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Vision and Mission



Vision

We envision a society in which communities are sustainable and have improved quality of life

Mission

To work with the communities in Malawi by promoting social and economic development through health, education & training, food security, fund raising and environmental programs.



Introduction

We are a locally registered NGO that complements Malawi Government's efforts by implementing various social development projects in education, health, agriculture and community development. Our work in Malawi dates back to 1995 when we implemented the very first Child Aid project in Chiradzulu district. In 1996, we became locally registered as The Registered Trustees of Development Aid from People to People in Malawi.

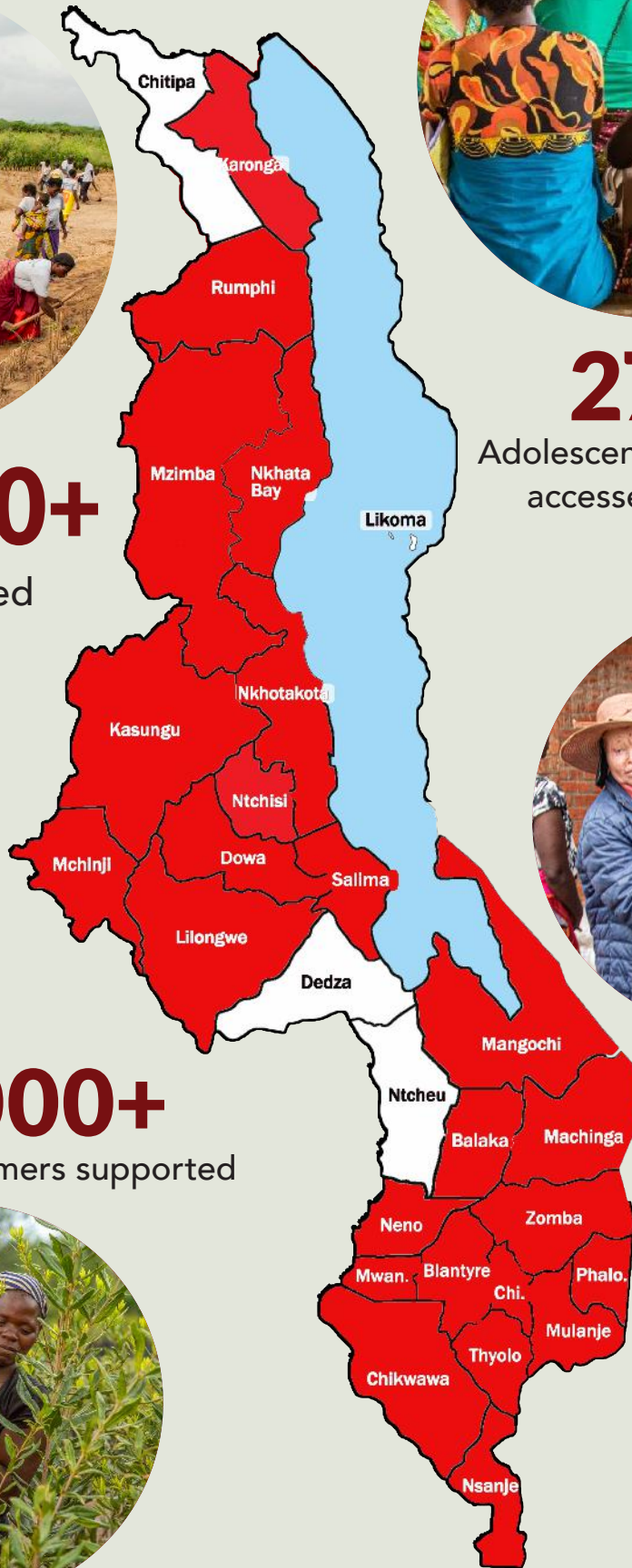
Our programs are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda and the Malawi Vision 2063 to assist the Government attain the Sustainable Development Goals.





982,000+
People reached

27,600+
Adolescent Girls & Young Women
accessed HIV/AIDS services



65,000+
Smallholder farmers supported

14,000+
People reached
with Relief Aid



Chairperson's Note

Dear Reader,

As we reflect on the past year's achievements, it is with great gratitude and a sense of accomplishment that on behalf of the Board, I welcome you to the 2023 Annual Report.

The year 2023 marks a significant milestone for us as we celebrated two decades of transformative and progressive teacher training in Malawi. For twenty years, DAPP Malawi has remained steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the next generation of primary school educators, empowering them with the skills and knowledge necessary to shape a brighter future for children and communities alike. Through innovative approaches and dedication, we have enabled thousands of teachers, significantly contributed to elevating the quality of education and unlocking doors of opportunity for countless young minds across the nation.



Amidst our ongoing social development endeavors in education, health, agriculture and community development, just as millions of Malawians, we were confronted with the devastating aftermath of Cyclone Freddy. This natural disaster wreaked havoc, leaving many communities in despair. Yet, in the face of adversity, DAPP Malawi stood resolute, extending a helping hand to thousands of those in need. Through emergency relief efforts and community resilience programmes, we demonstrated our firm support for the Malawian people during such challenging times, nurturing hope and facilitating the rebuilding of lives.

On behalf of the board of trustees, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Malawi, our national and international funding and implementing partners, volunteers and all the entire staff at DAPP Malawi not forgetting the thousands of Malawians that are part of our various programs and projects. Your support and dedication have been indispensable in advancing our mission amidst the challenges during 2023. As we start a new year, let us carry forward the spirit of resilience and compassion that defines us. Together, let us continue to create a tangible impact in the lives of individuals and communities, striving towards a future of prosperity and opportunity for all. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Enjoy reading!

Charlotte Danckert, Chairperson.



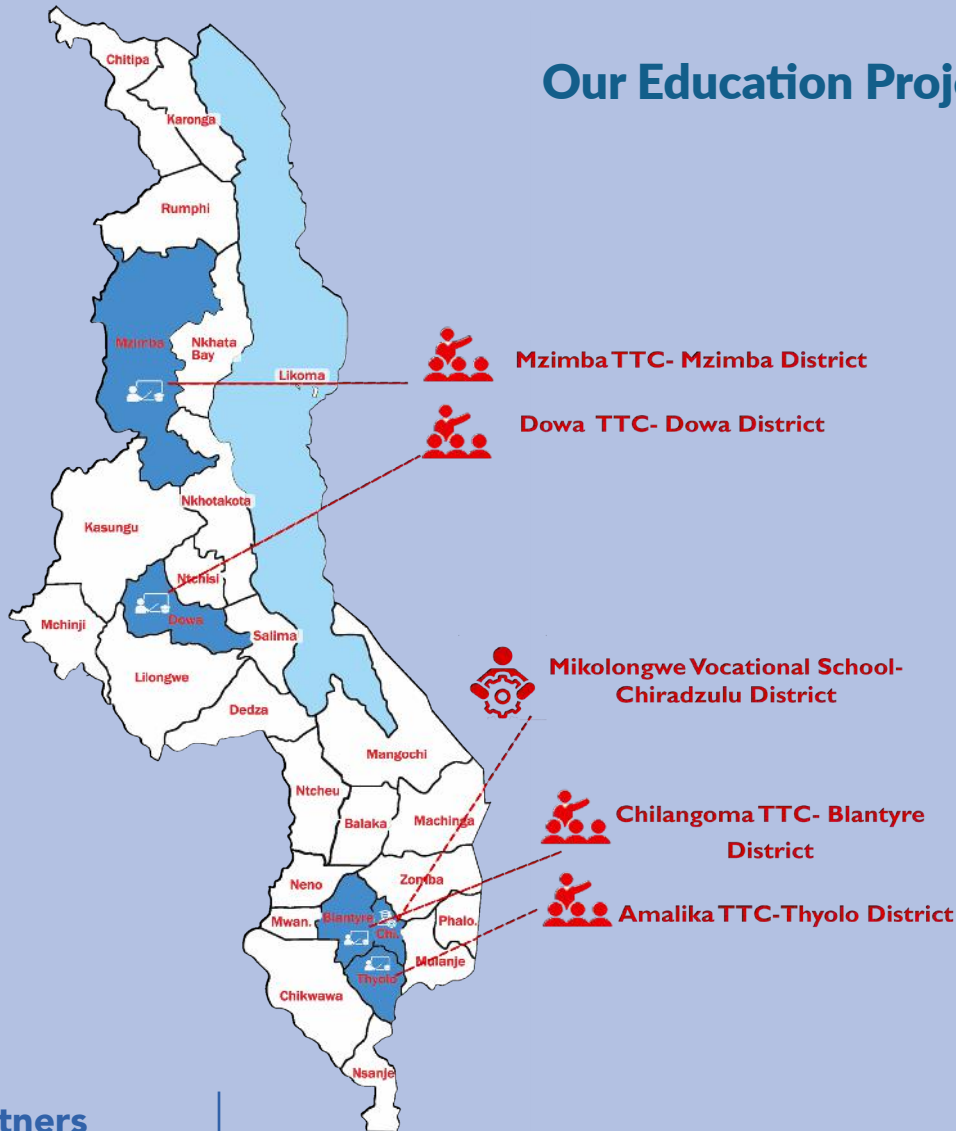
Teachers sharing teaching experiences

Education

Igniting Minds, Changing Futures: Our education initiatives spark a passion for learning and provide students with practical life skills, nurturing self-reliance, and fostering community development.

Introduction

Our Education Projects



Partners

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Gender, Community Development & Social Welfare
- TEVETA
- USAID via Florida State University
- CharChar Literacy
- School to School International
- The University of Malawi
- EU via UNDP
- Alliance Bioversity-CIAT
- Bantwana Initiative

At DAPP Malawi, we understand the critical role of teachers in shaping the quality of education and ultimately impacting the development of communities. Fitting the Humana People to People teacher training concept to the Malawi national curriculum, we train dedicated rural primary school teachers. We employ a learner-centred pedagogy in our educational initiatives, focusing on active participation, practical application, and holistic development. Our students go through theoretical and practical training that equips them with “skills, heart, courage, and wisdom” to take up the role of a teacher and community

developer during their deployment.

We also place significant emphasis on technical and vocational skills training as part of our education programs. Our technical and vocational training curricula are aligned to industry standards and requirements as they cover a wide range of skill areas, including carpentry, masonry, plumbing, tailoring, agriculture, and entrepreneurship, to mention a few. Overall, our aim is to equip youth with the necessary skills to become economically self-reliant by owning businesses and being employed.

Teacher Training

We have been providing primary school teacher training since 2003. This initiative signifies our long-term commitment to improving education in Malawi. Over these two decades, we have made significant contributions to the quality of education by equipping teachers with essential skills and knowledge to change their schools and communities. During this time, our teacher training programme has evolved and adapted to meet the changing needs and challenges in the education sector. This involves incorporating new teaching methodologies, integrating technology into education, and addressing specific issues like gender equality, entrepreneurship, and inclusive education. Additionally, the programme has contributed to community development in the various communities our student teachers are allocated to practice and later work. Since then, over 4,000 teachers have graduated, and in 2023, 205 have graduated.

In 2012, we began the implementation of '400 Primary Schools', which is a network of DAPP graduated teachers that support each other to contribute towards the creation of conducive learning environments for learners in their schools. These teachers are the link among the school, learners and the community to spearhead activities that involve teachers, learners, parents and the community in achieving their goal. As of 2023, 175 teachers are implementing this program reaching out to more than 62,000 children in 119 primary schools in 24 districts.

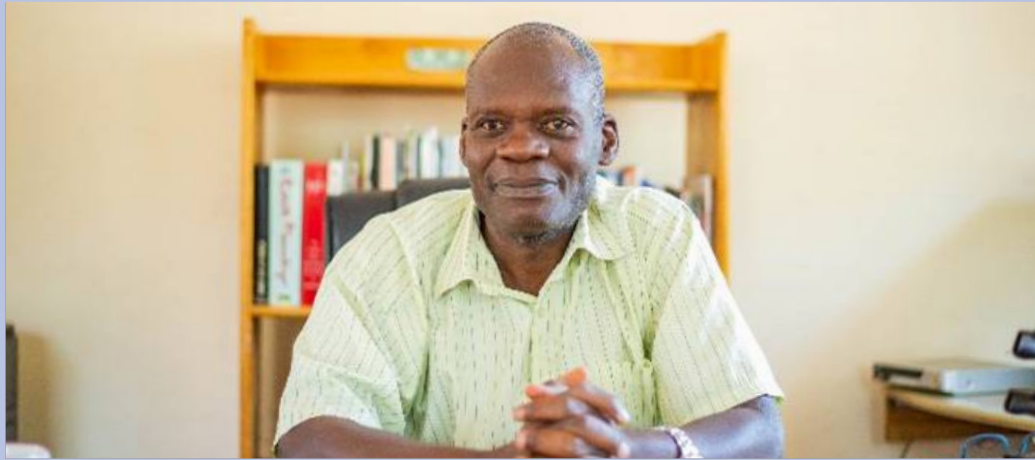
Overall, 20 years of primary school teacher training represents our significant investment in the future of education in the country, with positive implications for both individuals and communities.

Milestones

- **More than 4,000 primary school teachers graduated.**
- **4 Teacher Training Colleges established across Malawi to date.**
- **Supported over 120 Community-Based Childcare Centres (CBCCs) around DAPP TTCs.**
- **Achieving a 90% pass rate of Malawi National Examinations Board (MANEB) exams.**



Testimonials



"The program is unique as it trains students and teachers to adapt to reality, fostering understanding and capacity for change in learners, school staff and the community"

Moses Bokosi, Principal. - DAPP Chilangoma TTC.



TAONA NKHOMA

Former Student Teacher

"During my studies, I learnt how to cooperate with my fellow students in achieving various outcomes. This was key in my career as I ably work with students, teachers as well as the community to create conducive learning environments."



GIFT KAMALONDA

Former Student Teacher

"I enjoyed being part of running the school alongside my lecturers in day to day activities like engaging us in budgeting. I gained different skills aside from merely becoming a teacher. This also promotes accountability and transparency in the school's community."



ELLEN PAUL

Former Student Teacher

"During my teaching practice, my class was motivated as it was equipped with various teaching and learning resources made from locally available resources. This helped to reduce absence rate of the class. It was a wonderful experience"

Vocational and Technical Skills Training

In the year, we provided various technical and vocational skills to over 350 and 200 young Malawians under formal and informal programmes, respectively. During the course of their training they also gained entrepreneurial skills to enable them create jobs for themselves by starting businesses.

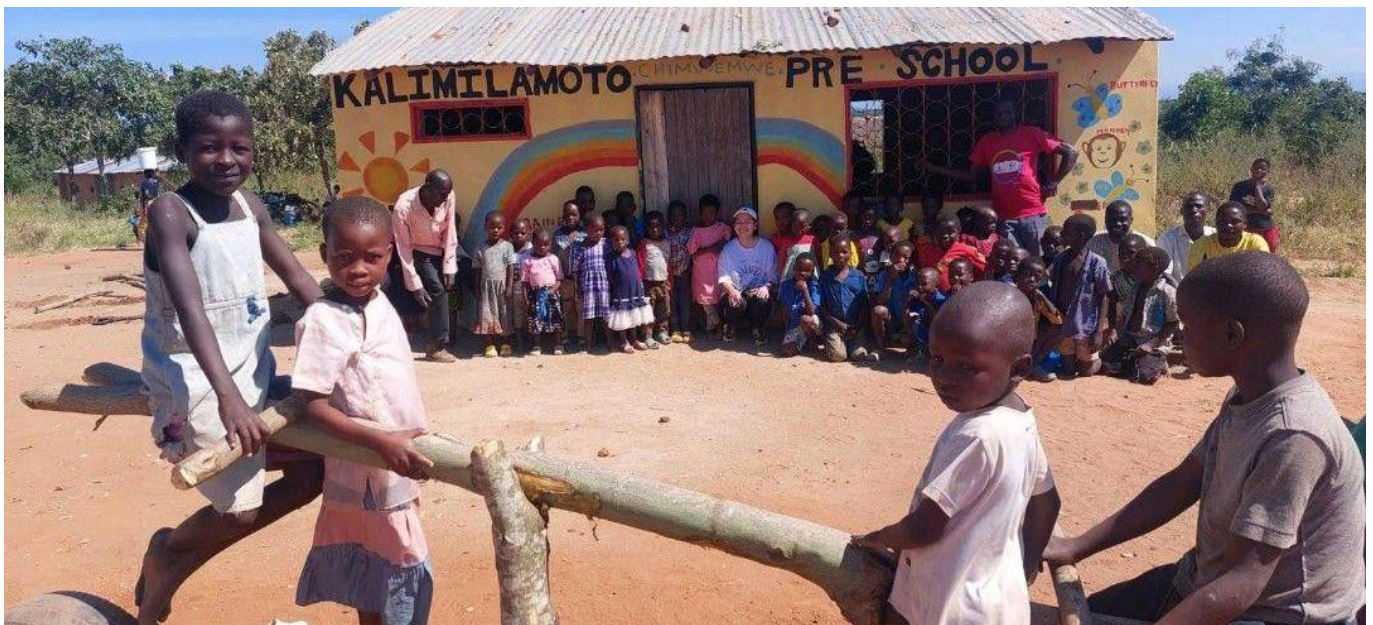
We also provided business and entrepreneurial skills to 73 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Idea-Stage Entrepreneurs that underwent pre-incubation, incubation and post-incubation support. This included business development services and access to finance.



Early Childhood Development

We supported and strengthened Early Childhood Development (ECD) and the transition of children from pre-school education centres to primary schools around DAPP TTCs. We aim to reduce the dropout rate of learners in grade one by ensuring that the primary school learning environment is prepared to accommodate those

beginning grade one to proceed further with their studies. We train and certify caregivers, implement school feeding programs and, renovating and establishing playgrounds. In 2023, we worked with 125 community-based ECD centres, trained 476 caregivers and over 1,950 children directly benefitted.



Key Figures under Education in 2023

73,500+

Primary students benefitting



50+

Primary schools around
TTCS benefitting from
Teaching Practice



200+

Primary school
teachers graduated

550+

Youth trained in various
technical skills



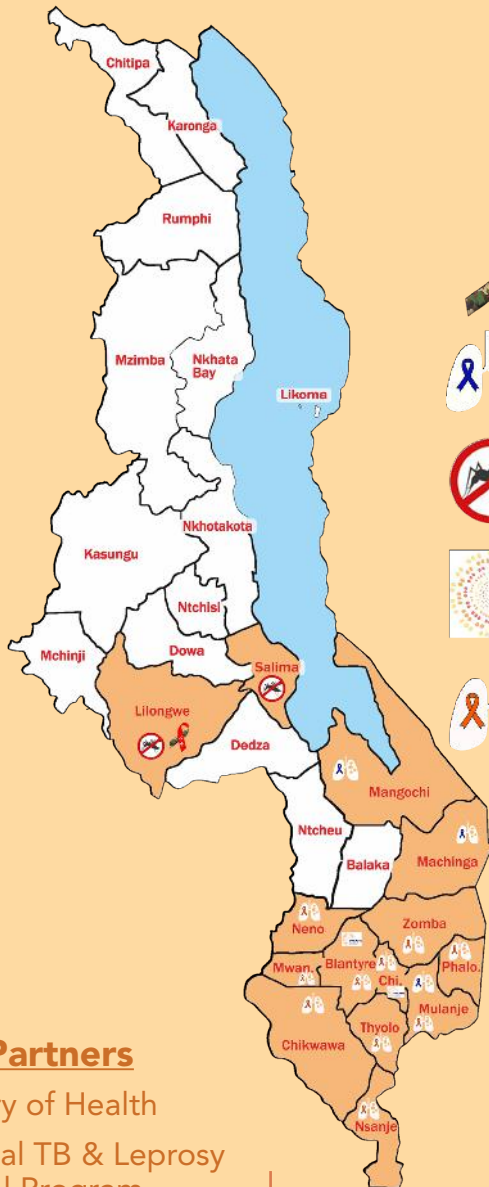


FAST Promoter sensitizing a group of women on how to provide sputum samples at a health facility.


Health


Our health programs begin with people and not with the disease. Positive health outcomes rely on people living well, building and maintaining good health in their communities.


Introduction




 Unlocking the Social Capital of Military and Faith Communities to Support HIV/AIDS Services Project - Lilongwe district

 TB Local Organisation Network 2 Project - Mangochi, Machinga & Mulanje districts

 Towards Malaria Elimination Project - Salima & Lilongwe Rural districts

 Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) Program - Blantyre & Chiradzulu districts

 TB HIV Epidemic Control Program - Blantyre, Chikwawa, Chiradzulu, Mulanje, Mwanza, Neno, Nsanje, Phalombe, Thyolo & Zomba districts

Partners

- Ministry of Health
- National TB & Leprosy Control Program
- National Malaria Control Program
- USAID
- PEPFAR
- US Department of Defence via MANERELA+
- The Global Fund via Christian Aid
- Stop TB
- Christian Health Association of Malawi
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- FACT Malawi
- FHI 360

In 2023, we continued working together with people in their communities to address factors accelerating the spread of HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria using our comprehensive, systematic epidemic prevention, care, and control model of Total Control of the Epidemics (TCE) which combines house-to-house case detection, rapid field testing, counselling, education, awareness and community mobilisation. Our people-to-people philosophy, centred on the understanding that only the people can liberate

themselves from AIDS, TB, and other epidemics, has been instrumental in the engagement of the population in targeted districts in bringing the epidemics under control. Building on these experiences, we have over the past years scaled up working together with people in their communities to reduce the spread of HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria in various districts in Malawi. We share some of the best practices and key results for 2023.

TB, HIV and AIDS

Through the Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) Program, we worked with 27,600 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYWs) of 10-24 years, supporting them to access health and other services including HIV testing services (HTS), family planning, education and technical skills support, and gender-based violence prevention amongst others in Blantyre and Chiradzulu districts. Under the Unlocking the Social Capital of Military and Faith Communities to Support HIV/AIDS Services project, more than 2,700 youth of 9-25 years were reached with faith-based HIV and gender-based violence prevention awareness within Kamuzu Barracks and surrounding communities.

In both the TB HIV Epidemic Control Program and TB Local Organization Network 2 project, a total of 3,237 people were tested positive with Tuberculosis (TB) infection and treated in the districts of Zomba, Chiradzulu, Phalombe, Mulanje, Nsanje, Machinga, Mangochi, Chikwawa, Mwanza, Neno, Thyolo and Blantyre. Our combined approach of controlling TB at a health facility and community

level, has proved to be effective in the fight against this airborne disease. For the success and sustainability of this effort we engaged 7,325 community based volunteers conducting house-to-house TB education and awareness, tracing and screening for TB patients contacts and collecting and transporting sputum for TB testing. Over 12,900 households and 4,900 contacts were screened for TB.

Overall, we reached out to over 728,000 and 30,000 people with TB and HIV/AIDS interventions respectively.





Malaria

Working in Salima and Lilongwe rural districts, we are reaching out to pregnant women, children under the age of five and the general population with malaria prevention, case detection and case management using comprehensive behaviour change and communication messages in line with the Ministry of Health's malaria communication strategy. We are advocating for behavioural change of community members through sensitisation on early health care seeking behavior, early Antenatal Care (ANC), Intermittent Prevention of Malaria in Pregnancy (IPTp3+) uptake and mosquito nets care

and utilization. We supported mapping and revamping of 18 Community Health Action Groups (CHAGs), provided orientation and conducted Community Action Cycle (CAC) trainings. To enhance sustainability of the project, we provided capacity building for community health structures, we supported Health Care Workers (HCWs) with mentorship and trainings in Malaria case management. Overall, more than 7,400 people accessed malaria care and prevention services in the year.

Testimonials



“Completing TB treatment saved my life. I am now working and supporting the daily needs of my family just like any other person.”

Salesi Kapalepale, former TB patient, T/A Chikumbu, Mulanje. - TB LON II Project.



YVONNE CHUMBI.

*T/A Kadewere, Chiradzulu.-
DREAMS Project*

“The program has supported me with a full scholarship so that I resume my studies after dropping out due to teenage pregnancy. This will help me from getting into risky habits that could make me contract HIV”



FYNESS CHAZAMA.

T/A Mwanza, Salima.- TOME Project

“I lost my unborn child to malaria as I didn’t go for antenatal malaria services due to a myth that my child would be born with blisters after taking medicine. The coming in of community volunteers has helped me to clear such myths. I am currently pregnant again and accessing antenatal services.”



SILAJU DAUNDELA.

*T/A Bwananyambi, Mangochi.- TB LON II
Project*

I would like to thank the volunteers for helping me regain self-confidence and realise how I could protect people around me from TB. My health condition has greatly improved since I started to adhere to TB treatment.”

Key figures under Health

766,000+

People reached with health interventions



3,000+

TB cases identified

17,000+

AGYWs accessed HIV self-testing kits





A smallholder farmer working in her vegetable garden

Agriculture

Strengthening Malawi's farmers through Farmers' Clubs: Cultivating stronger communities, nurturing healthier crops, and safeguarding our environment together.

Introduction



Partners

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Department of Disaster Management Affairs
- Dutch Government via Sympany
- NACALA Logistics
- Commonwealth via CISONICC (Civil Society Network on Climate Change)
- IFAD via FARMSE
- SABLE Farming Company
- IFAD via TRADE Program
- IFC via World Bank

Agriculture serves as a livelihood for most needy Malawians who currently face the effects of climate change. This being the situation, we approach agriculture as a cornerstone for societal development through the adoption of Humana People to People's Farmers' Clubs model. This concept utilizes farming instructors to organize and support smallholder farmers into local clubs (30-50 farmers) and promotes peer learning as a method to transfer and maintain knowledge on farming and related practices at local level. Through comprehensive training programs, farmers are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to

optimize crop yields while preserving natural resources. By promoting climate-smart agriculture and conservation techniques, the skills allow communities to mitigate the effects of climate change and adapt to evolving environmental conditions. The farmers are also trained to set up Village Savings and Loans (VSL) groups so that they diversify their income sources and accumulate assets.

Village Savings and Loans

Village Savings and Loans groups (VSLs) play a crucial role in supporting smallholder farmers, particularly in rural and underserved areas. They present a powerful tool that supports smallholder farmers by providing financial services, fostering community solidarity, and enhancing agricultural productivity and resilience. In 2023, we worked with a total of 62,665 smallholder farmers in the districts of Nkhatabay, Nkhotakota, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Nsanje and Zomba under the Poverty Reduction of Vulnerable Beneficiaries

and Smallscale Enterprise Development (PROVED) project. These farmers belong to 2,307 VSL groups that we are supporting with smallscale enterprise principles. They acquired financial literacy, value chain identification and promotion, and market linkages.

We linked 550 of these groups to formal financial and micro-finance institutions. The project's purpose is for the groups to safely keep their money as well as access loans to boost their businesses and investments.





Disaster Preparedness

We worked with community members in Mmembe and Tizola villages under Traditional Authority Mbenje in Nsanje district. These two villages are regarded as flood-prone. Together we embarked on a disaster risk mitigation plan which involved the construction of storm drains, swalleys, water holding trenches, check dams as well as planting vetiver grass along river banks to help reduce the speed of running water and the protection of the banks.



Testimonials



"From the K203,000.00 share from my savings, I was able to cover my daughter's school fees, invest in building materials and bought livestock."

Elizabeth Cement, member of COWFA Group, T/A Mbenje, Nsanje. - PROVED Project.



LEKELELE GOBWA

*T/A Kumlumanje, Zomba.-
PROVED Project*

"From the lessons we were offered, our VSL group agreed on reforestation to protect our community and its environment. We have over 12,000 tree seedlings ready for this exercise."



LAPOZO PETERSON

*T/A Malemia, Nsanje.-
PROVED Project*

"I managed to start a small grocery shop business from a soft loan I accessed in my VSL. From the profits I make, I am able to make savings as well as to cater for my family's needs."



EGILE SHOKOWA

*T/A Nkhumba, Phalombe.-
PROVED Project*

"I couldn't provide for my family before joining a Village Bank. Through my savings, I managed to change my living conditions. I've even built a house and own a herd of goats and I intend to invest in diary farming."

Key figures under Agriculture

65,000+

Smallholder farmers enrolled



25,400+

Trained in financial literacy & business management



550

VSLs linked to formal financial institutions



Humanitarian Aid

Aid is not just about providing sustenance; it is about restoring hope, rebuilding communities, and inspiring individuals to rise above adversity.

Our response to Cyclone Freddy



Partners

- Department of Disaster Management Affairs
- Sympany
- Humana Spain
- Humana Germany
- Christian Aid

In March 2023, southern Malawi received torrential rains induced by Tropical Cyclone Freddy which led to strong winds, flash floods and severe mudslides. This caused deaths and destruction of homes, buildings and other infrastructure. Over 563,600 people (over 126,215 households) were displaced in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Mulanje, Blantyre, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Mangochi, Machinga, and Balaka districts. In response to this, with help from our various partners, we supported more than 14,000 people from Phalombe, Chiradzulu, Thyolo, Mulanje and Nsanje districts. We provided them with clothes, agricultural inputs, school materials for the school-going children and sanitary packages. We also constructed latrines in a camp to promote hygiene and sanitation amongst the people as well as providing education support to two orphaned-children.





DAPP customer earning a living from the selling of second hand clothes at a local market

Sale of Second-hand Clothes & Shoes

The reuse of clothing reduces waste and supports sustainable fashion practices. In a global context where fast fashion contributes significantly to environmental degradation, second-hand clothes provide a greener alternative.

Re-use today for a better tomorrow!



Sustainability | Resource Efficiency

The reuse of clothing reduces waste and supports sustainable fashion practices. Fast fashion contributes significantly to environmental degradation whilst second-hand clothes provide a greener environmental promise. By extending the lifecycle of garments, the second-hand market helps conserve resources that would otherwise be used in the production of new clothes.

Employment Opportunities | Small Business Growth

The second-hand clothing market creates jobs, from sellers in bustling markets to those involved in the sorting and distribution. With 32 shops across the country, we employ over 400 Malawians in retail, wholesale and sorting. Many Malawians start small businesses by selling second-hand clothes in local markets, contributing to local economies and fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship.



Economic Accessibility | Quality and Variety | Fashion Statements

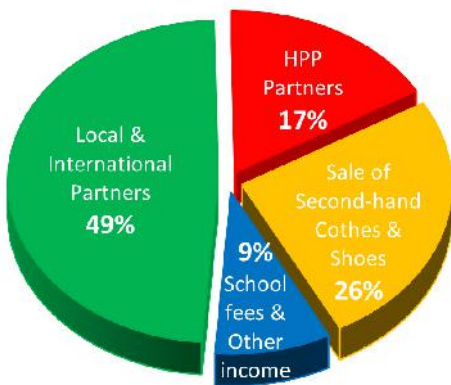
Our second-hand clothes, known locally as “Kaunjika,” offer an affordable alternative to new clothing. The majority of Malawians live on modest incomes, making second-hand clothing a practical choice. We provide budget-friendly options, diverse and fashionable choices, and sustainable alternatives to fast fashion to many Malawians as they are of high-quality and branded items that would otherwise be unaffordable if purchased new.



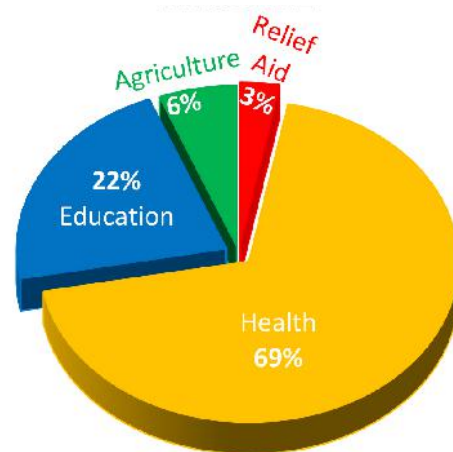
Finance and Accountability

Our interventions are funded by different partners and stakeholders. We ensure that the funds are used efficiently and effectively to achieve our mission and goals. We maintain high standards of financial integrity and accountability, below is how we made use of our funds in 2023 alongside funds raised from our sale of second hand clothes and shoes.

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



Good Governance

As DAPP Malawi, we are committed to adhering to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and good governance.

In 2021, we were officially certified for governance policies and procedures, including their implementation, by the internationally renowned inspection and certification company, Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) NGO Benchmarking Standards based on an external audit.

The SGS NGO Benchmarking Standard is described by SGS as “a reasoned consolidation of some 25 Codes and Standards established by donor agencies,

states, funding organisations, associations, philanthropic institutions, etc.” This comprises an audit of best practice across our policies and procedures and the organisation’s compliance with these standards in 12 defined areas.



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Our 2023 Partners



Member of Humana People to People

We are Development Aid from People to People in Malawi.

We are a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.

Our common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The Federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Together with the people in the communities and our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.





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