



Hands at Work
AFRICA



Report on

Chigodole Community, Mozambique

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
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CHIGODOLE COMMUNITY
BASED ORGANISATION

Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **50**

Number of Care Workers: **16**

Coordinator Name: **Theresa**

Distance from Service Center: **33km**

Basic services started in: **March 2018**

Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by providing access to food, basic health care and education through the local African church. Through Christian volunteers, children and those who support them are being cared for holistically in the poorest communities. As these children are healed from past trauma, they become a catalyst for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

“Chigodole community is located about 10 kilometres from the nearest tar road. In March 2018, 50 of the community's most vulnerable children, like Carlos* (pictured right), started receiving a hot meal each day, served out of a local church. Though the plan had been to start



feeding in April, the desperate need prompted the Hands at Work local office team in Mozambique to advocate for services to be put into place more quickly, ensuring the children were receiving life-giving services as soon as possible.

Initially the Community Based Organisation (CBO) did not have its own water source, requiring the Care Workers to travel to a nearby borehole. Currently, a well is being dug at the CBO, which will greatly improve the efficiency with which the children can be cared for, as well as benefit the community at large. When the CBO began, most children were not attending school, and none had uniforms. Now, all the school-aged children are enrolled in school and proudly wearing their uniforms.

Health care continues to be a challenge in the community, with local clinics often running out of medication, and malaria being rampant during the rainy season. Hands at Work is currently reaching out to local health authorities to help improve this situation.

In May, the community was greatly encouraged by a visiting partner team from Germany, who brought much encouragement. Following in July, a Maranatha Workshop was then held for Care Workers and church leaders. The week was spent going deeper in learning about Jesus, His heart for the vulnerable, the vision of a Life Centre, and the need for unity in serving. Though they come from varying backgrounds, both Care Workers and local pastors deeply desire to be catalysts of healing and transformation in the lives of the children they serve.

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” – Isaiah 1:17 (NLT)

Carlos* is the oldest of five children. He lives with his parents on a small subsistence farm. When Carlos was diagnosed with epilepsy, he was put on the adult dosage of medication. He was non-verbal with limited mobility. When the Care Workers discovered him, they began visiting his home and supporting the family. Carlos now has the correct paediatric dosage for his epilepsy and is much improved. The Care Workers love and look after Carlos like he is their own son.

