

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

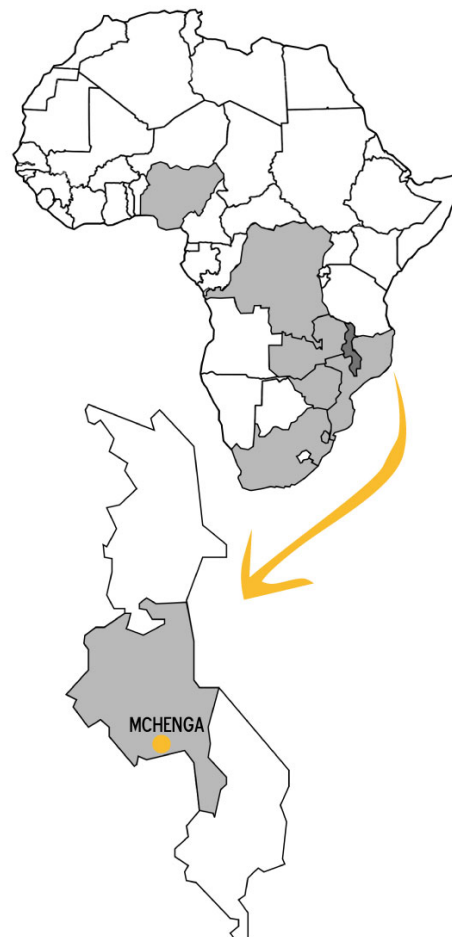
MCHENGA COMMUNITY

MALWI | LOBI REGION

Within Mchenga, life is challenging. In order to survive, many people farm, but without the necessary fertiliser and seeds, producing a good harvest is a struggle. A poor harvest means people aren't able to provide food for their families, let alone buy clothing and pay school fees. Compounding these challenges is the distance of the clinic - forcing people to walk long distances to get the medical care they desperately need.

When Erick, a teacher and pastor in Chinku community, realised the desperate need to care for the most vulnerable children, he, together with a group of newly mobilised Care Workers, partnered with Hands at Work to form the Chisangalalo Community Based Organisation (CBO). As the Care Workers grew in their capacity to care for the children, second and third feeding points were established under the umbrella of the Chisangalalo CBO, reducing the distance many children needed to walk to the main Care Point. One of these feeding points was Mchenga.

In January 2023, the local Hands at Work team in Dedza, after seeing the ever-growing need in Mchenga community, decided to make Mchenga its own independent Care Point and CBO, with its own leadership and team of Care Workers. A 'Foundations' training was run in Mchenga, where the Dedza team shared with the Care Workers the foundation of Hands at Work and the importance of Holy Home Visits and Relationship Groups.



Children Currently Supported **60**

Number of Care Workers **9**

Coordinator Name **Felegesi**

Basic Services Started In **2023**