



Hands at Work
AFRICA

Report on

Kambove Community,

Democratic Republic of Congo

October to December 2019

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*
Peppercorn

Updates

MAISHA
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: **150**

The Care Workers are committed to ensuring each school-aged child has the uniform, stationery and support with school fees that they need to attend school each day. 18 children required payments to be made in May of 2019, so that they would receive permission to write their exams.

In each quarter of 2019, all children received deworming medication, ensuring their bodies get the full benefit of nutrients provided by their daily meal.



Francis' mother no longer feels alone

Francis* is a 15-year-old boy who lives in the community of Kambove in the Democratic Republic of Congo. When he was only six years old, his father became very ill and soon after passed away. Francis' mother, out of her own grief and brokenness, felt she was unable to care for her children alone and sent Francis and his four siblings to live with relatives. Despite their best efforts they could not afford to care well for the children, as they were not working and did not have a stable income. The children's health was declining rapidly, so their mother decided to take the children back and try to care for them. Their mother was unable to provide for their most basic needs, however, and on most days they went without food, and were unable to continue to attend school.

the Care Point. Here they had access to a nutritious meal and support with healthcare, and they could begin to attend school again.

Today, Francis is in grade 7, and he finds comfort and a place of belonging at the Care Point, alongside the other 149 children being cared for. He works with the other youth to keep the place tidy and really takes ownership of the space. Together with some of the other older youth, the Care Workers and local builders in the community have begun to teach them simple building skills, working together on the new Life Centre, which was completed towards the end of 2019. Francis is being taught skills that will provide him with opportunities in the future to provide for his family.

Care Worker Maman Kabunda, who faithfully visits Francis in his home, understands the importance of building a relationship with his entire family, encouraging them and sharing the Word of God with them. Francis' mother no longer feels alone in caring for her children.

In 2012, when volunteer Care Workers from Kambove Community Based Organisation were visiting another family in their home, they met Francis and his siblings. After hearing their story, the Care Workers acted out of urgency and compassion and invited them to attend

2019 Spending on Objectives



- 1. Provide Food (44%)
- 2. Provide Education (14%)
- 3. Provide Basic Health (8%)
- 4. Mentor & Support (24%)
- 5. Administration (10%)