



## Annual Report 2019-2020

### Mikinduri site Mikinduri, Kenya



Chalice has partnered with the St. Jude Catholic Sponsorship Program in the settlement in Kenya's eastern region since 2008. Families in the community are small-scale farmers, but droughts prevent parents from producing enough to sell for profit. There are high rates of mosquito-borne and waterborne diseases. HIV/AIDS has affected families, leaving children in the care of grandparents or older siblings. The Mikinduri site ensures that sponsored children attend school, eat healthy food and receive the best medical care. Their school lunch program increases enrollment in the schools and improves academic performance. The site also educates parents in nutrition and home-farming practices to improve the families' diets.



### Child

- Mikinduri site supports 809 sponsored children.
- The site began a mentorship program for teens, to build up their self-esteem and create awareness about social issues they may face. The program's topics included HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, stress management, healthy peer relationships, and bullying.
- 12 youth, who had dropped out of school, re-enrolled.

### Family

- Mikinduri site works with 37 family circle groups of guardians of sponsored children.
- As a result of their family circles and financial literacy training, the families had individual and group savings that cushioned the impact of the COVID shutdown.
- Families who had begun personal income-generating activities or who were a part of group businesses were also able to maintain food security.
- Some family circles have communal farm plots, which was a resource for food. Family circles also supported each other with farming inputs, ensuring parents could plant on time and increase their yields.
- Parents of sponsored children who are members of shared agricultural cooperatives were not severely affected by the lockdown. They had an average harvest and were able to increase their savings and repay their loans.
- Families who had been supported to own hens, goats or cows had the eggs and milk products to fortify their children's diets.



### Community

- The site began a program to support 30 sponsored and 70 non-sponsored young women to pursue vocational training in various crafts to earn money to support them and their children/siblings namely dressmaking, hair and beauty, knitting and handwork, mat making, bead making, weaving, bakery and hospitality management.

