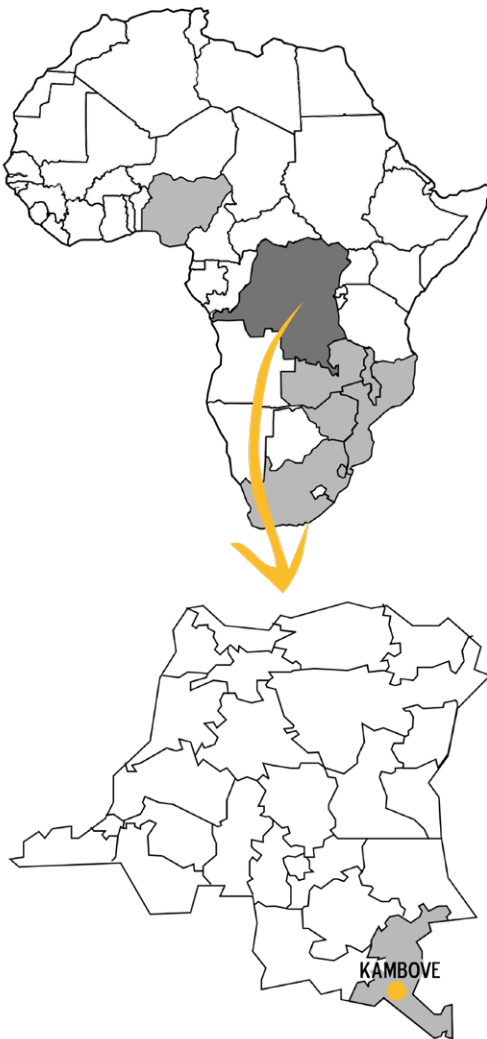




There are 14 dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Aimerance, who support the most vulnerable children in the community of Kambove. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



Nine-year-old Lucas\* suffers from anaemia, a condition in which he lacks healthy red blood cells to carry enough oxygen to his body's tissues and that requires him to get expensive blood transfusions from the local clinic. Lucas often feels tired and weak.

A few years ago, when both of Lucas's parents passed away, a family friend named Bernadette felt moved to take Lucas in. Bernadette had the heart to care for Lucas but not all the means to do so. In spite of this, she committed herself, knowing that she could depend on the support of the Maisha CBO and Care Worker Aimerance. Aimerance is like an aunt to Lucas. She says, "Lucas runs to my house when he has a problem and, at times, he just comes to visit."

Lucas is getting stronger and his health has improved since he started coming to the Care Point and receiving regular nutritious food. He also receives medicine from the CBO that helps with his condition. This has been exactly the help Bernadette needed when it became increasingly hard for her to find work after the mines closed due to COVID-19. Heavy rains in her community also made it difficult to travel to find work.

The burden to care for Lucas could have easily become too much, but with the support of the village community around her – including Aimerance and the other Care Workers – Bernadette and Lucas have resilience and consistency. They no longer feel fear for their future, but hope in the knowledge that God sees and loves them.



Listen to an audio update from Angel part of the Hands at Work team supporting children like Lucas.