

ANNUAL REPORT

Building Families. Transforming Communities. Creating Lasting Change.



2025

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Last November, I traveled to Mozambique to visit our teams and the families we serve. As I flew home, two moments stayed with me—simple scenes that revealed both the reality of daily life and the quiet strength of the communities we walk alongside.

The first happened during a visit to a children’s club. The kids were playing a game similar to Marco Polo, with one child blindfolded calling out to find another. But the words they repeated translated to: *“Friend, help me—I want to eat.”*

It struck me that even in play, hunger had found its way into their imagination. And it reminded me why the Family Preservation Program exists: to help families grow food, prepare it safely, and store it during seasons of scarcity. On this trip, we introduced food dehydration—another small but meaningful step toward resilience.

The second moment came during a community celebration marking six months of progress. There was singing, dancing, and skits reinforcing lessons from their classes. One skit focused on prenatal care. The actress—full of humor and talent—played a pregnant woman resisting medical attention until she finally sought help. The crowd laughed, the scene shifted, and suddenly the skit ended. Our translator leaned over and said quietly, “She lost the baby.”

The celebration moved on, as life often must, but I felt the weight of it. Loss is familiar there, and yet, so is determination. Improving maternal, infant, and family survival is our goal and we are seeing real progress. Still, moments like this remind me why our work matters—and why we cannot slow down. What I witnessed on this trip was not despair. It was movement. Families learning, adapting, and rising. Communities celebrating their own progress. Local leaders teaching skills that will outlast us all. Through the Family Preservation Program, hope is not abstract—it is measurable. It is visible. It is earned through daily effort and strengthened through partnership.

I am profoundly grateful to our staff, our community leaders, and every donor and partner who makes this work possible. Because of you, mothers, infants, and children have a better chance at survival—and a better chance at a future filled with possibility.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in dignity-based development, and for helping families move from surviving to thriving.

With gratitude and hope,
Aly Brandon
President, Care for Life



WITH GRATITUDE

Behind every family transformed, every latrine built, every child who found their voice, and every adult who learned to read – there are people who believed it was possible. Our partners, donors, volunteers, and staff are the foundation upon which 912 families and 4,780 individuals built their futures in 2025.

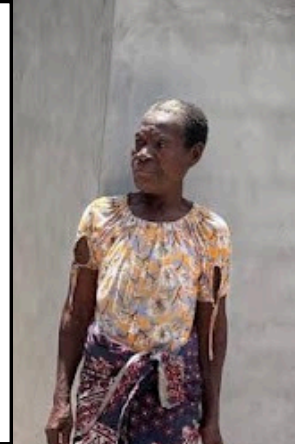
"That's what makes us proud of this work, when we feel the satisfaction of the family."

– Carlos; Community Participation Supervisor



"Many have come with promises they never kept, but Care for Life has done what even our own families and leaders could not do on their own. I hope this vision continues and reaches many more families."

– Mrs. Mabuleza Fundisse; Macharote Central in Zone G



"Saving has helped me grow my business, increase my merchandise, and feel prepared to keep improving – so I will continue to save."

– Lúcia Pedro Jecane Vilanculos; single mother



"They reached the point of taking the national exams on an equal footing with their own children, thus demonstrating that education is not about age, but about focus."

– Pompo; Education Supervisor

"His case illustrates why our community-based health model works: medical expertise combined with consistent, compassionate local monitoring ensures vulnerable elders don't fall through the cracks."

– Ana Micas; Health Supervisor



"The rotating savings plan has not only improved my financial situation but has also strengthened my self-esteem, leadership skills, and vision for the future."

– Antónia Lourenço; Savings Promoter, Mutua Community



2025 BY THE NUMBERS



912
Families Mentored
Across 4 Communities



96,122
Home Mentorship
Visits



220
Volunteer Community
Leaders (78% Women)



4,986
Individuals
Assessed



319
New Cement Latrines Built
(+58% Over 2024)



4,638
Vaccinations Administered
at Health Weeks



257
Family-Owned
Small Businesses



519
Families in
Savings Groups

YEAR IN REVIEW: HIGHLIGHTS



Adult learners advance alongside their children

Adults and Children Take Exams Together

In December, Macharote Primary School became the pilot school for the national literacy system's first 9th-grade exams for adult learners. Parents and grandparents – some who began learning to read just years ago – sat for the same rigorous national exams alongside their own children and grandchildren. 41 adults completed their second cycle and will advance to 10th grade in 2026.

Government Leaders Endorse Care for Life

In two separate events, Mozambique's highest local officials publicly praised the program. The Secretary of State for Dondo District urged expansion to additional communities, while the Mayor of Dondo declared Care for Life "the best governance partner for our city." In December, the District Director of Planning attended the first stone-laying ceremony for water well construction – the first time the Permanent Secretary met with Care for Life leadership.



Government leaders greet local community members



Participants work side by side in a gardening project

President of Mozambique Visits Mafambisse

On November 13, His Excellency President Daniel Francisco Chapo presided over the national launch of the 2025/2026 agricultural campaign at Mafambisse Sugar Factory. Care for Life's family garden program represented the organization at this national event, connecting community-level agricultural work to Mozambique's broader economic vision.

YEAR IN REVIEW: HIGHLIGHTS



Nhamayabwe Community Celebration

We held six community celebrations in 2025, but Nhamayabwe's Goal Cycle 2 celebration was especially meaningful. Care for Life President Aly Brandon and Vice President Mary Ann Curtis were able to join the festivities making the day unforgettable for all involved. Families who achieved their goals gathered for a vibrant, all-sector celebration. Together, we distributed 642 bags of cement and 125 zinc sheets—earned through months of hard work and steady progress. Health promoters put on a prenatal care skit, children sang and danced, and agriculture promoters showcased their skills. It was a powerful picture of a community rising together.

Community members gather together in celebration

Solidarity Christmas Brings Communities Together

Children from Nhamayabwe and Central gathered for a Solidarity Christmas celebration, receiving a warm lunch and hygiene kits donated by Sandy, Utah Willow Creek and Granite neighborhoods, as well as Mountain Dental Arts in Arizona. The event strengthened bonds across community boundaries, with children performing songs and expressing gratitude for the program's impact on their lives



Children smiling with their donated hygiene kits



Community members watch as the first stone is laid

Water Well Construction Begins

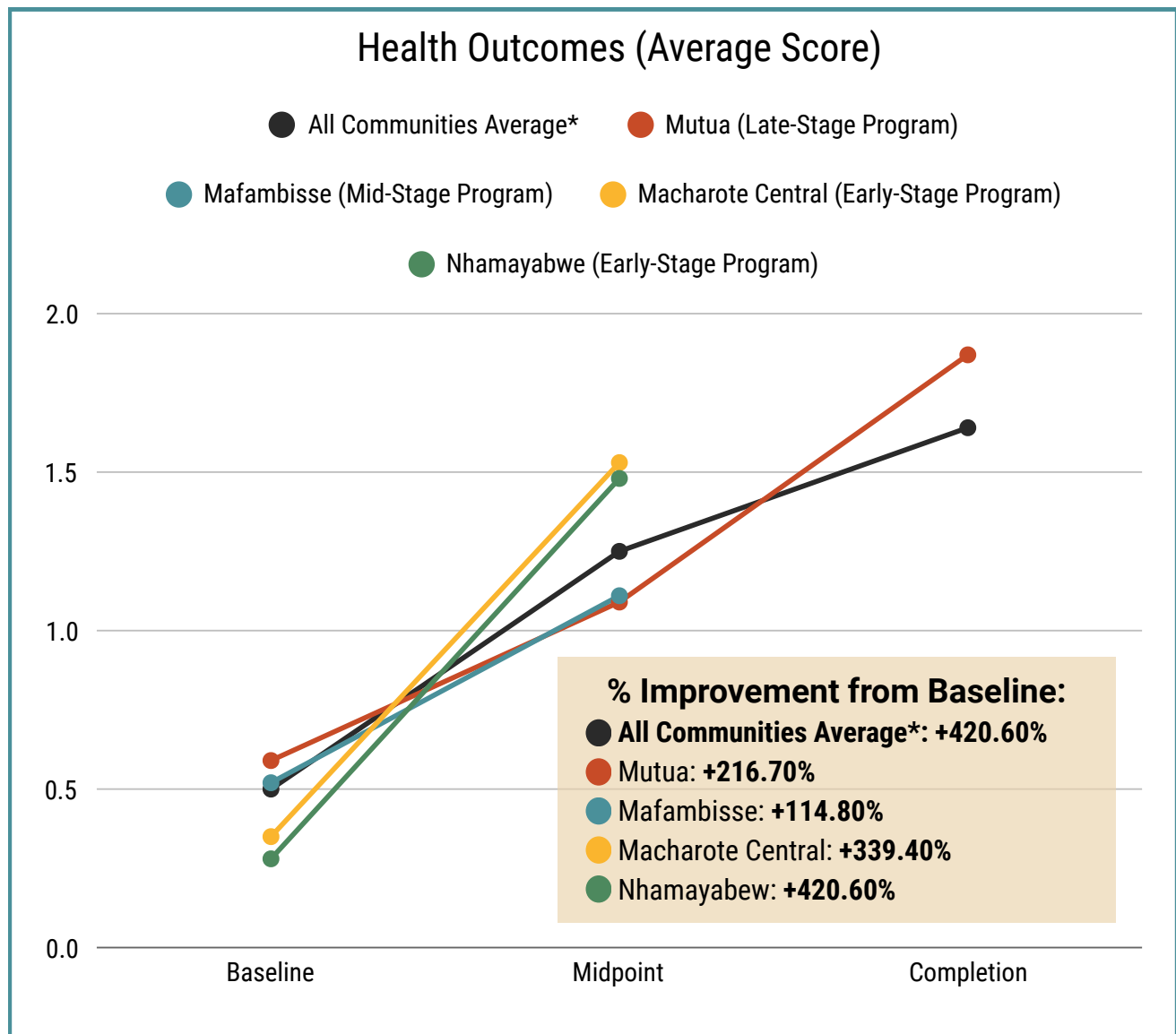
A historic first stone-laying ceremony in Mafambisse marked the beginning of a water infrastructure project that will serve four communities. Funded by a grant from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, eight boreholes will provide clean water access to approximately 24,000 people, transforming agricultural potential and reducing waterborne disease.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Every family Care for Life partners with is measured, not just observed. Using 60+ indicators aligned with the United Nations Multidimensional Poverty Index and the World Bank's Social Capital & Cohesion framework, we track real progress in poverty, resilience, and community strength over time.

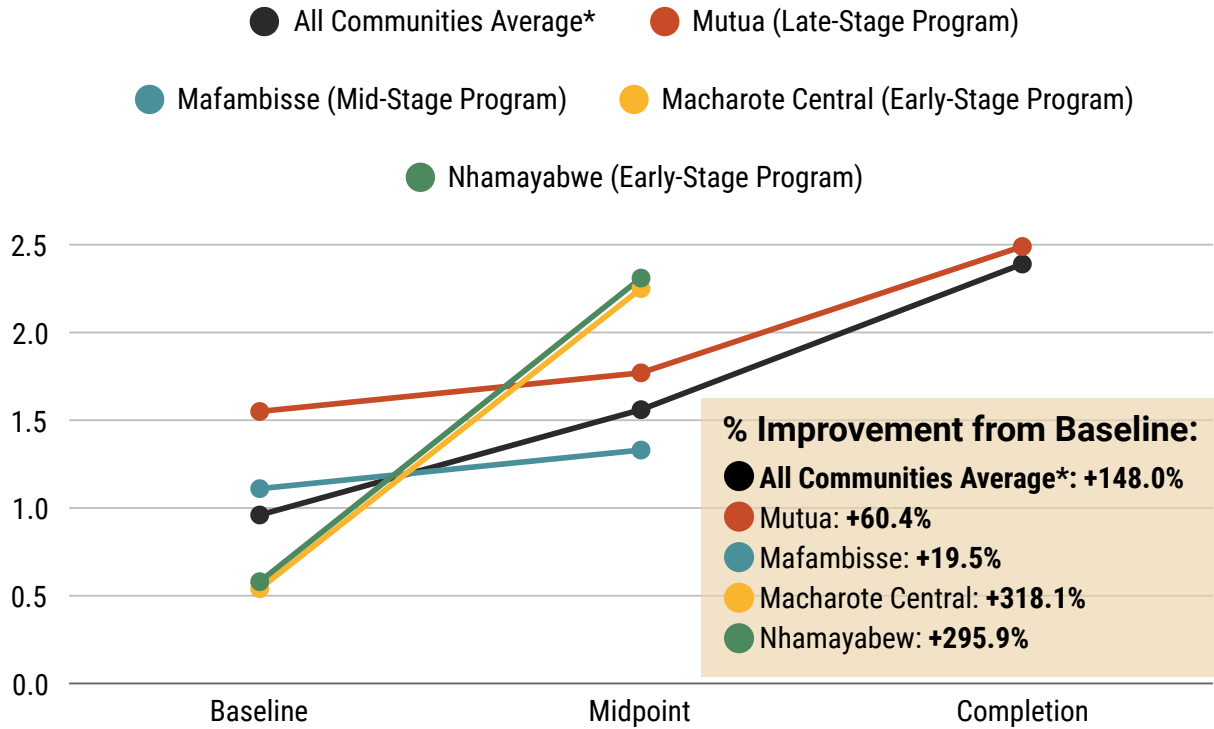
The results below reflect 2025 data from six communities in Mozambique, scored on a 0–3 scale. Percentage change from baseline shows the true scale of transformation.

Multidimensional Poverty Outcomes Across Current Communities (0–3 Scale)

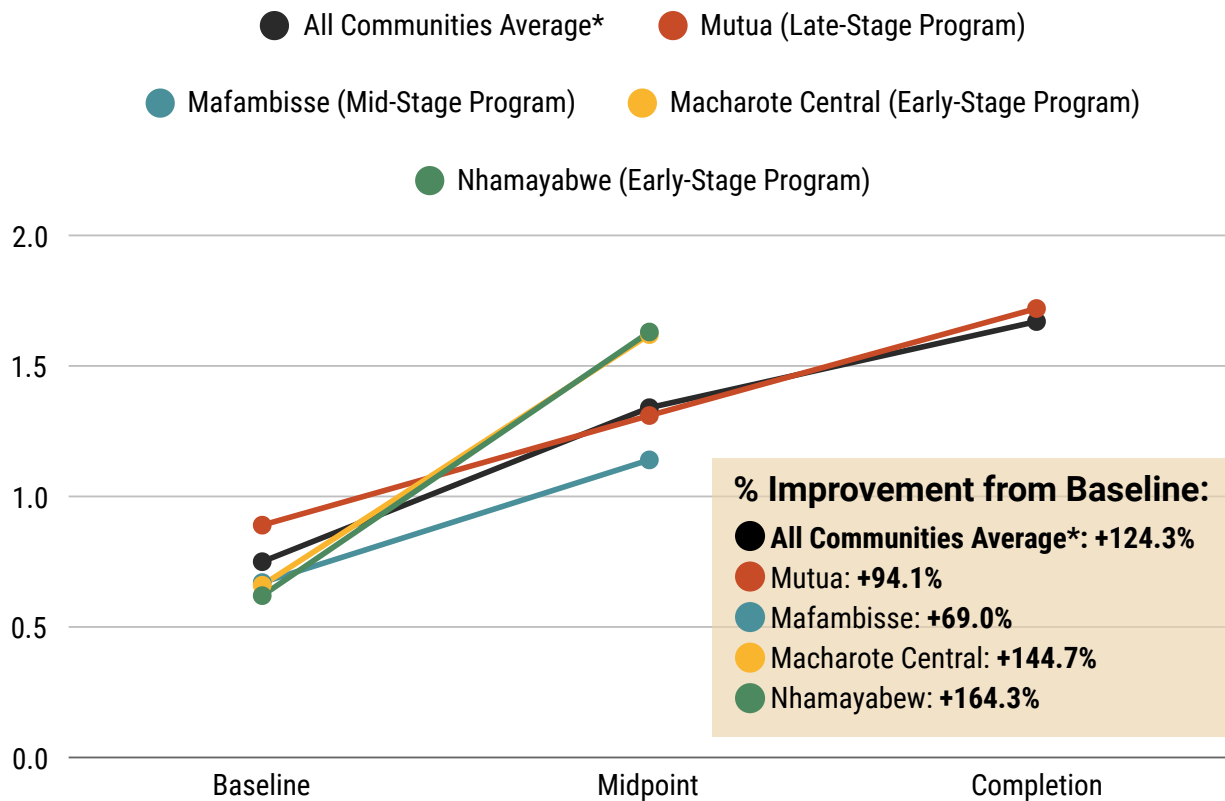


*Aggregate program average from all six communities served by Care for Life's Family Preservation Program between 2020 and present.

Education Outcomes (Average Score)



Living Standards (Average Score)

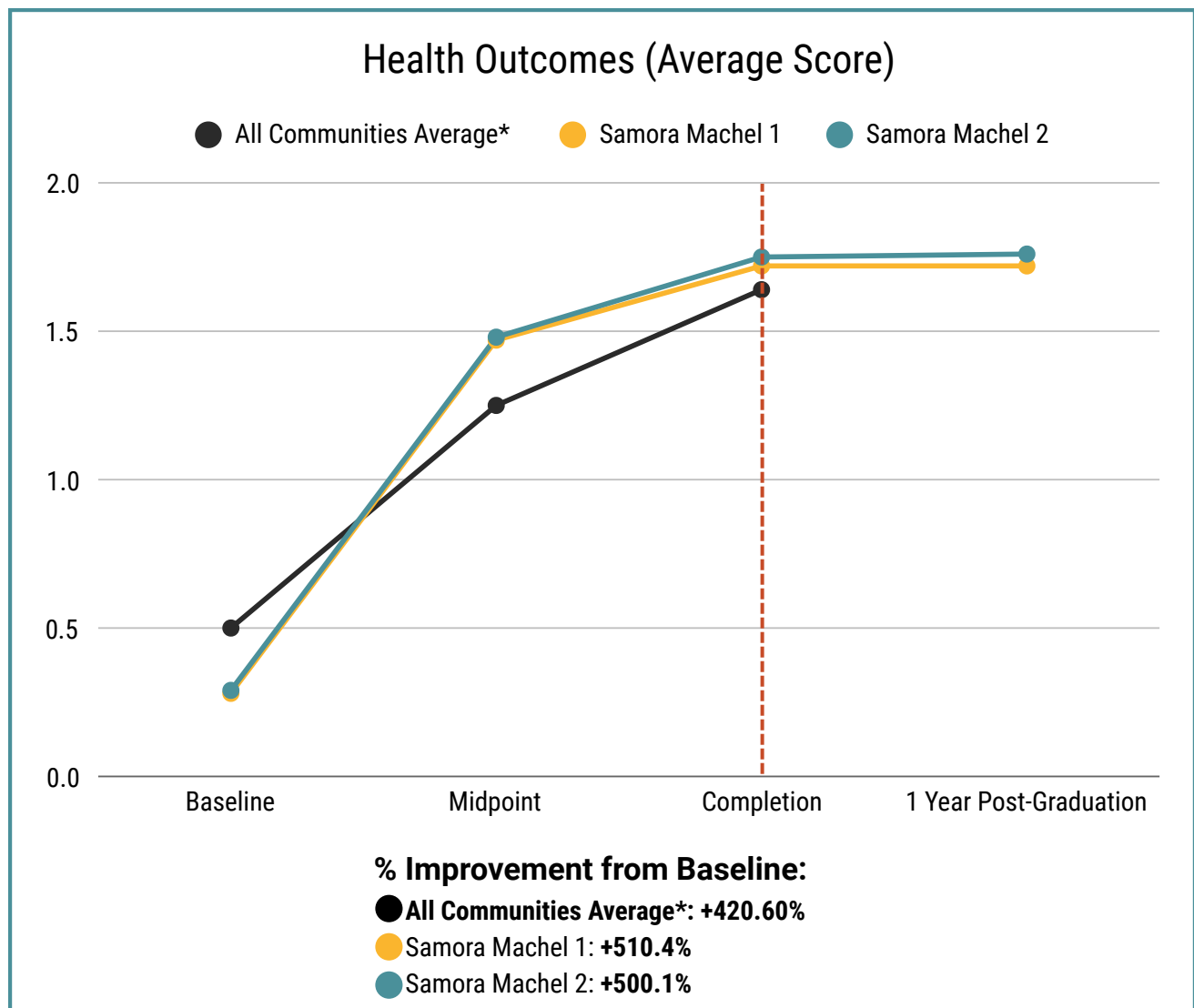


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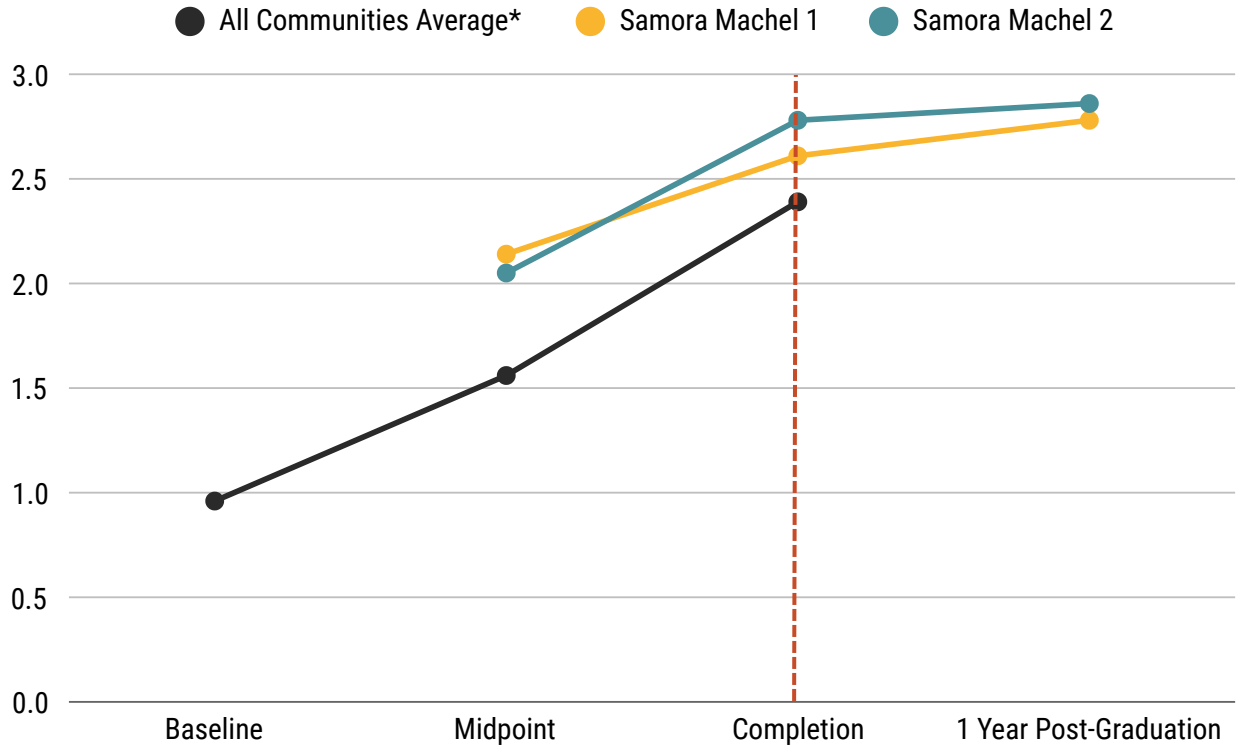
In 2025, Care for Life returned to two communities that graduated in 2024 to administer the same assessment given at program completion – this time, one year later without any active program support. The results make a compelling case for long-term impact: rather than declining after Care for Life's departure, both communities held their gains and in several areas continued to improve. This is data-proven self-reliance – families and communities that have internalized the knowledge, skills, and social capital needed to sustain their own progress.

Sustained Impact After Graduation (1-Year Follow-Up)

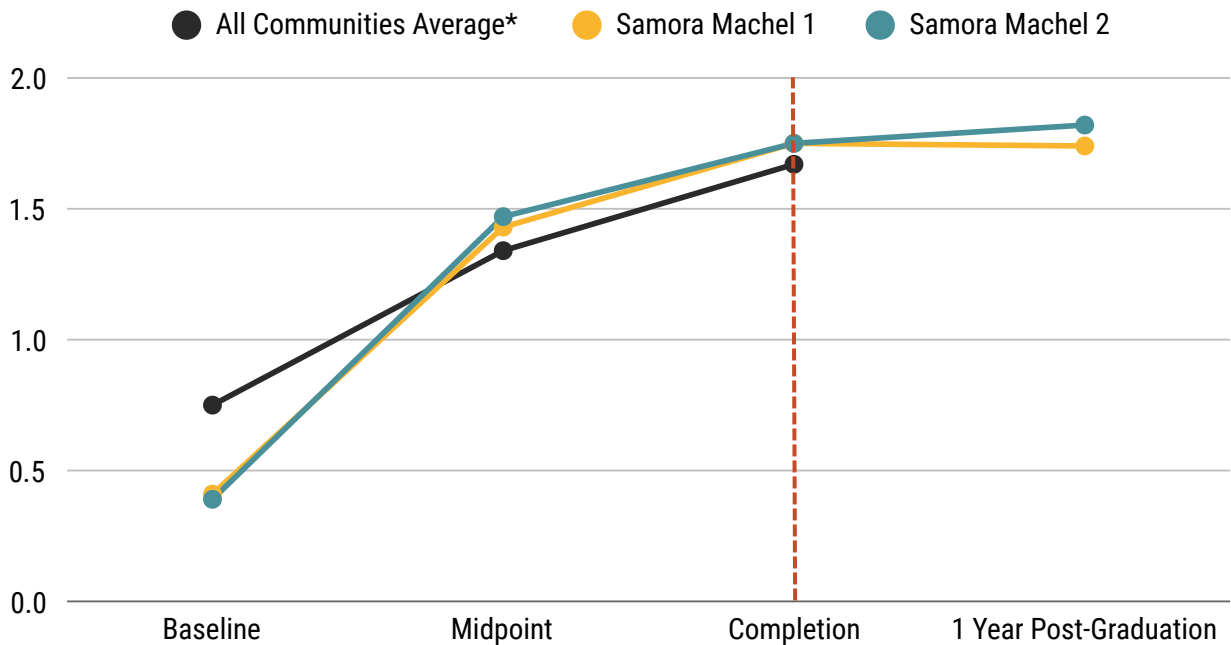


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Education Outcomes (Average Score)



Living Standards (Average Score)



% Improvement from Baseline:

- All Communities Average*: +124.30%
- Samora Machel 1: +330.9%
- Samora Machel 2: +347.8%

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STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Behind the data are real people, real families, and real change. These stories represent the thousands of moments – large and small – that make up a year of transformation.

Watson and Belinha – A Family Transformed

Watson Jorge, once survived on odd jobs in Mafambisse with no steady income. With Care for Life's guidance, he built a mini-grocery store and barbershop, creating stable income for his family.



Watson at his shop

"When they first told me I could start my own business, I thought it was impossible. I was doing odd jobs, no fixed income – how could someone like me become a businessman? But with Care for Life's guidance and my own hard work, I started believing I could do it. Now I have a grocery store and a barbershop. I tell other young men, "If I can do it, you can too."

– Watson Jorge, 34, Mafambisse Community

Watson's wife Belinha, dropped out of the program feeling overwhelmed – then returned. Today she's a savings promoter who buys fish and shrimp in a neighboring city and resells them at a profit, teaching other women to do the same. Together, they built a neighborhood movie theater, using the income to fund their four children's education.

"I gave up on the program. I walked away. But I came back because I realized what I would have missed – the training, the support, the chance to help other women in my community."

– Belinha Fabiao, 35, Savings Promoter



Belinha with two of her school-aged daughters

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Community Leaders in Action

The real measure of a leadership program is what people do without being asked, when No One Is Watching. When foundation blocks shifted at the Machessa site in Macharote Central, community leaders Arthur and Romão didn't wait for a supervisor or scheduled visit. Arthur brought cement; Romão brought blocks. They fixed it themselves.

Weeks later, the Furuma family – caring for a daughter and three grandchildren – received cement as a program incentive but couldn't afford to build their latrine pit. Community leaders organized, pooled their effort, and built it for them. No requests filed. No outside resources. No prompting.



Furuma family with their new latrine pit

This is what Care for Life's Family Preservation Program looks like in practice: families strengthened, communities developed. Participants aren't simply receiving the program's teachings – they are living them. The shift from learning about community responsibility to practicing it – unprompted, self-organized, sustained – is the difference between training and transformation.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



**CARE FOR LIFE, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Financial data to be provided by Care for Life Finance team.

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Our dedicated board and staff are committed to fighting extreme poverty by building village self-reliance.

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GET INVOLVED



How You Can Help

Every family who builds a latrine, every mother who learns to read, every child who raises their hand in class – these moments are made possible by people who choose to act. There are many ways to join us in this work.



Your donation directly funds home mentorship visits, building materials for families achieving their goals, literacy materials, agricultural seeds, and health training. Every dollar invested reaches families in Mozambique's Dondo District. **Donate here:** <https://careforlife.org/donate/>.

Follow Our Journey

Stay connected with the families and communities we serve through our social media.



Spread the Word

Share our stories with your network. When more people know about the work happening in Mozambique, more families get the chance to transform their futures.

"It is possible to achieve our goals; we just need the opportunity to do so."

– Nercia Benjamin, Community Volunteer, Mafambisse

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Care for Life is grateful to every donor, volunteer, partner, and community leader who made 2025 a year of measurable transformation. Together, we are proving that when families receive knowledge, resources, and consistent support, they create lasting change – for themselves, their children, and their communities.

We thank our donors for your continued support in our vision to instill hope, promote self-reliance, and alleviate suffering.

Your generosity makes all of this possible. Thank you!

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