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RESPONSE TO TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY



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Vision and Mission



Vision

We envision a society in which communities are self-sustainable and have an improved quality of life.

Mission

We work with communities in Malawi by promoting social and economic development through programs in health, education and vocational training, agriculture, food security and environment, community development and fundraising

Introduction

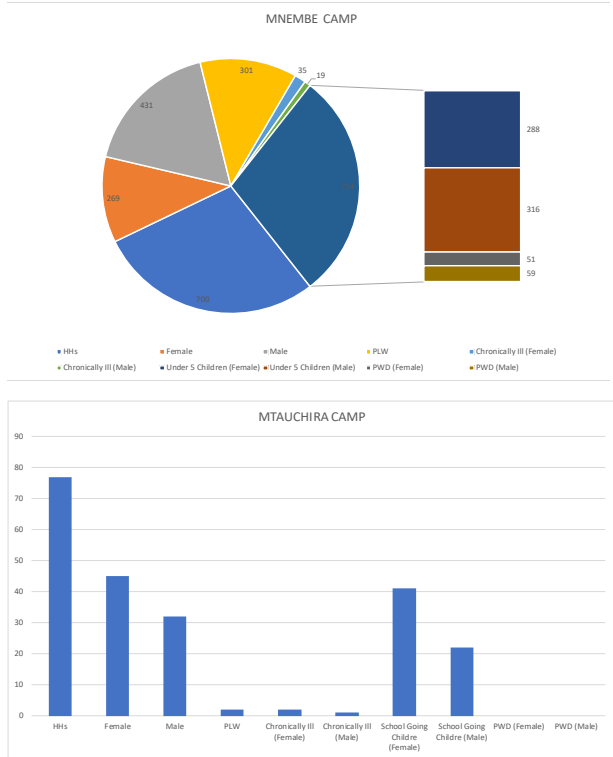


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Due to Tropical Cyclone Freddy, Malawi experienced torrencial rains from 11th to 13th March, 2023, that caused floods and mudslides which affected 14 districts in the southern region. The worst affected districts included; Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Mulanje and Blantyre. The aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Freddy presented a scene of profound devastation, revealing the vulnerabilities that exist in even the most tightly-knit societies. Homes were washed away, farmlands were submerged, and vital infrastructure was rendered obsolete. The torrencial rains and fierce winds led to widespread flooding, upending lives and triggering a humanitarian crisis of significant proportions.

The impact was not confined to physical destruction alone. Families were displaced, livelihoods were shattered, and communities were left grappling with the uncertainty that accompanies such natural disasters. The fundamental pillars of normalcy – access to clean water, education, healthcare, and shelter – were suddenly stripped away, leaving those affected in a state of profound vulnerability.

Sample Outlook - Statistics for two different evaluation camps



Director's Note

Cyclone Freddy unleashed its fury upon Malawi, leaving homes shattered, livelihoods disrupted, and lives upturned. The aftermath revealed the stark reality of the fragility of human existence in the face of nature's might. Yet, even amidst the chaos, our unwavering determination to make a positive impact has been a beacon of hope for those affected.

Our journey in assisting the victims of Cyclone Freddy has been nothing short of remarkable. We have witnessed the power of unity as individuals from diverse backgrounds, organizations, and corners of the world joined hands to offer solace and support. From providing emergency relief in the immediate aftermath to facilitating long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts, we have demonstrated our commitment to supporting Malawians.

Our teams, who have tirelessly dedicated their time and expertise, exemplify the essence of selflessness. Their presence in the field, offering a helping hand, a comforting word, or a simple gesture of kindness, has uplifted the spirits of those grappling with loss. Their dedication has been the driving force behind our initiatives, and their contributions will forever remain etched in

the hearts of those they have touched.

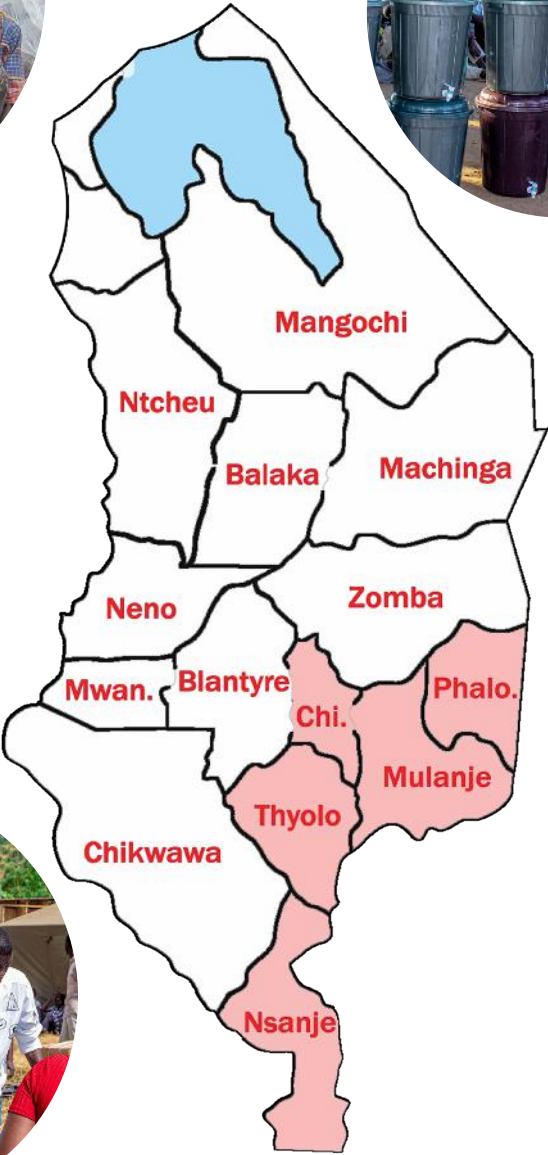
I must also extend my heartfelt gratitude to our invaluable partners – governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, local communities, and international supporters. It is through the collaborative spirit that we have been able to maximize our impact and create sustainable solutions that will aid the affected communities in their journey towards recovery and resilience.

As we move forward, let us remember that our work is far from over. The road to complete restoration may be long and arduous, but the indomitable spirit of the Malawian people and our collective resolve will guide us through. Together, we will continue to rebuild homes, restore livelihoods, and provide essential services, ensuring that the scars left by Cyclone Freddy serve as a testament to our shared determination to create a better future.

Moses Chibwana,
Country Director.



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Disaster Response Through SYMPANY - Macadamia Support

800 households who are macadamia farmers under Traditional Authority Bvumbwe, Chimaliro, Mchiramwera, Thomas, Boidi and Ngolongoliwa were supported with food and non-food items courtesy of SYMPANY HOLLAND



Thyolo District Council Director of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Jackson Mkombezi, District DoDMA Officer together with DAPP Officials distributing food packs to affected macadamia farmers at Bvumbwe Centre.



Food Packs

Naveya Centre Thyolo District - Just like other small-scale farmers at Bvumbwe Centre who received the food packs, the same happened with Naveya Macadamia farmers in the same district.



Ensuring order is followed - A field officer identifying real beneficiaries before issuing the food packs to avoid chaos at Naveya distribution Centre in Thyolo.



Chimaliro Centre in Thyolo - Macadamia farmers feeling a sigh of relief after receiving the food packs.

Disaster Response Through SYMPANY - Mikolongwe Support

77 households from Chanza Evacuation Camp under Traditional Authority Likoswe in Chiradzulu District were supported with farm inputs, school supporting materials and sanitation & hygiene materials. Apart from that, two orphans from the camp were given psychosocial and financial support as a recovery initiative courtesy of SYMPANY HOLLAND. On the other hand, DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School served as an emergency shelter for more than 2,000 affected people around the school few days after the Cyclone.



few days after the Cyclone DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School served as an emergency shelter for over 2,000 people who were affected by the Cyclone



Farm inputs for Chanza Evacuation Camp with support from SYMPANY Holland.



Thank you very much SYMPANY - Traditional Authority Likoswe (Chiradzulu District) in a grey jacket and other district authorities officially receiving items from DAPP Malawi.



Orphan support – Robert and Witness Kapichi in the middle receiving one million Kwacha cheque from DAPP Malawi in the presence of Chiradzulu District Council Official.



We can afford a smile – Young women at Chanza Camp smiling after receiving hygiene and sanitation materials.

Disaster Response Through FUNDACION PUEBLO PARA PUEBLO (Humana Spain)

1,300 households from Mmembe and Khope Evacuation Camps under Traditional Authority Mbenje in Nsanje District were supported with food & non-food items and water, sanitation and hygiene materials courtesy of Humana Spain.



Truck offloading relief items courtesy of Humana Spain - As other partners were in the Upper Shire, Humana Spain was in the lower shire supporting people there, where more than 6,500 people in two evacuation camps benefited from the relief items which were distributed there.



Wrapping up for safety - A woman taking care of her package at Khope Evacuation Camp.



Now I can afford a smile - One of the group members of Humana Spain Resilience Project in Nsanje District smiling after receiving the relief package courtesy of Humana Spain.



A relief given in time - A man wants to leave after receiving maize flour, plastic sheet for make shift house, plastic utensils and salt, while others waiting for their turn

Time to go and cook – An elderly woman from Khope Evacuation Camp seem to tell her daughters moments after receiving the relief package. On the other hand, DAPP Head of Grants Chimwemwe Mponya engages in the distribution exercise.



No one was left behind - the relief packages also reached out to those with various forms of disabilities.



Sanitation matters – Mnembe Evacuation Camp members offloading plastic buckets from a truck to be used for sanitation purposes whilst DAPP Malawi Official demonstrate how to use the materials.



A community member washing hands as part of observing hygiene many thanks to Humana Spain for providing the materials.

Clothes Donation with support from DAPP Malawi

Over 14 tonnes of clothes were donated to 2,000 households affected by Cyclone Freddy in the districts of Chiradzulu, Mulanje and Phalombe. Each household received a 7 kilogram emergency package of assorted clothes. In Blantyre District over 4500 people received the same packages with the help of Land Rover Defenders Club.



Here we go - DAPP Malawi officer distributing clothes in Mulanje District



Thank you! – Group Village Headwoman Mataka under Traditional Authority Likoswe in Chiradzulu District symbolically receive the clothes on behalf of her village members.



Clothes Distribution in Phalombe



A family in Mulanje District seem to have a relief moments after receiving the emergency package.

Disaster Preparedness with Support from FUNDACION PUEBLO PARA PUEBLO (Humana Spain)

Regarded as a flood-prone area, community members in Mnembe and Tizola under Traditional Authority Mbenje in Nsanje District have embarked on disaster risk mitigation plan, which among other they are constructing the following disaster mitigation structures; Storm drains, Swalleys, Water holding trenches, Check dams and Protection of river banks by planting vetiver grass in order to reduce running water.



Community members from Mnembe constructing water holding trenches within their community to offset the impact of floods.



Community members from Tizola planting vetiver along Maera River.





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