

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



Twelve-year-old Deena* stays with her parents and two siblings, aged six and three years. Deena's father is disabled and her mother has various health challenges, including epilepsy. They do piecework and farming, and Deena's father tries to sell potatoes. Due to his disability, this has been difficult and they have struggled to find enough food. Deena started coming to the Care Point in 2014 after Care Worker Thandiwe identified her whilst doing Holy Home Visits. Because of the parents' situation, when the younger siblings were born they also became part of the Care Point. The youngest sibling, Gala*, is part of the 0-5 years programme. Becoming a part of the CBO has been transformational for this family, allowing these siblings to experience the love of Christ through the Care Workers. Deena enjoys playing 'Fly' with her friends and learning Chichewa in school where she is in grade 4. She would like to be a doctor one day.

Community Update

Every two weeks the Care Workers gather for Relationship Groups to share their problems and the word of God, and to pray for one another.

It has helped the Care Workers become close friends and contributes to how they care so well for the children, a responsibility that they take very seriously. The Care Workers really know the families and their needs and struggles. The local pastors continue to support the CBO and also attend the Relationship Groups. They join in any activities at the Care Point and have a day where they come to pray for all the children. A highlight at Mcheneke this year is the launch of the 0-5 programme, which has been going very well. There is a separate building for the 0-5s that provides a safe and comfortable space for them to play, sing, eat and sleep. This kind of care and routine is vital for them to flourish and grow healthily.



Activities and Projects

There have been many activities taking place at the Mcheneke CBO so far this year. The children have all received their deworming medication. They have also received second-hand clothes, blankets, shoes and sleeping mats. All the children's school fees have been paid and the children have received school uniforms (pictured left) and school stationery. The CBO was very much encouraged by a visit from the Christ Church team in June 2023. The Care Worker Appreciation Day that was conducted by the team greatly invigorated the Care Workers and made them feel appreciated for the amazing work they do. The children felt loved and happy, and they had a fun time with the balls and skipping ropes that the team brought with them.

