

UPDATE FROM CHILIPAMUSHI COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA



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



Seven-year-old Winfreda* lives with both of her parents and four of her six siblings. Her devoted mother, Dyness, is a Care Worker at Chilipamushi CBO. Her father, however, uses the money he receives from his occasional odd jobs in the community to drink with friends at the bar. The family struggles to survive. Dyness and her children long for him to quit his reckless behaviour. Thankfully, she finds support and community among the Care Workers, including receiving help in speaking with her husband about his behaviour. In April, as the number of children supported by the Chilipamushi CBO increased to 100 children, Winfreda and her siblings were included in the programme. Dyness is so grateful for this because now, even though the family still struggles, she can trust that her children will receive a hot and nutritious meal everyday and be part of a supportive community.

Community Update

The Chilipamushi CBO has grown a lot over their first year. The number of children served increased to 100 children and the under 5s programme began in April. For the first time, children under the age of five can come to the Care Point and receive breakfast, rest, play with friends and learn about Jesus – all while their older siblings are in school. Several new Care Workers have joined the team, with a good balance of men and women.

The CBO has also faced some challenges, including divisions among Care Workers due to strong-willed personalities taking control and the need to grow their understanding of what it means to care for the most vulnerable. The local Hands at Work team in Kabwe is walking closely with them through these challenges. 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

The youth of Chilipamushi, along with the youth from several other communities that Hands at Work serves, have experienced a great revival and a hunger for Jesus this year. The youth from these communities meet regularly at a central location to fellowship, worship, and share God's Word. The Chilipamushi CBO held a combined Maranatha/Foundations training this year (pictured left). The Care Workers appreciated the emphasis on the gospel message and teaching on the Holy Spirit. A number of Pastors from the area were invited to a Bible school led by George Snyman at Kachele, where he shared the Biblical mandate to care for the orphans and widows. The leaders in the community have also played a role in the success of the Chilipamushi CBO, as they understand the vision of serving the most vulnerable and have been great advocates in making sure that the right families are being cared for.

