Chilipamushi Community, people rely on their land to provide for their families. If there is a poor rainfall, it has the potential to put many people's lives in jeopardy. Accessing clean water has always been a challenge in Chilipamushi, and when streams run low during the dry months, people only have access to dirty water. This increases the spread of water-borne diseases, leading to people becoming severely ill.

In 2007, Hands at Work began walking in Susu, another community within the same area as Chilipamushi. Although the situation in Susu is desperate, the local volunteer Care Workers are making a great impact, with the support of Hands at Work and partners across the world. For many years, there were two Care Points operating under the umbrella of the Susu Community Based Organisation. The purpose of multiple Care Points is to limit the distance that the children have to walk from their homes.

Over the last year, the Hands at Work team in Kabwe saw that many of the children who were identified as among the most vulnerable were not actually coming to either of the feeding points because it was too far to walk from where they lived – in an area called Chilipamushi.

Throughout 2021, Hands at Work was looking to mobilise additional Care Workers to support the growing work. By God's grace, the year ended with eight new Care Workers joining that team, but they were from the area where the children who were not coming to the Care Point lived. At that point, they knew that they needed to start a new Care Point, enabling

them to go deeper to the most vulnerable areas. In 2022, the Chilipamushi CBO was officially formed and began serving 100 of the most vulnerable children.



