

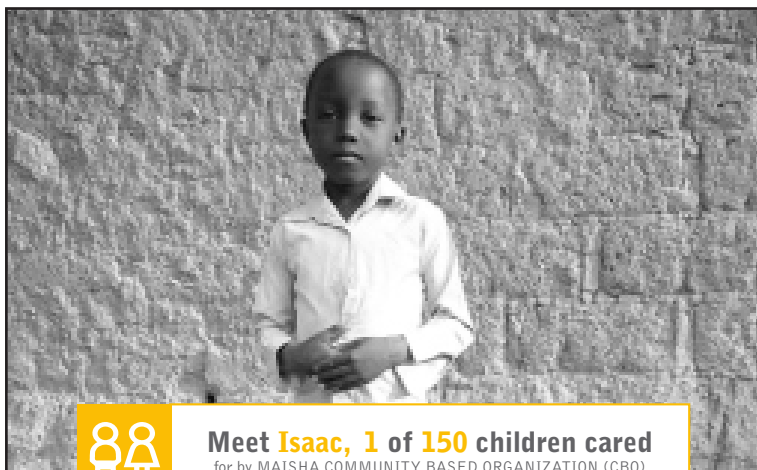
UPDATE FROM KAMBOVE COMMUNITIY | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)



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



Seven-year-old Isaac* lives with his siblings, young mother, grandparents and several of his mother's siblings. Sadly, his father passed away while Isaac's mother was pregnant with his younger sister. With little help in caring for the family, the responsibility of supporting the family falls to Isaac's grandmother and while she sells cassava, this is rarely sufficient. Thankfully, the family was found by Care Workers in 2016, who, recognising the state of the children's health, invited them to the Care Point. Today, they can be found playing with other children and receiving Christ-like love and compassion from their Care Workers.

Community Update

Due to artisanal mining, many people are drawn to the community of Kambove seeking work and a way to survive. Many youth leave school and stop attending the Care Point to pursue 'piece work' or prostitution, hoping to earn a living. Despite these immense challenges, Care Workers are committed to visiting children in their homes where they can share the truth of the gospel and the hope they have in Christ. Relationship Groups are a significant point of connection for Care Workers, as it gives them a safe place where they can share their challenges, while encouraging and praying together.



Activities and Projects

In August, a new secure toilet was completed at the Kambove Care Point (pictured left). Quarterly, each child receives deworming medication, ensuring that they are receiving the proper nutrients from their daily meal. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the DRC, face masks were distributed to the Care Workers and children. Additional hand-washing stations, soap, and digital thermometers were also purchased for daily use at the Care Point. In July, food parcels were given to the most vulnerable families during DRC's three-day lockdown.

