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Introductory Remarks from the Board Chair

Last year, World Vision Malawi received $58,663,773 in grants and child sponsorship which were directed towards implementation activities in maternal and child health, water, sanitation and hygiene, livelihoods and resilience, education, advocacy and child protection, as well as administrative costs.

Cyclone Freddy disaster in March 2023 was one of the hardest part of the year, and as a ministry, we shared in the pain that was caused by this destructive cyclone. The effects of this disaster still emanate through the communities to date. We are grateful to God for giving us the ability to acquire resources to support as many people as we could.

In spite of this set back, we also celebrate the wins registered, especially in development efforts that reached and positively impacted 1,521,910 children across the country where World Vision works.

We are continually in awe of our sponsors and donors, who have helped make the impact in the communities possible. At a time when cutting back was obvious, our donors made sure that we made significant progress in advocating for child rights and creating a safe space for thousands of children in Malawi. Thank you to all our valued donors, advisers and partners.

A special thank you to the World Vision Malawi staff who work tirelessly to drive the mission and vision of this ministry. Yes, there is a lot more work to be done, and we are ready to meet the need.

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow board members for their passion and dedication to the well-being of the child. The work ahead in 2024 involves strengthening the capacity of the board members, to realign our capacity towards a quality fiduciary and strategic oversight as well as enhancing resource mobilization.

Dr. Lucy Kachapila
WVM Board Chairperson
Foreword from the National Director

We have completed the third year of our 2021-2025 national strategy. Our mandate is one helping the most vulnerable girls and boys overcome poverty so they can experience fullness of life now and in the future.

In 2023, Malawi faced significant challenges, particularly with climate change-induced disasters wreaking havoc across the nation. Cyclone Freddy brought floods to the southern and eastern regions, while drought afflicted the north, leaving many families and children vulnerable.

Our efforts extended to improving livelihoods through microfinance initiatives with FAST Loan Products with Vision Fund, benefiting 27,174 people and MK1,791,390,646 was earned as savings in Savings for Transformation (S4T) Portfolio, which in turn benefited 3,429 Registered Children. Additionally, our interventions in literacy and education reached thousands of children, while our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene programs provided access to clean water to 153,086 people, through drilling of boreholes fitted with hand pumps, in addition to other basic water supply systems.

As part of our emergency activities, 9,500 households from Chikwawa and Phalombe districts benefitted from cash transfers for asset creation under Integrated Resilience Program amounting to MK 6,435,000,000 in the past 2 years. Furthermore, our engagement with government bodies and civil society led to tangible outcomes, such as the readmission of children who had dropped out due to child marriage.

In addition, our commitment to spiritual nurture saw us reaching hundreds of thousands of children through Faith and Development activities, fostering holistic development.

The achievements highlighted in this report are a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers, as well as the invaluable collaboration with our partners. Together, we remain steadfast in our mission to bring hope and transformation to the communities we serve.

As we look forward, I am confident that through our continued collaboration and partnerships we will continue to create a brighter future for the children of Malawi. I am as grateful to all our child sponsors, donors, supporters, faith leaders, government officials, board members, members of staff and volunteers for their steadfast support and dedication as we continue to transform lives of children in Malawi.

Francis Dube
National Director
2023 at a Glance

2,258,246
Beneficiaries

1,521,910
Children reached

378
Staff

736,336
Adult beneficiaries

US$58,663,773
Funds invested
Our Priority Sectors

Livelihoods

68,720 people reached with various interventions on livelihoods and resilience, with 1,292 adolescents receiving training in vocational skills.

Education

142,463 children from 381 primary schools and 2,062 Reading Clubs participated in unlock literacy interventions. 360 Children with Disabilities were screened and referred for specialized treatment.

WASH

136,545 children gained access to basic hygiene and sanitation services at academic institutions. These services include boreholes, taps and faucets, latrines and washrooms.

Health

The number of children (6 to 59 months) admitted into the Out-patient Therapeutic Program (OTP) declined from 868 in 2022 to 691 in 2023.

Humanitarian Emergency Affairs

55,446 households affected by Tropical Cyclones Anna and Freddy in Chikwawa, were supported with US$814,089.85 through WFP.

Advocacy and Child Protection

1,452 Children (1,079 girls) withdrawn from child marriages. 54 girls and 118 boys were withdrawn from child labour.

Sponsorship

The programme received Reserve Funds amounting to amounting to US$407,023 and APs used the funds to address the greatest needs in the community, which included among others, construction of two Village Clinics, drilling of 8 boreholes, purchasing of 703 school desks, 420 goats, and 4,500 local chickens.
Livelihoods and Resilience

Livelihoods and Resilience Programme’s main objective is to ensure that 52,000 households with adolescents and youths have improved capacity to sustain productive and fulfilling lives between 2021 and 2025. In 2023, we reached 68,720 people of which 35,734 were females and 31,058 were children.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **1,303 (596F)** adolescents actively participate in community learning projects.
- **1,292 (596)** 14 years and older attended and completed apprenticeship in vocational skills in Tailoring, Carpentry, Motorcycle Mechanics, Cosmetology and Household Electronics, Welding and Fabrications, and Electrical Installation.
- **13,744** households demonstrated the application of the Empowered Biblical World View (EBWV) principles in contributing to their own development and that of their communities.
- **47,580** households were members of a savings group.
- **30,280** households registered owning different valuable assets in form of 27,252 livestock, 17,714 bicycles, 24,224 houses, and 4,428 ox-carts, among others.
- **296** producer groups were involved in organized marketing in different value chains.
- **MK640,857,689** money earned from different promoted value chains
- **27,174** members participated as microfinance clients with FAST Loan Products with Vision Fund, and MK1,791,390,646 was earned as savings in S4T Savings Portfolio, which benefited 3,429 Registered Children.
In 2021, I earned **K1,600,000** from certified soybean seed, **K375,000** from soybean grain and **K540,000** from ground nuts. The money was used to buy a motorbike valued at **K1,050,000** to ease mobility, and a piece of land at Chulu Trading Centre to build a house to up for rent. In order to safeguard our income, my wife and I joined a savings for transformation (S4T) group to save part of our money and also borrow funds when in need, especially for our farming business needs. Thanks to World Vision for invaluable trainings we receive, our **household is now food and income secure**.

- **ACKIM MACHATWA, 39**

I took my first loan from Vision Fund in 2021 and used it to buy more stock for my shop. The plan was that I would then use the proceeds to purchase farm produce which I would then resell later in the year at a higher price. Unfortunately, I lose all my stock in the shop due to cyclone Freddy in 2023. I reached out to Vision Fund to explain my predicament, and they reminded me that the loan I took had an insurance cover for times like these. Vision Fund cleared my outstanding loan amounting to **US$600**, based on the credit life insurance policy. Furthermore, I also received a compensation of **US$337**, courtesy of NICO Life Insurance Company, the insurance partner with Vision Fund.

- **ISAAC LIKOSWE, 49**
The Education programme in Malawi is called Tiwerenge365, with a literal translation of Let us read for 365 days. The programme provides literacy and life skills to learner, with a keen focus on improving reading abilities in primary school learner. The programme operates through two technical models calls Unlock Literacy (UL) for primary schools and Learning Roots (LR) for Early Childhood Development (ECD).

- **142,463** children from 381 primary schools and 2,062 Reading Clubs participated in unlock literacy interventions.
- **52,867** children from 1,188 CBCCs participated in Learning Roots interventions.
- **2,260** Reading Camp Volunteers and 1,855 ECD caregivers supported children in Reading Camps and CBCCs respectively.
- **49,413** copies of supplementary readers’ books and 257 digital books were distributed to children in Reading Camps.
- **71,719** parents supported their children’s education through the home-schooling initiative.
- **48,530** Most Vulnerable Children, including 3,494 children with disabilities participated in WV education programmes.
- **360** Children with Disabilities were screened and referred for specialized treatment.

Ultimately, the goal is to improve education quality and access for the most vulnerable children through effective teaching, better retention, conducive learning environments, and enhanced ECD.
IMPACT STORY

Digital Books Project Excites Learners in Lupembe

In the remote village of Kishombe, deep in the heart of Lupembe Mlare Area Program in Karonga, reading camps faced numerous challenges such as limited access to reading materials, low attendance, and a general lack of interest among learners. Children often found it difficult to engage with traditional teaching methods, given the scarcity of textbooks and reading materials. However, hope arrived in the form of the Digital Books Project, transforming the educational landscape of this small community. The introduction of digital books has changed the way reading camp sessions are conducted.

Equipped with tablets and projectors, Reading Camp volunteers now bring a world of knowledge to the fingertips of young learners and the immediate result of this initiative is a surge in attendance at the camps.

“We used to struggle to attract learners to the camps since they were used to the usual storybooks that we have in the camps, but since the coming of the projectors, we have seen a rapid increase in the attendance of learners”,” said Tembo, a volunteer at Baka Reading Camp.

Digital books have also revolutionized the way Reading Camp sessions are conducted as they are now able to adapt their teaching methods to the needs of individual learners, especially those with disabilities. Interactive elements, animations, and multimedia content within the digital books are making complex concepts easy to grasp. This dynamic approach has sparked curiosity, creativity, and a genuine love for reading among the learners.

The digital libraries, which are hosted on the eKitabu platform have offered a vast collection of literature, fostering a love for reading beyond the academic curriculum. This newfound access has also opened up opportunities for self-guided learning among learners.

Currently, the project is being implemented in selected Reading Camps across Malawi APs as a pilot phase, impacting 243 learners, with the expectation to be extended to more than 200 camps in the next year.
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Through integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (iWASH) Programme, World Vision Malawi continued to contribute towards the reduction of diarrhoea prevalence among children under the age of five. This was done by ensuring that vulnerable communities and institutions, including children, have increased access to sustainable and clean water supply, improved sanitation and improved knowledge in hygiene promotion and behaviour change practices.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 153,086 people gained access to basic drinking water services.
- 219 boreholes fitted with hand pumps drilled and handed over to communities.
- 604 water collection points (taps, faucets or dispensers) completed as part of water supply systems in communities.
- 179 water collection points (taps or hand pumps) rehabilitated in communities.
- 20,150 people gained access to basic sanitation services.
- 463,429 people with access to sanitation facilities
- 218 villages certified Open Defecation Free.
- 162 improved sex-separated toilets (latrine stalls) completed on the premises of educational facilities.
- 22,170 children gained access to basic sanitation services at schools
- 114,375 children gained access to basic hygiene services at schools.
IMPACT STORY

More than a Toilet

For Eunice, 14, having a toilet at school meant privacy and the dignity to keep attending classes.

The outdoor toilets were a menace for the children, and it was very difficult just to be comfortable. This resulted in more children, especially girls, skipping classes, or leaving earlier just to find a toilet.

Naifulu Junior Primary school, which was established in 2018, has 419 children enrolled at the institution. Of these, 190 are girls. According to Florence Mwimaniwa, a teacher at the school, the toilets were not constructed until 2020.

“The community came together to construct 2 toilets, one to cater for students and the other for teachers. However, with a higher ratio of students to teachers, this was not sustainable. As such, we then decided to build the makeshift grass thatched toilets for the students, and leave the two latrines strictly for the teachers,” explains Mwamaniwa.

Unfortunately, using these shacks meant pubescent girls like Eunice were not accorded the dignity or privacy they deserved. A majority of the children would then resort to using the bushes to relieve themselves.

“When we are in our periods, we would sometimes go to the nursery school just 500 kilometers from the school premises, and use their toilets. The teacher there would be kind enough to let us use the toilets, however, it still was not conducive because there are young kids there that also need to be protected in terms of hygiene,” explains Eunice.

Menstrual hygiene challenges are one of the leading causes of high school dropout amongst girls. According to the UN Population Fund Agency (UNFPA), only about 25% of girls complete primary school, and nearly 60% drop out for a variety of reason related to lack of motivation and poor sanitary facilities.

Thankfully, in 2023, World Vision Malawi with funding from World Vision USA constructed a 4-hole latrine at the school. This meant a new wave of hope for Eunice.

“I thank World Vision for this toilet. We commit to take care of these toilets so that they are not messy. We have a borehole right at the school so that will be easy for us to do,” says Eunice with pride.

Chrissy Mbewe (WV Staff) hands Eunice (left) the keys to the new school toilets at Naifulu.
Health

The Maternal and Child Health interventions were present across 12 districts in Malawi, with key focus on address high morbidity and mortality rates among children under the age of five. These are normally caused by preventable infectious diseases and malnutrition, and more often than not, civic education and access to health services are very important to combat the same.

The Global Fund grant also continued to implement the joint Malaria and TB/HIV project in Balaka, Nkhotakota, and Mangochi. A total of 1,939,100 people were safeguarded from Malaria through Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) programme.

The grant also continued to implement programs aimed at reducing TB incidence to 102 cases per 100,000 population, and TB mortality to 18 cases per 100,000 population by the year 2025, and to contribute towards ending HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Through the community TB care program, a total of 833 cases of TB were identified and linked to treatment and care, in remote areas across the country.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1,939,100 people, including 312,083 children and 48,930 pregnant women protected from Malaria through IRS.
- 5,199 adolescents living positively participated in weekend Anti-Retroviral Therapy clinics/teen clubs.
- 397,734 young people reached with education on sexual and reproductive health.
- 44,764 women of reproductive age reached through various interventions. Of these, 507 were adolescents aged 15 to 18 years.
- The number of children (6 to 59 months) admitted into the Out-patient Therapeutic Program (OTP) declined from 868 in 2022 to 691 in 2023.
- 12 children enrolled in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU) in 2023, compared to 103 in 2022.
From Struggle to Triumph: Kefulesi’s Journey to Health

Lusiya from Kasungu district gave birth to twins on June 6th, 2021. Both were born underweight, with one weighing 1.2 kilograms and the other 2.3 kilograms. Unfortunately, the baby with the higher weight died just a week after birth, leaving Lusiya to grieve one baby whilst raising the other, now called Kefulesi. Suffice to say, Kefulesi faced some health challenges due to her low birthweight.

Due to lack of proper family planning education, Lusiya became pregnant again when Kefulesi was barely a year old, and she delivered her new baby in April 2023. “I was unable to take care of both my babies, and as such, Kefulesi was the most affected. She would get sick so often and we were in and out of the hospital. It wasn’t until World Vision conducted a community child health screening exercise that Kefulesi was then diagnosed with oedema plus 3. Her symptoms included swollen hands and legs, and she her health was poorly,” explains Lusiya.

Oedema is a build-up of fluid in the body which causes the affected tissue to become swollen, and one of the causes is poor nutrition. “After this diagnosis, I received targeted support from the care group promoters, cluster leaders as well as Health Surveillance Assistants (HSA). I was also referred to Chulu health Centre where we started receiving chiponde, a peanut-based ready to use therapeutic food supplement,” she said.

The care groups are smaller focused groups which teach parents how to prepare healthy foods for children using locally available resources. And through World Vision’s Health programme, 90,000 under-5 children and 135,000 women of child-bearing age were reached with life changing interventions across 17 area programs in 13 districts.

Utilizing the Care Group approach, the program trains Community Health Workers (CHWs) and care groups to disseminate integrated behavioural change messages through dialogue, counselling, and home visits.

Kefulesi is now healthy and strong, and within two months of treatment, she moved from 1.3kgs at 18 months to 9.2kgs at 24 months.
Community Engagement and Sponsorship Programme (CESP)

Child Sponsorship is a way of partnering children with sponsors, thereby tackling the root causes of poverty and children’s suffering. Through this community centered approach, for every one child that is paired with a sponsor, four more children within that community are also able to benefit from the funding that is received.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 92% of children in the Sponsorship Programme participated in at least three different interventions implemented by World Vision in their area.
- 347,091 children were reached with Spiritual Nurture Activities working in collaboration with 1,685 faith leaders and teachers.
- 1,452 Children withdrawn from Child Marriages.
- 120 IMPACT+ Clubs established in 30 Area Programs, targeting 2,000 adolescents.
- 4,300 children benefitted from cash from sponsors, amounting to US$538,575.
- The programme also received Reserve Funds amounting to amounting to US$407,023 and APs used the funds to address the greatest need in the community, which included among others, construction of two Village Clinics, drilling of 8 boreholes, purchasing of 703 school desks, 420 goats, and 4,500 local chickens.
IMPACT STORY

Lukas’ Special Gift

For six years, Lukas has been receiving monetary gifts from his sponsor because he is a Registered Child. A child under the age of 18 is registered into the sponsorship programme and paired with a sponsor. The sponsor then is at liberty to send additional gifts to the family aside their monthly contribution which goes to the community. And Lukas has been lucky to have a sponsor who has consistently sent him cash gifts for the past few years.

From this cash gift, Lukas’ parents decided to invest in livestock to boost their economic status. The family now own six cattle, four goats and four pigs. They also boast of bumper maize yield, diversified farming investments and three decent houses constructed on a plot his family purchased at one of the local trading centres in the community.

“"The money that Lukas has been receiving has been a game changer for our family. We could hardly harvest enough maize for food, but now we are able to produce for consumption as well for business. Because of the investments we have made, we are able to keep at least 40 bags of staple maize just for food for the family.” – Fyson, Lukas’ father.
Advocacy, Safeguarding & Child Participation

In FY 2023, World Vision Malawi continued its efforts in empowering children and communities to advocate for various issues that affect them while partnering with various players like religious leaders, local leaders, child related networks at both district and national level. Community members including children from 32 Area Programmes were equipped with advocacy skills.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **6,932,435** children for whom WV contributed to policy change, or improved implementation of existing policy, addressing root causes of vulnerability
- **32** Programmes where WV has supported the Community to advocate
- **218** WV Supporters took action in support of the ending violence against children
- **1,452** Children (1079 girls, 373 boys) withdrawn from child marriages
- **54** girls and **118** boys were withdrawn from child labour
- **8,902** children (4794 girls, 4108 boys) reached with messages on child rights.
- **467** children (253 girls, 214 boys) participated in different decision making related sessions
- **10** (9 children, 1 adult) survivors accessed PSS/GBV services

Local and national level advocacy – Policy Wins

WVM in collaboration with Joining Forces, 218 supporters and other partners used generated data to significantly contribute to 5 policy changes that impacted 6,932,435 children in Malawi. Among the policy wins is the review of the national child marriage strategy. Various external engagement meetings with Ministries of Education, Gender, Parliamentary Committees on Legal Affairs and Social Services, Malawi Human Rights Commission and Inspector General of Police among others enhanced the readmission of 1452 children who had dropped due to child marriage. Furthermore, In FY 2023, WVM in collaboration with the Ministry of Health conducted a village clinic assessment to identify implementation gaps in order to support strengthening of Integrated Community Case management. The assessment report was shared with the National Child Health Technical Working group and all District Health Management Teams and used to lobby for funding that led to construction of one health post and 6 more village clinics. WVM also used citizen generated data to advocate for realistic standards in farmer extension worker ratio which the government responded by sending 3 more extension workers but also encouraged the utilization of lead farmers.
Safe Guarding

Nine safeguarding incidents involving children who underwent various forms of abuse were reported and necessary follow ups alongside support to the children survivors were done in the FY. A survivor centered approach was done. All the 9 incidents were responded to in alignment with the contextualized Safeguard Incident Preparedness Plan and were closed within 90 days.

Child participation

In FY 2023, a total of 467 children (253 girls, 214 boys) participated in many different activities such as Children’s parliament, ending child marriage campaigns, Spelling bee competition, climate change summit, commemoration of day of the girl child, World children’s day, 16 days of activism against gender based violence. These activities helped the children realize that their voice matters and were able to speak for themselves in all the mentioned forums. Children and other change makers also held leaders accountable by demanding support in all that is impacting them. For instance, 3 change makers had an engagement with the Minister of natural resources and climate change Hon. Dr. Michael Usi to share what the youthful change makers are doing in order to contribute towards climate change. Emanating from such is a structured partnership that has been done between WVM and the Department of Forestry on promotion of forest and Landscape Restoration.

Through a child parliament session with Government representatives, faith leaders, NGOs and community leaders, cases that the children presented were listened to and acted upon immediately, one of which led to an arrest of a prominent village chief due to a rape case to a 14-year old girl from Chigodi Area Programme. The issue passed the necessary court proceedings and the perpetrator pleaded guilty and was given a 20-year imprisonment with hard labor.
Toiling Futures Away: The Child Herders

According to the International Labor Organization, “child labour is often defined as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.”

Child labor takes away from the children their rights to play, to education and to a safe space. Poverty and lack of civic education ranks top among the reasons why child labour is rampant in Chitundu, Dedza. For this reason, World Vision used the Citizen Voice and Action model to sensitize communities against child labour.

“It is to be noted, that not all work is classified as child labour, as it all depends on the type of work, and the hours worked. However, we noticed that communities here are unaware of child rights, as they think it is all part of chores that children are to participate in,” explains Joseph Chikwapula, the Child Sponsorship team leader.

Joseph says, they then engaged the community volunteers, who in turn engaged the parents to
realize the importance of school for children; and the dangers of having children work for too long in bad weather and without food.

Bundled up, these boys, ranging from 9 – 15 years of age, have a similar story to tell. Of walking for long hours and longer distances; of taking baths in water streams and rivers; of having just one meal per day, and sometimes barely eating; of missing school and missing out on play time as children.

Twaibu is 15 years old, and only in grade 3. He should be well ahead in school, probably in grade 8 by now. But he had been toiling the years away, herding goats for his family from sunrise to sundown, therefore hindering him from attending school as he desired.

"I would only eat in the evenings after I came back from the field. Because I did not have shoes, I used to go barefoot. I have stepped on thorns so many times I can’t even count, my feet would get swollen, but still I had to go out to herd the goats because my family relied on me to do it," narrates Twaibu.

"In the event that we completely did not have food at home, we would eat wild fruits called nthudza," he says.

Twaibu is among a group of young boys that have recently returned to school, all thanks to the advocacy and child protection work that World Vision and the communities are doing.

For some of these children, their parents would let them go to school in the morning hours, before proceeding to herd the goats. Yet for some, school was entirely out of the question.

"Sometimes the goats would be sold, and the money realized therein used to buy school materials and food at home, that’s why it was important that we herd the goats diligently," says Precious, 13.

In the year 2023, 172 (118 boys) children were rescued from various forms of child labour across World Vision areas of impact.

These young boys have had their childhood taken away for so long, but we hope, that this marks a turn-around for them: to be young, carefree and educated.

"I enjoy coming to school now, because I get to interact with my friends, and the subjects we learn are really interesting. I love Mathematics and English, and hopefully one day I can be a teacher," says Twaibu.

Wild fruits that children eat while herding goats in the fields
Constructions Report

Infrastructure is important to community as it contributes to higher productivity and growth. In our effort to enhance development in the communities that we serve, this year World Vision embarked on building infrastructure focusing on four technical programs namely Livelihoods, Education (Tiwerenge 365), Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

In the financial year of 2023, World Vision Malawi invested US$3,810,182 in the construction of various projects across the country.

Infrastructure Investment and Impact Summary

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FY23 Construction Investment Distribution by Cluster (K5,717,297,440)

- Chiradzulu - Neno - Chikwawa: 18%
- Ntcheu - Balaka: 4%
- Lilongwe: 4%
- Dowa - Kasungu: 4%
- Mulanje - Phalombe: 2%
- Mchinji: 13%
- Mzimba - Nkhata Bay: 4%
- Dedza - Salima: 11%
- Ntchisi: 2%
- Karonga - Chitipa: 1%
Gift in Kinds

In FY23 World Vision Malawi Office GIK was given an allotment of 25 shipments (ocean containers) of different program resources from US and Canada. However, during the course of the FY, the US Support Office increased shipment allotment to Malawi office from 25 to 35 with a total value of $4,004,060.95. The increase came about because of the trust that has been built between the support office and the Malawi National Office on GIK management. This translated into greater integration of GIK into programming. In terms of resources the Education Sector (Tiwerenge 365) was supported with US$1,644,943.60 representing 41%, the Child Protection and CESP were supported with US$1,618,906.69 representing 40%, the Health Sector (MCH) was supported with US$572,569.17, representing 14.3% while the Disaster Management unit was supported with US$ 167,641.06 representing 4.2%.

• GIK impacted on 146,000 adults and 914,498 children in FY 23.
• 909 cartons of face masks and 960 cartons of medical gowns received from Global fund
• 54 bicycles donated to support volunteers
• 1,387 assorted items such as umbrellas, footballs, story books worthy US$32,981 distributed to school aged children.
• US$83,273.85 worth of drugs donated to the Government

ACHIEVEMENTS VERSUS GIK KEY OBJECTIVES

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IMPACT STORY

New Desks Bring Hope and Comfort to Learners at Mbombwe Primary School

Mbombwe Primary School, located in the Onga Area Program, has seen a significant transformation thanks to a generous donation from World Vision. The delivery of 80 combo school desks and chairs has brought newfound hope and comfort to both students and staff.

Lovejoy, the head teacher at Mbombwe Primary School, expressed profound gratitude for the donation. "The arrival of GIK school furniture has addressed the critical shortage of school desks we were facing," Lovejoy said. "Previously, children were forced to sit on the floor, which led to some students, particularly girls, dropping out of school. They found it embarrassing and difficult to stand up when called upon to answer questions."

The positive impact of the new desks is echoed by the students themselves. Bridget, a 14-year-old in grade 8, shared her relief and appreciation. "Before, we had to sit on the floor, and it made our clothes dirty. Many of my classmates dropped out because of the poor learning conditions," Bridget said. "Now, with these new desks, my clothes stay clean, and fewer students are dropping out. Thank you, World Vision, for this wonderful support."

The school serves as one of the examination centers for the Malawi National Examinations. In the past, this situation compelled students from other schools to bring their own chairs and desks to the examination center. "It was a burdensome process, and many desks were damaged in transit," Lovejoy explained. "With the new furniture, students can now focus on their exams without the added stress of transporting their own desks."

The new furniture has not only improved the physical learning environment but also boosted the morale of the students and staff. The support from World Vision has been instrumental in ensuring that the students of Mbombwe Primary School can learn in a more dignified and conducive environment, paving the way for better educational outcomes.
2023 was one of the most challenging years in emergency response due to the cyclone Freddy disaster which made landfall in March 2023. Aside onsite response, the Disaster Management Unit was instrumental in creating a response plan and implementation system that also included the recovery plan from cyclone Freddy and lean season response which was exacerbated due to the effects of the cyclone.

The unit also continued to implement the World Food Program grant which funds activities in climate change and natural resource conservation, as well as livelihoods and resilience.

**Key Achievements**

**Tropical Cyclones Ana and Freddy Responses**

- More than 4,000 (20,400 F) people affected by Tropical Storm Ana accessed potable clean water, from 16 boreholes in Machinga district, drilled in response to the disaster in 2022.
- 55,446 households affected by Tropical Cyclones Anna and Freddy were supported with US$ 814,089.85 through WFP
- 57,592 HHs affected by Tropical Cyclones Freddy were supported with assorted relief items such as household items, hygiene kits, food packs, Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets and plates.
- 28,592 Households affected by Tropical Cyclones Ana and Freddy, supported with over 2,159.20 metric tons of maize, 181.8 tons of pulses, 131.25 Corn Blend Soy Beans and 33.06 tonnes of cooking oil.
- 14,653 children under the age of 5 years, provided with fortified maize flour (Corn soy blend) for nutrition supplement to prevent malnutrition.
- Over 7,000 (3,570 girls) learners, provided with education materials (notebooks and pens).
- A total of 10,285 HHs (including 2063 RC’s HHs), supported with unconditional food assistance (maize flour, cooking oil and soya pieces).
Livelihood Resilience Building

- Conservation of 2,585 hectares of farmland in Chikwawa and Phalombe in the past three years through creation of soil and water conservation structures.
- Planted 1,412,780 assorted tree including fruits and agro-forestry trees in past two years in Chikwawa and Phalombe districts.
- Developed four (4) Irrigation schemes in Chikwawa and Phalombe, translating into 31 hectares of irrigable land, benefitting 254 farmers.
- 19,500 household beneficiaries from Chikwawa and Phalombe districts benefitted from cash transfers for asset creation, under Integrated Resilience Program, amounting to MK6,435,000,000 in the past 2 years.
- 4,859 Farmers from Chikwawa and Phalombe received MK178,965,300 in crop insurance compensation for crop failure
Memory is a beneficiary of the agriculture insurance and hopes she can benefit even more as years go by.
For the past five years, Malawi has been hit by at least one natural disaster every year. From cyclones to drought to diseases and pests. This has been detrimental as farmers largely depend on rain fed agriculture, without an insurance against natural disasters that seem to be recurring.

The United Nations World Food Program in Malawi introduced an insurance grant with the Disaster Management Unit of World Vision Malawi. This grant, worth MK122,939,400 has assisted more than 3,441 farmers to help reduce their vulnerability in agriculture.

Memory from Geneti village in Phalombe has been a member of the agriculture insurance since 2020. She narrates how the scheme has helped her for the past three years.

"Climate change has really affected the way we farm here; there are so many disasters happening, and year in and year out, we lose our investments. Aside the knowledge on good farming methods, I think the insurance is good to help us offset the risks," says Memory.

“I joined the insurance program in 2020, and luckily for that first year, WFP paid for the bill in full. I now pay the insurance premiums on my own, of which in 2021 it was MK3,700 and in 2022 it was MK9,650. I can attest that I have had peace of mind since joining this program,” says Memory.

Aside maize, Memory also grows pigeon peas, however due to cyclone Freddy, her crops did not do well this year. “I normally harvest between 15-18 50kg bags of maize on my piece of land. But this year I only came back with 8.5 bags because most of it got rotten due to the effects of the cyclone,” she says.

She further says the insurance company gave her a pay out after the cyclone. “I received Mk28,000 earlier this year because of the loss incurred during the cyclone. It wasn't much because everything is expensive now, but I was able to use that money to pay for some basic necessities and supplement on food,” says Memory.

For the 2023/2024 growing season, farmers will be expected to pay MK25,000 as part of their insurance premiums.

“This insurance is a new concept that a lot of us are beginning to get used to; it's not easy but hopefully it becomes even more profitable in the future. I like it because I am in a way expected to take better care of my fields since you can't claim a payout if you're negligent. So that creates an attitude of taking responsibility of our investments,” says Memory.

The agriculture insurance with WFP is helping households reduce vulnerability and protect them against losses. It is also helping to build small holder farmers’ resilience.
With enough people like you, we can ensure there is:

ENOUGH nutritious food
ENOUGH government money
ENOUGH political will
ENOUGH to end child hunger and malnutrition

Act ENOUGH now!
Financials

Financial Report Summary

As at end of September 2023, WVM had spent US$56,467,478.48 out of the Annual budget of US$ 58,663,773 which translates to a burn rate of 96%. The under expenditure is attributed to projects whose reporting period crosses to Financial Year 2024 including ongoing constructions as well as the Global Fund Project amongst other smaller grants and expenses.

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Technical Programme Annual Spend

World Vision Malawi achieved a 96.3% burn rate against its plan across all technical programmes.
WVM Presence

World Vision Malawi has 32 are programmes across 23 districts. In addition to that, the ministry also works in 4 more districts through grants and private partnerships. Below is a general overview of our presence:

CENTRAL ZONE
1. Chigodi, Lilongwe - New Zealand
2. Nkhoma, Lilongwe - USA
3. Chilenje, Lilongwe - USA
4. Lipiri, Dowa - New Zealand
5. Chisepo, Dowa - Australia
6. Kasangadzi, Dowa - South Korea
7. Mutchenda, Kasungu - USA
8. Mpherere, Ntchisi - South Korea
9. Kalira, Ntchisi - Hong Kong
10. Bua-Mtete, Mchinji - South Korea
11. Likasi, Mchinji - Taiwan
12. Chinguluwe, Salima - Taiwan
13. Tchesa, Dedza - South Korea
14. Chitundu, Dedza - Australia

NORTH ZONE
1. Kameme, Chitipa - Canada
2. Lupembe-Mlare, Karonga - Canada
3. Sanga, Nkhatabay - South Korea
4. Kande-Kachere, Nkhatabay - German
5. Kayezi, Mzimba - UK
6. Khuyu, Mzimba - Japan

SOUTH ZONE
1. Bwanje, Ntcheu - USA
2. Kapeni, Ntcheu - USA
3. Chilimbondo, Neno -
4. Njema, Mulanje - Hong Kong
5. Thundu, Phalombe - UK
6. Dindi, Phalombe - USA
7. Onga, Chiradzulu - New Zealand
8. Mposa, Machinga - Canada
9. Chamba, Machinga - Canada
10. Mpandadzi, Mwanza - USA
11. Nyachepele, Nsanje - New Zealand

GRANTS LOCATIONS
Chikwawa
Mangochi
Nkhatabay
Balaka
Our Partners

In line with our Global Strategy, we continued to collaborate with different stakeholders including the government of Malawi ministries, institutions and departments in implementation of development activities.

We are also very grateful for the funding support received from our local and international partners; all the impact we are able to register is made possible by their generous donations.

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- Germany
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the will to make it so.