

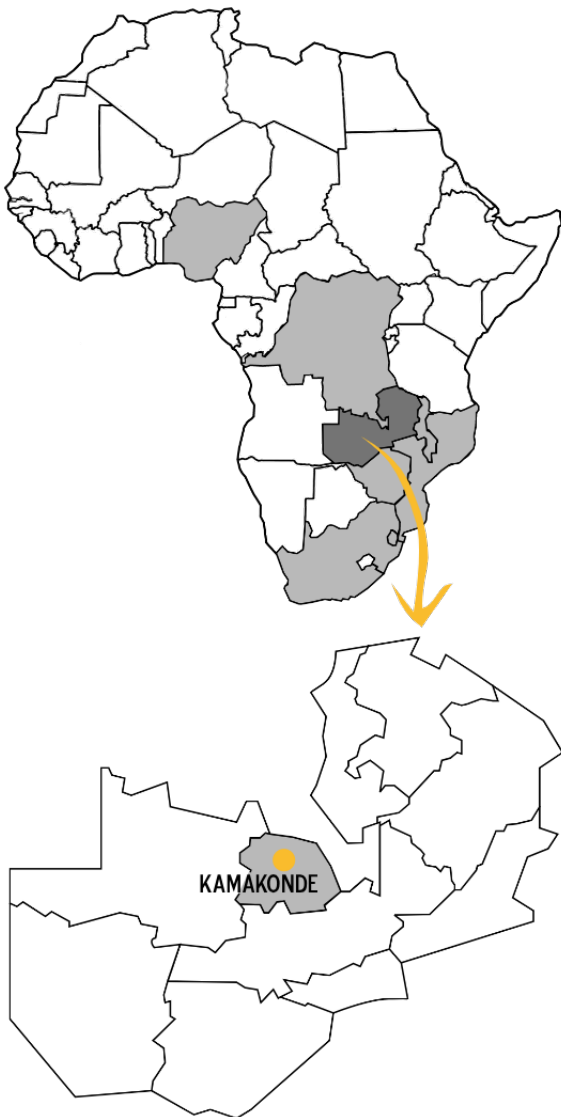
UPDATE FROM KAMAKONDE COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA

Hands at Work in Africa in partnership with
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There are nine dedicated local volunteer Care Workers coordinated by Pastor Joseph, who support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kamakonde. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Meet Elijah, 1 of 115 children cared
for at DORCUS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION (CBO)

In 2013, a volunteer Care Worker from the Dorcus CBO observed 12-year-old Elijah and his family's vulnerable situation from a distance and visited their home to learn more of their story.

Elijah's father had passed away many years earlier, and his mother struggled with a mental disability, which meant providing for her son's most basic needs was a challenge. The family often went hungry and, as a result, Elijah's health started to decline. Recognising the urgent need to be there for Elijah and his mother and to support them in their challenges, the Care Workers invited Elijah to the Care Point. Now he receives a hot and nutritious meal daily, his health has improved, and he is no longer malnourished.

In 2019, trauma and grief once again filled Elijah's heart when his mother passed away. With no one else to care for him, Elijah began living with his elderly grandmother, Justina*, who doesn't work outside of the home because of her age and limited mobility. In 2020, she started selling homemade alcohol but had to stop because of the COVID-19 pandemic. With little means of providing for her grandson, Justina is grateful for the support Elijah receives at the Care Point, as it relieves some of the burden she carries.



Listen to an audio update from Eunice, part of the local Hands at Work team in Kitwe supporting children like Elijah.

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