



Report on

## Kambove Community,

## Democratic Republic of Congo

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA in partnership with Peppercorn

## **Updates**

MAISHA
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Children currently supported: 125

Recently, all 125 children received deworming medication ensuring that they receive the proper nutrients from their daily meal and thus improving their health and overall well-being. Additionally, all children also received soap and Vaseline.

There are 20 Care Workers who meet together weekly for a time of prayer and relationship building. They have time to feed back on the Holy Home Visits they have done and make a plan as to how they can more effectively support the children.

Thank you for continuing to faithfully pray and support the most vulnerable children across Africa.

"We are together"

- Likasi Local Office Team, Democratic Republic of the Congo



When 12-year-old Mayifa\* was a young girl, her father left the family, and just a short while later, her mother also left to find work in the mines, leaving Mavifa with her grandmother. In such a short space of time, Mayifa and her siblings lived a very different life to what they had grown used to. They went from having the regular care and support from their parents to being left in the care of their elderly grandmother who is sick and unable to adequately provide for them. Due to her frailty, Mayifa's grandmother is unable to find work or farm her plot of land to earn enough to feed the family. An additional challenge that the family faces, aside from the constant struggle to find food, is a lack of clean water. Though there is a well nearby, the water isn't clean. In order to find even a small amount of clean water, the family must walk a very far distance.

The meal that Mayifa and her siblings receive at the Care Point from the local volunteer Care Workers is often their only meal every day. Mayifa's grandmother

Despite this bleak picture and the many challenges she now faces, Mayifa is a thoughtful and kind young girl who desires to serve in whatever way she can. It is common for her to bring her grandmother some of her own food home from the Care Point. Mayifa is willing and eager to help with chores around the house, helping to alleviate the burden of her grandmother.

Care Workers from Maisha Community Based Organisation are committed to caring for 125 of the most vulnerable children in Kambove Community, like Mayifa. On a regular basis, they visit Mayifa and her family. They bring with them a sense of solidarity in the challenges, and encouragement for the family, letting them know they are not alone. Through the Care Workers and her grandmother, Mayifa is learning about Jesus, and treasures the relationship she has with Him. It is through Jesus and the expression of His love shown through the Care Workers that Mayifa and her family can keep going every day.

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