



Report on

Kambove Community,

Democratic Republic of Congo

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Peppercorn



MAISHA COMMUNITY
BASED ORGANISATION

Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **125**

Number of Care Workers: **18**

Coordinator Name: **Aimerance**

Distance from Service Center: **30km**

Basic services started in: **2010**



to share their burdens and hear from the word of God. The community is being greatly challenged by the lure of artisanal mining, with desperate parents abandoning their children in an attempt to find and sell minerals. Sometimes children also run away to the mines, where alcohol abuse, drugs and physical abuse are rife. Well aware, the Care Workers are using their relationships with each child to talk about the positive role of school versus the risks of the mines. With time spent playing with and valuing the children, the Care Workers are positive role models, who will fight for their children's protection.

Obtaining clean water is a daily challenge for the Maisha Community Based Organisation, often achieved only by paying for its transportation to the Life Centre. The vision is to dig a bore hole, which will require a viability exploration as the Life Centre land is situated on a hill, and drilling may not reach the water table. The local Hands at Work team in Likasi dreams of investigating this.

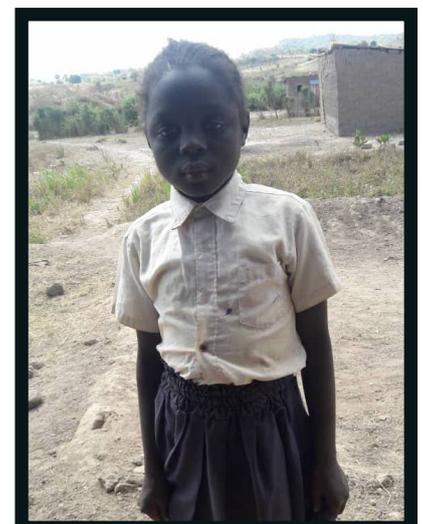
The local Hands at Work team are counselling each Care Worker to be vigilant about early childhood marriage; a common cultural custom. Maranatha Workshops are important in this and earlier this year, helped the Care Workers to better understand and learn from their own situations, healing their wounds and enabling them to bring about lasting change. With God's grace there will be greater understanding about the dangers of childhood marriage and instead, education, play and health will be regarded as paramount.

A new Life Centre has been constructed, bringing holistic guidance to the community. Thanks to the generous support from Peppercorn, this Life Centre will stand as a beacon of hope in the community of Kambove for many years to come!

“In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears”

– 2 Samuel 22:7 (ESV)

Since Care Worker Naweji took her under her wing, 12-year-old Trizia's* health has improved and life is much happier. Prior to coming to the Life Centre, Trizia was neglected, left alone all day as her father's wife trades illegally in artisanal mining and he spends time with his other family. With a daily hot, nutritious meal, time spent playing with other children and the love and parental-style care from the Care Workers, Trizia has blossomed and dreams of becoming a teacher.



Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by strengthening their families and building resilience in their communities. Christian volunteers provide these children with access to food, basic health care and education, as well as holistically care for them and those who support them. Through long-term, committed relationships, these children begin to be healed from past trauma and become catalysts for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

““ The Care Workers in Kambove show love and compassion for the children in their care. Offering support and understanding to the families via Holy Home Visits, the Care Workers also get behind one another, encouraged in their unity by Relationship Groups; safe spaces