

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

MILONDE COMMUNITY

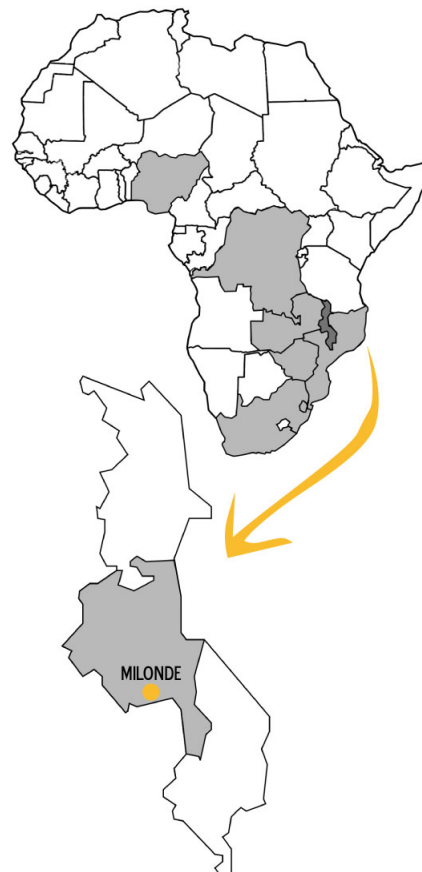
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Within Milonde, life is challenging. In order to survive, many people farm, but without sufficient fertiliser and seeds, producing a good harvest is a struggle. Additionally, the rural nature of the community makes accessing any formal employment difficult, leaving people to rely on finding odd jobs in the community.

Hands at Work began serving in Malawi in 2008 in the rural village of Mngwere, about 15 kilometres from the central town of Dedza. Mngwere is an isolated community and is very impoverished. When local pastor Royie Nazombe encountered the Hands at Work vision to see the local church unite as Christ's body to care for the most vulnerable children, he grasped it immediately. He left his job to concentrate full-time on mobilising local volunteer Care Workers.

Hands at Work is committed to supporting the most vulnerable children with a daily hot, nutritious meal and access to education and basic health care. When the Tima Community Based Organisation (CBO) in Mngwere first started, they were serving 33 children but over the years this has increased to 200 children. For many years, several Care Points were operating under the umbrella of the Tima CBO. The purpose of having multiple Care Points was to limit the distance that the children have to travel between their homes and the Care Point. Milonde was one of these Care Points.

In May 2022, the local Hands at Work team in Dedza, after seeing the ever-growing need in the Milonde community, decided to make Milonde its own independent Care Point and CBO, with its own leadership and team of Care Workers. A 'Foundations' training was delivered in Milonde, 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 **69**
 Number of Care Workers **10**
 Coordinator Name **Juliana**
 Basic Services Started In **2022**