



# Annual Report 2019-2020

## Mercy Care site Mwingi, Kenya



Chalice has partnered with the Franciscan Clarist Congregation Kamuwongo since 2006. The area sees little annual rainfall, leading to a lack of safe drinking water and high rates of waterborne illnesses. Families often face food insecurity and must travel long distances to reach basic services. The site focuses on children's education, nutrition, and health. The Sisters run a primary boarding school and support several school feeding programs. Through the Care Catholic dispensary run by the congregation, the site extends mobile clinics to areas where there are no nearby health services.



- Mercy Care site supports 601 sponsored children.
- Both prior to the school closures caused by the pandemic and since schools re-opened, 100% of school-aged sponsored children are attending school.
- They support 3 sponsored children who are below school age with nutrition and medication.
- 494 sponsored children performed well in school and advanced to the next grade.
- The site supported 20 students with their fees for secondary school (which is not free in Kenya).
- 300 children in St Francis benefited from newly installed solar lighting.
- 2400 students received training on personal hygiene to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
- The site supplied face masks to 300 sponsored and non-sponsored children. This has had the secondary benefit of reducing cases of coughs, colds, flus and dust allergies.
- There were no disciplinary reports for sponsored children.



- The Mercy Care site supports 487 families.
- 473 families benefited from Chalice's COVID-19 disaster relief fund, enabling parents to buy food and essentials while their livelihoods were closed.
- 5 families received pit latrines in their homes.
- 215 families of sponsored children now have access to clean water through the Ukasini water project, an initiative funded by Chalice supporters.



- Through the support of Chalice donors, 500 families can now access safe and clean water through the Ukasini project.
- The site gave 15 small water storage tanks to vulnerable families.
- The Care Catholic dispensary served and treated community members of 24 villages.
- Mercy Care site supported 6 primary schools in their area to run a school feeding program.
- This program served more than 1000 children a nutritious meal every school day.
- Mercy Care site donated food, medication, beds, bedding and mosquito nets to 80 children at a nearby school for children with disabilities.

