



Hands at Work  
AFRICA



Report on

# Mluti Community, South Africa

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MLUTI COMMUNITY  
BASED ORGANISATION

## Snapshot OF THE COMMUNITY

Children currently supported: **35**

Number of Care Workers: **4**

Coordinator Name: **Senty**

Distance from Service Centre: **70km**

Basic services started in: **2012**

Hands at Work in Africa has always focused on keeping Africa's most vulnerable children alive and reducing their extreme vulnerability by providing access to food, basic health care and education through the local African church. Through Christian volunteers, children and those who support them are being cared for holistically in the poorest communities. As these children are healed from past trauma, they become a catalyst for transformation, spurring their communities towards growth and maturity.

“ Mluti Community Based Organisation (CBO) is located in a challenging community where theft and violence regularly occur. There is little work prospects and many people abuse alcohol. Thankfully, there is light in the midst of dark circumstances. Hands at Work seeks out men and women



– known as Care Workers - from the local churches whom God has called to serve the most vulnerable children and to provide them with a true hope for their future. In Mluti, these local volunteer Care Workers have committed to serving 35 of the most vulnerable children like Siyanda (pictured right) in their community. In February, the local Hands at Work office in Hazyview started walking with Joyce, a new Care Worker. She has been growing in her understanding of Holy Home Visits; demonstrating a strong commitment to serving the children and showing love through her actions. The children feel cared for and safe, sensing the sincerity and genuineness coming from the Care Workers who serve tirelessly in desperate situations.

Pastor Maseko, from a local church in Mluti, is also a light in his community and the Care Point which he visits on a regular basis. He is willing to come and share a word of encouragement or help with manual labour whenever it is needed.

Due to circumstances like war and drought, many people have come to South Africa and settled in communities like Mluti with the hope of a better future. This has left refugees without the proper identification documents or birth certificates needed to finish school or find a job to provide for their families. In some cases, children have been forced to leave school as they have no way of obtaining the documentation the school requires. Another challenge in this community is lacking a consistent source of water as the water trucks are irregular. When the trucks do come, the drivers are selective in determining where the water is delivered. Hands at Work is encouraging the Care Workers to work together with people in their community to advocate for clean water.

“Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the Lord; “I will place him in the safety for which he longs.” – Psalm 12:5 (ESV)

Siyanda\* is a seven year old, living with his auntie, Nozipho\* and two younger siblings. Nozipho brought the boys to live with her after their mother was killed by their father. Despite the trauma and challenges he has faced in his young life Siyanda is a talkative and clever little boy. He enjoys playing games with the other children at the Care Point and knows he has the love and support of his Care Workers.

