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HBC volunteers in ward 13 reported to Thusanang office that they had identified a child headed house hold that was in an acute need of assistance. The family is composed of 2 boys and 1 girl aged 13, 11, 7 years respectively. The father had died 6 years ago and the mother died 2008. Distant relatives and neighbors have been helping on and off but the situation had deteriorated during the last 2 years. This small family seems to have close relationships and are supporting each other.

They were surviving on NGO hand outs and well-wishers. Now, the NGOs are no longer providing assistance to that ward. The elder boy had not been able to proceed to form 1 due to financial constraints as a result he repeated grade 7. When the HBC volunteers brought the information to Thusanang, a field officer was assigned to make an onsite assessment.

It was also realized that the children had no food at home and school fees had not been paid, they had no blankets and very few clothes. It was clear that the home had no toilet and the houses are in a dilapidated state. The teachers were also aware of the pathetic situation in the home since the children were no longer coming to school, but could not do much.

Thusanang managed to assist the family with school fees, blankets, pieces of soap, Colgate and food stuff. The local HBC volunteer is helping the children with a nutrition garden nearby with vegetable seeds provided by Thusanang. The distant relative who is responsible for the family is aged and stays about 500m away from the family. They are not able to help the children much.

During our last visit to the home we gave the children warm jerseys for the coming cold season; they were also given school books and stationeries.



Thusanang Field officers Mr M Moyo and Mr G Dube visiting the children at Mawane village

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