

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



The lives of Madeline\* and her two sisters have tragically been marked by abandonment. Their mother left them when they were young, married another man, and started a completely new life. They live with their father, but he is unable to provide care due to his struggle with alcohol abuse. For a time, a female relative was living with them, but she eventually also left. Thankfully, the Susu CBO has been providing life-saving care for the girls since 2015 – regularly connecting with them through Holy Home Visits, welcoming them daily to the Care Point, and providing a nutritious meal every day which is often their only food. This year, they received new blankets and their home will be repaired. In response to the level of care that the girls need, the Care Workers are striving to visit the family daily. We praise God for the relationships that are being fostered between the children and Care Workers in the communities we serve.

## Community Update

This year, Susu started its under 5s programme, which has been very successful so far. There are 19 children in this new programme who come to the Care Point to receive breakfast, rest, play with friends and learn about Jesus – all while their older siblings are in school. There are two Care Workers, who are also Primary Caregivers, championing the support of these children. Susu hopes that this programme will bring new life to Feeding Point B and, by being a light in the community, will encourage more community members to become Care Workers. The Susu CBO has struggled with a low number of Care Workers, and the current Care Workers, who have been so faithful in their work, are elderly and not in good health. There was a very poor harvest this past year because of the lack of rain and fertilizer. The situation is critical, and Hands at Work is attempting to assist with planting resources for next year's crops. Please pray for good rains and that God will provide for our struggling families.



## Activities and Projects



Although there were no construction projects in Susu this year, the local Hands at Work team in Kabwe is planning to do home repairs in the children's homes before the end of the year. This year, some Pastors from the area had the opportunity to attend a Bible School led by George Snyman at Kachele, the Hands at Work base in Zambia. The purpose of this time was to take the Pastors deeper in understanding the Biblical command to care for the orphans and widows. Follow-up meetings were held at the office of the local Hands at Work team in Kabwe. Quarterly, all the children in Susu were dewormed, ensuring that they are receiving the proper nutrients from their daily meal. Additionally, blankets and winter clothes were distributed to those in need, helping to ensure that the children stay warm during the winter months.