

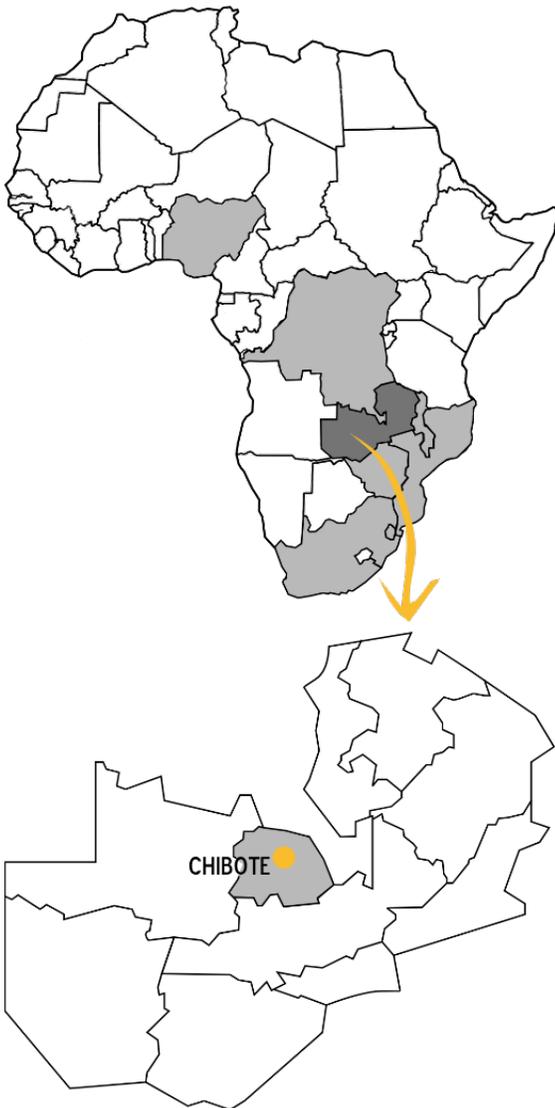
# UPDATE FROM CHIBOTE COMMUNITY | ZAMBIA

Hands at Work in Africa (US) in partnership with  
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There are 19 dedicated local volunteer Care Workers coordinated by Mercy, who support the most vulnerable children in the community of Chibote. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Nine-year-old Sylvia\* lives with her mother and siblings in the community of Chibote. Sylvia's mother is the sole breadwinner of the family since her husband's passing. She tried finding odd jobs in the community like washing dishes and cleaning, but while this earned a small living for the family, it meant the children were alone during the day, responsible for caring for one another. Without proper care and attention, Sylvia's health started deteriorating and she developed sores on her head.

In 2018, volunteer Care Workers noticed Sylvia coming to the Care Point several times, where she would wait to see if they had any extra food to eat. The Care Workers visited her home and, upon seeing their vulnerability, evidenced by the lack of food and clothing, they invited the children to the Care Point.

As Sylvia now receives a hot, nutritious meal daily, combined with love and attention from the Care Workers, her health has improved and the sores on her head have healed. Though life remains challenging, especially with no work to be found by her mother since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the family has hope. They have developed a close relationship with Care Worker Gloria and know they are no longer alone in their challenges.



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

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