## UPDATE FROM GOBOGOBO COMMUNITY | MOZAMBIQUE



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



Six-year-old Ofilia\* has a story of brokenness and grief beyond her years. When she was just three, her mother passed away and her father left not long after. Ofilia had to move away from the only home she knew to live with her grandmother in Gobogobo. Although her grandmother does the best she can to care for Ofilia, her frailty and elderly age mean she cannot work in the fields like other caregivers.

This is why men and women from local churches in Gobogobo have come together. Care Worker Fatima, along with twelve others, is committed to learning how to care for families who need to be loved and supported. As the Care Point grows in their understanding of God's heart for the most vulnerable, Ofilia will not only have her physical needs met as she does now, but she will find healing and transformation in her life by being loved, accepted and valued.

## **Community Update**

Being a community steeped in the use of traditional healers and practices, a lack of access to education, and dire poverty, Gobogobo is in desperate need of transformation. The Hands at Work local office has been walking closely with the Care Workers, building relationships with community leaders and building capacity at the Care Point. Since the vision to care for the most vulnerable children has been cast to the Care Workers, they have been visiting the homes of each child, growing in their relationships with the children and their families. These children receive a meal every day and are given access to the local school and basic health care. These first few months are only the beginning of the transformation to come to Gobogobo. As the Hands team pours time and effort into the Care Workers and the community, children like Ofilia will have the opportunity to grow into confident, strong leaders who know God's love.



## **Activities and Projects**

Before the Care Point began operating in July, a Foundations Training (pictured left) took place to give the Care Workers an understanding of God's heart to care for the most vulnerable. Here, they could learn more about the heart of Hands at Work and commit themselves to carrying out this calling in their lives. The Hands at Work local office and the Regional Support Team are closely supporting and building capacity into the Care Workers. They are ensuring strong relationships are formed and the Care Workers have a good understanding of what holistic care looks like.



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