

UPDATE FROM KAFUBU BLOCK COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA



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Thirty-seven dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, who are without a coordinator for the time being, support the most vulnerable children in the community of K Block. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Louis* is around nine or ten years old, however his exact birthdate is not known. Together with his younger brother, they live with their widowed grandmother because his father has passed away and his mother is remarried. Although she still lives in K Block, she has moved to village 1 with her new husband, who is unwilling to let the children move into his home with his children. When Louis was still living with his mother, boiling water fell on him, leaving him with a large scar on his left arm. Thankfully the family is not alone in their challenges. Care Worker Esther is committed to Louis' family and has encouraged him to resume school, after he stopped going because he was self-conscious of his scarred arm. The K Block CBO are going to provide him with a school uniform so he can attend classes and ensure that he does not feel different from the other boys his age. Quiet and reserved, Louis is caring and is deeply loved by everyone at the Care Point.

Community Update

Regularly, the local church visits the three different feeding points in K Block to encourage and pray for the Care Workers and Primary Caregivers. The feeding point in K Block village 2 is newly considered a Life Centre, as the children can be seen resting and playing long after their meal has been served. The local Hands at Work team in Luanshya hopes that the other two Care Points will become the same. An ongoing challenge for the Care Workers and Primary Caregivers is the lack of initiative taken in their weekly Relationship Group – designed to be a safe place where they can pray for and encourage one another, all while hearing about Jesus. Aside from church leaders and the Luanshya team facilitating, these times together often don't happen. Please join us in praying for the Luanshya team as they address these challenges and pray that God will make a way.



Activities and Projects

This year, K Block CBO has hosted two community prayer events, where Hands at Work volunteers come together with the Care Workers, local pastors, children and Primary Caregivers to worship and praise God. One of these community prayers happened after one of our children was tragically and unbelievably killed by another member of the community. The Luanshya team, Care Workers and Hands at Work volunteers came around the family in their time of grief, bringing encouragement, love and support. The Luanshya team distributed items like blankets, clothing, and hygiene items to children in need – ensuring the overall health and well-being of the children. The Care Workers, Primary Caregivers and children were blessed by visiting teams from Canada and Australia. Many remarked that they felt so encouraged to know that they are supported from afar. Additionally, K Block CBO anticipates building closer relationships with local church pastors and their wives as they visit the Care Points to pray for and encourage each person there.

