



Hands at Work  
AFRICA



Report on

# Msengeni B Community, Swaziland

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HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA *in partnership with*  
Kirchenkreis Winsen

## Updates

**MSENGENI B COMMUNITY  
BASED ORGANISATION**

Children currently supported: **50**

Through the provision of the Msengeni B Community Based Organisation, 21 children have been provided with new shoes, socks, a shirt, skirt or trousers, to complete the required school uniform.

Foundational Training has been given to the Community Based Organisation to share Hands at Work's vision and development steps, including mobilising, supporting and training Care Workers, and adequately delivering services in health, education and food security to the vulnerable.

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

*- Local Hands at Work Team in Swaziland.*



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“In the eastern hills of Swaziland, nine-year-old Mbuso\* lives with two sisters, an older brother and his parents. Although Mbuso still has both of his parents in his life, his family faces many challenges, as they try to provide for them all. Mbuso's father sometimes finds work during the sugar cane harvesting season but even part-time work is hard to come by. Mbuso's mother is unemployed and cannot legally work because she was born in Mozambique and does not have any Swaziland identification documents. Without these she has not been able to apply for documents for her children, resulting in the whole family lacking birth certificates.

Mbuso's family moved to Msengeni B in 2013, hoping for a better life, but they continued to struggle to provide for even their most basic needs. In 2017, local volunteer Care Worker, Maria, met them and clearly saw the challenges that they faced: they slept on grass mats with no blankets and the children were visibly lacking nourishment. Maria knew exactly

what needed to be done and so she invited the children to come to the Msengeni B Community Based Organisation's Care Point daily, where they could receive a hot and nutritious meal and support with their education and basic health care. With new mattresses and blankets in the home and a nutritious meal every day, the children quickly began to look healthier. The care Maria gave them was truly life-changing!

Now in school, Mbuso loves his grade 3 class and has a hard time picking his favourite subject because English, Maths and Science are all his favourites! He dreams of becoming a soldier when he is older. Mbuso is thriving at the Care Point. Being generously welcomed into a beautiful community of loving and committed Care Workers has benefited not only Mbuso, but his entire family. Maria and the team of Care Workers with whom she serves, have been growing in their capacity to care for the most vulnerable in their community, and the transformation happening in Msengeni B Community is evident.