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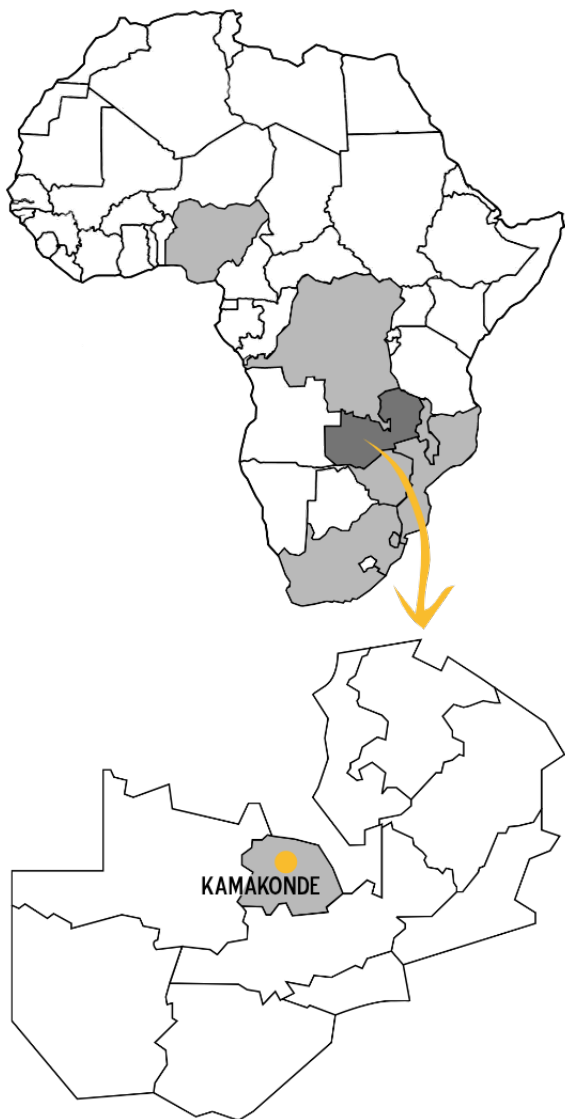
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Six dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Clara, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kamakonde. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



The local volunteer Care Workers in Kamakonde Community are essential in providing care to the most vulnerable children. They offer support, hope and purpose to children like eleven-year-old Hendrick* who have faced immense trauma.

Four years ago, these Care Workers heard someone crying and walked towards the sound. There they met Hendrick, and while they comforted him, a neighbour shared his devastating story. Hendrick's father had just passed away and his mother does not have a strong presence in his life. Her meagre income is earned at a local bar where men drink until they can no longer make good decisions. This means Hendrick is often left at home alone.

Clara and the other Care Workers began to surround Hendrick with their support and they invited him to attend the Care Point daily. Here he can spend his days surrounded by children and loving role models instead of alone in his home. Hendrick receives a hot, nutritious meal every day, and access to basic health care and education. He is in grade two and loves school, especially playing football and skipping with his friends.

Hendrick is not without his personal challenges. He struggles to regulate his emotions and picks fights with others. His Care Worker, Clara, and the others are patient and kind with him; they know the trauma he has faced and they lovingly care for him with parental love. They visit Hendrick and his mother in their home weekly to encourage them and bring practical support.