



Twenty-three dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Quinn Chivweta, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kamaila. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Kennedy's* life is one amazing testimony of the thriving Under 5's program at the Kamaila CBO. After being born with a life-threatening illness, being abandoned by his father at birth, and his mother passing away when he was only a year old, Kennedy's life had a challenging start. He was extremely malnourished and vulnerable. Kennedy's aunt brought him into her home with her seven children but unfortunately, the few odd jobs she could find could not bring in enough income to support the family. Thankfully, with the CBO opening in 2022, Kennedy was identified along with his cousins and brought under the care of the CBO, and Kennedy joined the Under 5's program. He loves being at the Care Point and playing with the other children. Kennedy is often the first one there in the morning, ready to receive a bowl of porridge and excited for the fun that will be had that day!

Community Update

2023 is a year that could be summarised by the word 'growth' for the Kamaila CBO. In April, the CBO increased their care to 100 children; youth leaders have been emerging since the youth camp earlier this year; and Care Workers are continuing to grow in their commitment to one another and to serving the children. As with any group of people working together, there are still occasional conflicts, but the Care Workers' commitment to the Lord and to the children keeps them moving forward. Their weekly Relationship Group has been a great source of encouragement and healing as they dig into God's word and pray for one another. This year, the local Hands at Work team in Chisamba successfully walked with a young girl who was sexually abused, and together with the local police fought for prosecution of the perpetrator. This took huge amounts of time and energy but enabled the family to feel loved and supported.



Activities and Projects

This year, with the support of the local Hands at Work team in Chisamba, four houses were built for families whose homes collapsed during the rainy season (pictured left). A simple structure was constructed late last year for the Care Point and there are plans to add walls and a cement floor to better accommodate the increased number of children. A borehole has also just been drilled. In August, a Maranatha Workshop was run by the local Hands at Work team ('Maranatha' means 'Come, Lord Jesus'). This is a time when the truth and love of Jesus is shared. Many Care Workers responded to what God was doing and made new commitments to the Lord. Local pastors from Kamaila were also invited to Kachele, the Hands at Work base in Zambia, to spend time hearing from George Snyman (co-founder of Hands at Work) about their biblical mandate to care for the orphan and widow.

