

Report on

# Emergency Fund for Mozambique

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In Mozambique, where health care challenges are pervasive, this fund will provide emergency health care assessments, treatments, medication or follow-up care for identified children who are part of the 3 Essential Services (3ES) program, and where funds for their medical care exceed the budgets for 3ES provision. The pool of funds can also be used for emergency situations within Mozambique which allow Hands at Work to respond at the point of need. These could include but not be restricted to emergency home repairs, unforeseen expenses related to the care of vulnerable children, or emergency travel for Hands at Work support teams either into Mozambique or exiting from Mozambique (in the event of instability and unrest).

From January to December 2019, the following emergency needs were responded to:



## Supporting our Children

**Argentina Morias (Matsinho A):** Argentina is an 8-year-old girl living in the community of Matsinho A in Mozambique. For many years, Argentina has suffered from chronic ear infection, and she was taken by her Care Worker to a local clinic in Chimoio, then transferred to the hospital in neighbouring Vanduzi. She met with a consultant who treated her ear and put her on a strong painkiller and antibiotic. Argentina then returned to the hospital for several months afterwards, for a monthly injection to keep infection at bay. She is doing very well!

**Farias (Matsinho A):** Farias is now 2 years old and has been regularly cared for by the Chimoio Service Centre team after being identified as an extremely malnourished baby. His mother suffers from a mental illness and needs significant support to be able to care for him well. In 2019, Farias had to be readmitted to hospital where he was again suffering from malnutrition and needed support with his eating and regaining body mass to a healthy level. The coordinator of Matsinho, Mama Maria, sought permission from Farias' mother to bring him into her own home to ensure that he would be consistently cared for. This fund now helps Mama Maria to provide baby Farias with regular access to nutritious food.

## Support our Care Workers

**Paulina Manuel:** When Paulina, one of our Care Workers became sick, she urgently needed hospital attention and this fund enabled her to travel to neighbouring Vanduzi where doctors assessed her and provided the treatment she needed. This fund also allowed for her husband to be able to travel to Vanduzi to be with her at her bedside until she was well enough to return home. Paulina is now doing well and caring for our children once again!