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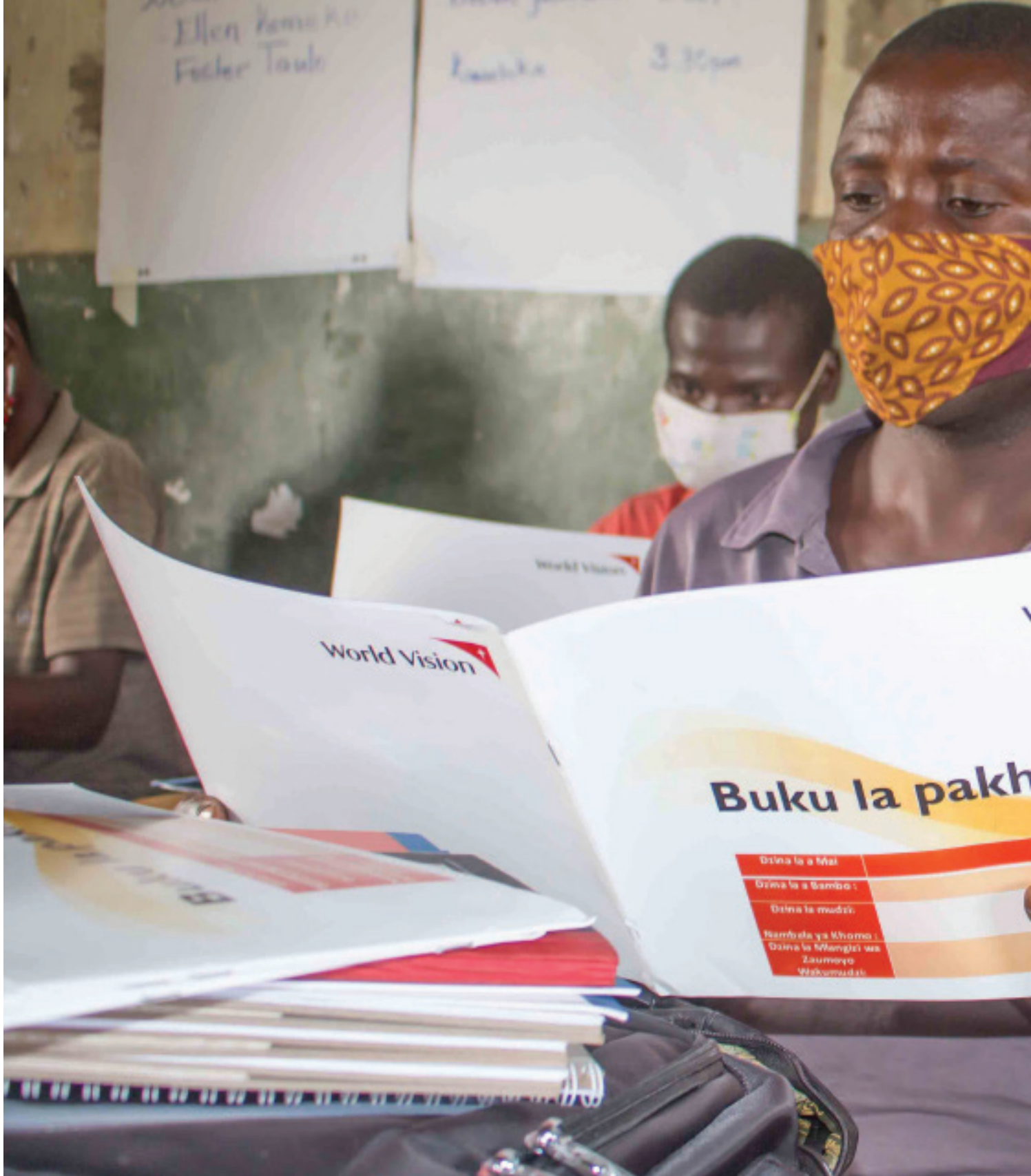
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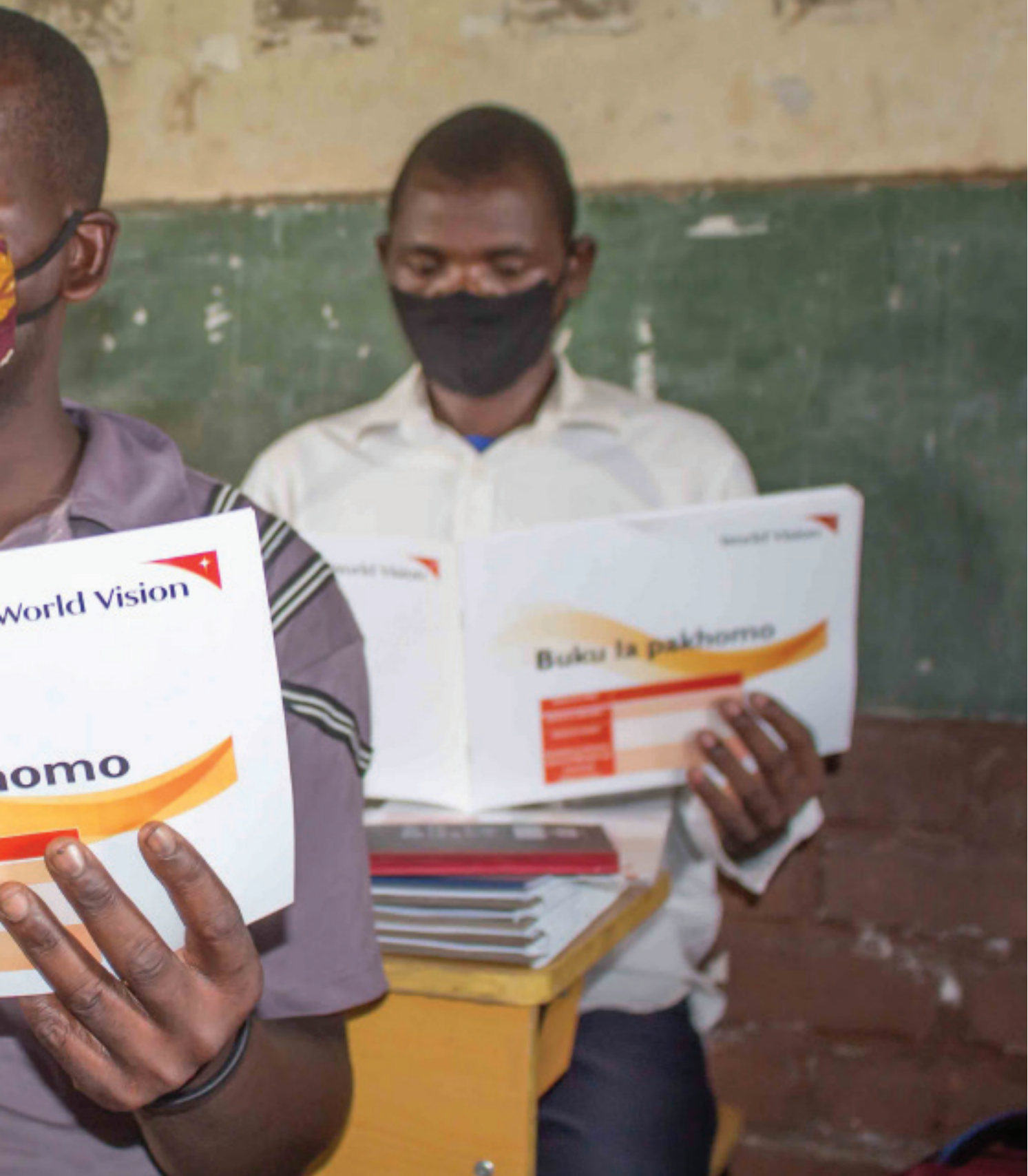
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From the Officer in Charge



Changing Lives

World Vision mission is about changing lives, enhancing the quality of the life people live and this, amongst the most vulnerable segments of our society. While it is our joy to be a part of the transformation process for the communities that partner with on this journey; what motivates us to keep at it is the demonstrated impact we see amongst the community.

This month I had an opportunity to visit one of the Area programmes in a community that World Vision supported for over 20 years. We transitioned in 2019 and we were interested to see if the amazing work that had been done in that community in Chingale was sustained. 1800 fish ponds had been constructed, we met a lady who was still running her 3 fish ponds and was supplying her fingerlings internationally. She was one of many. Food security and malnutrition had been a major challenge in the community. Together, we set up a 29HA irrigation scheme it was our joy to find the community still United, farming and maintaining the systems. It was even more encouraging to hear the personal stories of changes in their lives.

Houses built, healthy nourished children protected and in school, mattresses bought.

Change when it happens in a community transforms it, it is important to recognize that every story is an individual story and it is a personal one. It is this personal transformation of mindset, and the evidence of what a little investment can trigger in a community that motivates us to go out and find communities that are willing to partner with them on this journey.

World Vision continues to seek out children in marginalised contexts with a desire for them to enjoy life in all its fullness through many healthy and productive partnerships we have developed with the Malawi government and other stakeholders.

At the peak of the pandemic in Malawi, in December and January, as an organization, we kept our faith in God and did our best to ensure all communities we work in were

supported in raising awareness of the pandemic. Most importantly, our advocacy partnerships ensured that we supported the Malawi government with advice on safe reopening of schools to enable children of the country attain life changing education.

Even in the midst of the pandemic, World Vision's work in Malawi has continued to grow. In the second quarter of 2021, with your support, we reached over 2.2 million children through our programs, advocacy and relief work. The growth, in part, was due to our sustained partnership with the Global Fund and the Malawi government in addressing the triple burden of Malaria, HIV and TB.

With successful implementation of the Global Fund funded Indoor Residual spraying programme we safeguarded over two million people from Malaria, including 148,000 children and 40,000 pregnant and lactating mothers. In this period we have seen a steady involvement of families in Savings Groups, which demonstrates community's trust in the model as a fall-back option in times of need. While in the lean season response implemented in Neno and Chikwawa districts, World Vision partnering with WFP has supported nearly 100,000 families through a mixture of food distributions as well as cash disbursements.

World Vision is committed to consistently positioning ourselves to self reflection and strategic change where necessary to become a more effective partner. As we prepare for the launch of our strategy for the next five years, we will steward our resources more efficiently, with greater benefits for children.

We are grateful for the support from committed and capable partners, including the national and local Government of Malawi, United Nations agencies, the Global Fund and other local and international development partner who are part of our quest to transform Malawi for the well-being of vulnerable children. The resources you entrust to World Vision enable us to do what we do. Without you, life in all its fullness for every child would remain a dream.

Summary of Achievements



More than

2 million

people safeguarded from Malaria through IRS in Mangochi, Balaka and Nkhatabay following the spraying of 513,000 houses.

55, 065

mothers reached with nutrition counselling messages

9, 530

adolescents reached with HIV/AIDS messages through teen clubs

98, 923

children participated in growth monitoring

31, 247

farming families participating in Savings Groups

12, 030

people gained access to clean water through 97 new boreholes

167, 860

people attained access to latrines

43, 518

farming families trained in post-harvest handling of their crops

82, 732

families supported with food during lean season

733, 729

distributed to 99,033 families under the lean season food insecurity response

World Vision unveils partners to fight HIV and TB



Young people stand to benefit from the grant. Insert, Pennia Moyo



The COVID-19 pandemic has had gruesome effects in the country not only in wiping out businesses but also backtracking achievements and attempts to fight against three diseases burdens of TB, HIV and Malaria.

While donor countries have not been spared from the effects of the pandemic, the Global Fund has stood firm on its promise to support and leverage on government efforts in fighting the three diseases.

In Malawi, World Vision was awarded 56 million United States dollars to implement non-biomedical interventions to fight HIV, TB and Malaria.

World Vision's relationship with the Global Fund stretches back from 2017 when the children's charity reached over 10.7 million people with a combination of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets, setting up of Village clinics and training of Health Surveillance Assistants and provision of Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Testing Kits.

This Global Fund grant has come at a critical time when Malawi's HIV prevalence is rising, with 9 percent of the adult population (aged 15-49) living with the virus, with 33,000 new infections, according to a 2020 UNAIDS report.

The report further warned that young people are particularly at risk, attributing

this to early sexual activity and teen marriage, with around a third of all new HIV infections in the country in 2018 occurring among young people (aged 15-24).

Sadly, around 60% of young people do not have sufficient knowledge of how to prevent HIV.

It is from this backdrop that World Vision, as Principal Recipient for the TB/HIV grant, has partnered with other like-minded organisations that have been recruited as Sub Recipients (SR) to deliver a mixture of youth-friendly interventions on HIV/AIDS and TB across the country.

These were selected having undergone a highly competitive and rigorous process having adhered to a call for Expression of Interest. These SRs are expected to lead the implementation of interventions on the ground as well as build relations that deepen the reach and impact of the grant.

All work will be done in compliance with national technical guidelines and protocols for HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis service delivery.

"These are organisations whose footprint in addressing HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis is well felt and appreciated in their respective locations of work", said World Vision's Deputy Chief of Party for HIV and TB, Doctor Happy Phiri, before adding that they look forward to a three-year period with renewed effort that will transform

young people's lives.

Apart from managing the disbursement of resources as well as leading monitoring and evaluation of the work, World Vision will foster communication, interactions and synergies among the implementing partners and report impact to the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), the Malawi government and Global Fund.

World Vision Malawi's Officer in Charge, Catherine Omenda, says the new grants give the people of Malawi a rare opportunity to deliver its promise to the most vulnerable children and communities, especially stamping out HIV and the stigma that still prevails.

Omenda said that World Malawi is thankful to the Malawi government, especially ministries of Health, for the policy direction in the implementation and delivery of various services under the three grants.

Global Fund has
invested US\$1.6
billion in
Malawi since
2003.

ORGANISATION	LOCATION	CORE FOCUS
Action Aid	Mangochi	AGYW
Plan Malawi	Lilongwe Peri-Urban	AGYW
Pakachere	Thyolo	AGYW
GENET	Mulanje	AGYW
Christian Aid	Country Wide	HIV and TB



“ Malawi’s HIV prevalence is rising, with 9 percent of the adult population (aged 15-49) living with the virus, with 33,000 ”



Malawi Minister Hails FMNR

Minister of Forestry and Natural Resources, Nancy Tembo, has applauded World Vision in Malawi for efforts taken to restore the earth through Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) efforts that are bearing fruits.

Tembo, who was seemingly amazed that forests can be regenerated, made the remarks after touring two FMNR sites in Nkhoma Area Programme where World Vision is working.

According to a recent study by the MDPI Journal, Malawi leads deforestation statistics in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region with 30,000 and 40,000 hectares of trees lost every year.

These statistics are largely attributed to agriculture expansion, tobacco growing, and excessive use of biomass.

Tembo acknowledged that the growing population in Malawi is placing a burden on natural resources, pointing that it was critical that organizations step in to complement government, especially with innovative approaches like the one adopted by the World Vision.

“Over the years we have all witnessed the impact of climate change. We have already seen the dry spells. We have all seen the crop damage due to soil erosion. We have all experienced flooding”, she said, before appealing that time has come for all Malawians to embrace alternative sources of energy, and warned, “This charcoal business and use of firewood will continue bringing us environmental misfortunes if we do not stop”.

The event was spiced up by farming families from Dowa, Ntchisi and Phalombe districts that showcased forestry products like ‘Chitetezo Mbaula’ that uses less firewood and waste briquettes that are used for cooking, honey, fruits and other products.

From Phalombe, courtesy of a partnership with World Food Programme, community members under a World Vision Food

for Assets (FFA) project brought grafted fruit trees and the actual fruits, greenhouse mushrooms and other produce coming from their efforts of conserving trees.

“With the earnings we are making from our conserved trees, we have stopped cutting trees aimlessly which is good for our children in the future”, said Mr Kefas Pensulo, from Chiwaya Village, Traditional Authority Kaledzera in Phalombe.

In his remarks, World Vision’s Director of Programmes in Malawi, Charles Chimombo revealed that the organisation has helped communities recover over 10,000 hectares of forest land using FMNR in its 36 impact areas across Malawi. Over 40,000 farming families have household-based forests that supplement other communal spaces.

“Our work, ladies and gentlemen, builds on what we call the ‘Empowered Biblical World View’ to influence mindset change towards wealth creation and natural resource management which is synonymous with the will of God about the environment”, said Chimombo.

He also emphasised on the importance of the environment to human nature. The DOP promoted the use of FMNR as it uses natural trees.

FMNR is a rapid and low-cost approach to restoring and improving agricultural, forested and pasture lands to encourage systematic re-growth of existing trees or self-sown seeds. The approach is used wherever there are living tree stumps with the ability to regenerate (re-sprout) or use of seeds in the soil that can germinate on their own.

FMNR targets communities that depend on forest-based resources such as firewood, timber and non-timber enterprises like bee-keeping.

Additional reporting by Harold Munthali, District Programmes Manager for World Vision in Lilongwe.

World Vision donates school block



New school blocks at Nankhoza, which Gift (insert) says will improve her education. FYSON MASINA/WORLD VISION

As World Vision continues to improve the teaching and learning environment for children in Malawi, the organisation has handed over a classroom block worth 28 million kwacha to learners at Nankhoza primary school in Kameme, Chitipa.

The classroom block has been constructed with support from World Vision in Canada.

The school's head master, Martin Sichali, said the donation has come at a right time when some learners were dropping out of school due to poor infrastructure, among other issues.

"In the past, children were learning under a tree which was difficult for both teachers and children to focus during the rainy season or scorching sunlight", said Sichali, before adding: "But the coming in of this classroom block will motivate teachers to teach and children to learn".

Sichali adds that World Vision has done a good job in encouraging children to stay in school over the years.

"Most of the people in this area are very poor and they encourage their children to drop out of school and go to the neighbouring countries like Tanzania and Zambia to look for greener pastures. But when World Vision came in this area in 2013, they started sensitizing the community the importance of education and now we have seen some positive

changes," added Sichali.

Gift, a standard 8 student with albinism at the school says the construction of the classroom block has offered her a new lease of life.

"We are always encouraged to stay under the shade to prevent skin burns, so this classroom block will both offer a conducive learning environment to me and improve my health wellbeing," says Gift.

World Vision's Director of Programs, Charles Chimombo, thanked the community for playing their part in the construction process as well as adopting changed behaviours that are benefiting their children significantly.

"Upon realizing the challenge of infrastructure at the school, the community mobilized construction materials such as quarry, sand and bricks which were complemented by the support we get from the people of Canada through World Vision", he said.

Chimombo also boasts that every day, 100 thousand children sit in classroom blocks constructed by World Vision.

It is believed that over 100,000 learners in Malawi take their lessons in classroom blocks constructed by World Vision in its 35 years of working with the Malawi government.



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Vision's
literacy
interventions

World Vision donates wheelchairs



Government, through the Ministry of Gender and Community Development, has hailed World Vision Malawi (WVM) for its inclusive interventions that have promoted the life and wellbeing of people with various disabilities.

This was said by Minister of Gender and Community Development, Patricia Kaliati, said on Wednesday, April 20 this year as she received K13.9 million worth of assorted items to aid people with various disabilities.

“Malawi Government is glad to receive 344-wheel chairs for people with disabilities, 360 caps and 240 umbrellas for people with albinism,” said Kaliati at World Vision’s Gif-in-Kind warehouses in Malawi’s capital Lilongwe.

Kaliati added, “the gesture taken by World Vision Malawi today is in line with what the Ministry of Gender is doing in making sure everyone is included and no one is left outside.”

About the donation, Kaliati hinted that it has come at a right time when the Country still has shortfall of support towards the elderly, children and people with disabilities. “WorldVision is sustaining government policies, WHO policies and Sustainable Development

Goals as well as Malawi Government’s development goals.”

Handing over the items on behalf of WVM was the Officer-in-Charge Catherine Omenda. In her remarks, Omenda reiterated her organisation’s vision to see Malawian children live life in all its fulness.

“Our mission is to work with different entities and different groups to make sure that every child including those children with disabilities have a rich and fruitful life,” she said while adding that World Vision has a responsibility to ensure that children live life to its fullest in communities where they are also protected.

Prior to Omenda’s remarks, WVM Director of Communication Charles Gwengwe announced that WVM will keep on advocating for more funding to the Ministry of Gender because of its key role in child development.

In an exceptional display of camaraderie, the Minister seized the moment to condole the WVM family following the hear-wrecking death of its ex-national director Hazel Nyathi. She passed on last December and her remains were interred in her home country, Zimbabwe.

World Vision and UNICEF met with the Minister of Finance to lobby for a child-focused budget

Tabia's Freedom from Malaria

At 40 years, Tabia Dawa of Che Issah II Village in Traditional Authority (T/A) Mponda in Mangochi has already lost three children.

With such a painful experience, she is determined to shield her surviving five children from any misfortune that could bring her more misery, including malarial attacks which is the biggest cause of illnesses and deaths among both adults and children in the country.

In December last year, Dawa witnessed a life-threatening episode when her youngest child, Ibrahim, suffered from malaria.

The petrified mother quickly strapped her unconscious baby on the back and rushed him to Mangochi District Hospital using a bicycle taxi. During this trip she could not shake off the fear of losing one-year-old Ibrahim to malaria.

At the hospital, medics immediately administered supplemental oxygen to Ibrahim but the treatment was not enough to completely cure the baby, he was admitted for four days.

Such is the predicament facing many households in Lake Shore areas, including Mangochi, Nkhota kota and Nkhata Bay districts as well as Balaka, which are at high risk of malaria due to large swamplands where malaria-causing mosquitoes usually breed.

Figures from the Ministry of Health (MoH) show that for every 100 patients admitted in the country's health facilities, at least 15 of them are attributable to malaria.

The disease also killed over 1,401 children aged below five in 2020 alone.

It is for this reason that World Vision Malawi partnered MoH with funding from Global Fund and launched the Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) project as a preventative approach against the spread of malaria in the districts.

IRS involves coating walls and surfaces of a house with residual insecticides which kill



Tabia has rejoiced in being malaria free- WORLD VISION/CHARLESKABENA

mosquitoes and other insects that come in contact with these surfaces.

IRS is user-friendly and protects people from malaria without harming them or the environment and has saved many lives, including expectant women and children.

According to Dr Themba Mzilahowa, a senior entomologist at the Malaria Alert Centre of the Malawi College of Medicine, when they tested the efficacy, it was above 80 percent consistent for over 3 months and the spray quality was way above the threshold at 100 percent.

Prince Nkhata, deputy Chief of Party for the Global Fund-World Vision Malaria project, discloses that 36 percent of sick people that go to health facilities to seek treatment do so because of malaria.

He says: "IRS is, therefore, one of the most impactful interventions against malaria

that is why we implemented the IRS project which has so far sprayed 515 000 houses.

IRS contains chemicals that keep malaria-spreading mosquitoes (plasmodium) away for up to nine months," said Nkhata.

According to Nkhata, the project reduced malaria cases in Mangochi by 45 percent in 2020.

But this is just one of the benefits of the World Vision project as it has also created economic benefits for many households, including Dawa's home which was sprayed with following Ibrahim's malaria attack.

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Tabia gains from Malaria Freedom

From the previous page

For years, mosquito nets have proved to be effective in containing the spread of malaria, particularly in peri-urban areas because users in these locations can afford to buy bed nets with their treatment kits (m'bwezera Chitetezo) to revamp effectiveness of the nets.

However, this is the opposite in rural areas where many people languish in poverty and some believe buying bed nets is purely a luxury at the expense of pressing needs such as food.

Hawa Adam, 27, one of the beneficiaries from Mangochi says IRS helped her family make savings from the money they were frequently using to buy mosquito repellent coils. The money is now used to buy foodstuffs to feed her three children.

"We survive on selling plastic basins and phone batteries and whenever a child got sick, the business made loses because we were forced to take part of the money from meagre sales to take the children to the hospital.

"Imagine taking out K480 every day to buy four mosquito repellent coils at K120 each. It was not viable but still important because my seven-year-old child, Bashir, was often bedridden with malaria," Adam says.

In a remote area where Adam lives, K480 is enough to buy a full meal for her family of five.

She adds that since accepting IRS, her children no longer suffer from flu caused by billowing smoke from mosquito repellent coils.

"IRS is the best option for my family. We can't afford enough mosquito nets. We also tried mosquito repellent coils but we could not sustain it because it was expensive and the kids were frequently hit by flu," Adam explains.

Apart from reducing the spread of Malaria in the targeted districts, IRS has also created part-time jobs for many young people, including spray operators like Doreen Banda in Balaka. In the 2020 spray season alone, the project recruited 2,664 seasonal workers locally, of which 852 were female.

With another mass campaign in the offing, as Malawi government and all stakeholders are promoting the use of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) to fight malaria, this has faced numerous setbacks especially in rural communities where many beneficiaries do not use the nets for their intended purpose.

A study by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health—Centre for Communication Programs (CCP), cited economic hardships and food crises as the key drivers of selling ITNs or using them for fishing.

Mzilahowa concurs that some rural communities' mis-use the bed nets but he recommends an integrated approach of using both the IRS and ITNs.

"The core interventions to control and eliminate malaria are two; long lasting insecticidal bed nets and IRS but they work differently. IRS has a huge significant instant impact while the nets work gradually," he says.

Mzilahowa further calls for World Vision-Malawi and MoH to administer IRS across the country and sustain the initiative for a long period in all the country's 28 districts.

"Sustaining IRS is important because there is evidence that when you stop, the malaria rebound is higher than it was before you started IRS, it is not cheap but it has to be sustained" he cautioned.



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World Vision urges uptake of COVID-19 Vaccine in Malawi



WVM district manager for ntcheu, Limbani, getting her AZ jab. Mike Mataka/Times Group

World Vision has urged the public to accept the COVID-19 vaccine* in order to help the country recover and build back after a year of slow business.

The organisation's Director for Advocacy and Communications, Charles Gwengwe, made these remarks as he joined Government officials to roll out the AstraZeneca vaccine drive in Ntcheu district.

Speaking to councillors, traditional leaders, civil society groups and the media, Gwengwe appealed to all leaders, especially traditional and faith leaders to use their platforms to promote the vaccine in order to give their villages a chance of building back and improving children's lives.

"If businesses remain slow as they are, food security is at risk. If our markets will continue facing restrictions, then our lives won't change for the better. Likewise, if schools will continue being disrupted as it happened, then the development of our communities is in danger", challenged Gwengwe, before highlighting that these consequences would have a sad bearing on children.

"At the end of the day, if COVID-19 stays for long, it is our children, especially those very poor who will lose out in the future",

added Gwengwe

So far, 320, 300 people have received the AstraZeneca vaccine under COVAX – a global initiative working with vaccine manufacturers to provide countries worldwide equitable access to safe and effective vaccines.

The doses catered for 20% of the country's population, prioritising health workers, the elderly and those with underlying conditions.

World Vision continues to appeal for special consideration for other vulnerable groups, especially refugees.

Making his remarks at the event, Council Chairperson for Ntcheu district Mambo Jumbe hailed the district for its collective role in fighting the pandemic, and especially World Vision, for supporting the rollout of the vaccine in the district.

Recently, World Vision mobilised faith leaders across Malawi to promote the vaccine as well as sustain their messaging of preventive measures for the pandemic in their different constituencies.

In addition, the organisation has been collaborating with health workers across the country on promotion of preventive measures, as well as providing protective equipment to health facilities.

Malawi registered a spike in COVID-19 cases from December 2020 into early 2021. So far, the country has registered over 34,180 positive cases, with nearly 1,153 deaths.

34, 180

COVID-19 Cases registered

11, 153

deaths registered

360, 000

doses of COVID-19 vaccine received from Covax

320, 000

People vaccinated

“ **World Vision has oriented 300 faith leaders across Malawi to address myths surrounding the COVID-19 Vaccine** ”

World Vision Mourns Immaculate

It is with shock and a heavy heart that World Vision in Malawi announces the death of a sister and workmate, Immaculate Bottomani. Until her death, Immaculate was Associate Director for World Vision's interventions for centre and northern Malawi.

Many counted her as a personal friend. Many looked up to her as mentor and for others, her passion and zeal for excellence provided the inspiration that enabled World Vision to work with them.

Having joined World Vision in 1996, Immaculate has been with us at World Vision for most of her professional career. Since she joined us over 25 years ago as secretary for one of our development programmes in Kasungu.

Over the years, and thanks to the education she accumulated, Immaculate rose through the ranks to lead as ADP Manager, District Manager, Zonal Manager and obviously Associate Director. We cannot overemphasize her importance to our ministry.

Announcing the death, World Vision's Officer in Charge (OIC), Catherine Omenda, said Immaculate was a foot soldier who fervently believed in World Vision's mission.

"As a Christian-based organisation, Immaculate knew we are responsible, along with others, for ensuring every child thrives; their futures filled with hope, well-being and promise. Her work, every day, demonstrated who we are, truly called to be witnesses and serve as a reflection of God's unconditional love".

Through it all, Immaculate was probably among the greatest leaders World Vision in Malawi has had, a tireless, fearless advocate for the poor, particularly children. She believed in justice and wasn't afraid to do what she thought it would take to achieve it.

Immaculate's death is, of course, most keenly felt by her children and her extended family, and we join with all other World Vision offices in mourning her loss. On behalf of World Vision Malawi, the Advisory Council and the entire partnership, we express our deep condolences to the children and bereaved family.

Immaculate was laid to rest in Lilongwe.



STAFF UPDATES

Interim CoP for Global Fund Grants



World Vision Malawi will soon welcome Walter Mukhwana who has joined as interim Chief of Party for the Global Fund grants. Currently Deputy Chief of Party for a Global Fund programme in Somalia, Walter has been with World Vision International in this role for the last 6 years.

Prior to joining World Vision, Walter worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) who are Global Fund's Local Fund Agent (LFA) in more than 80 countries. His role, as Regional Public Health Professional covered Eritrea, Kenya and Somalia. Occasionally he supported Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia in the HIV, TB and Malaria Programs. His last assignment with PwC was in Malawi in November, 2014 on HIV and TB programs.

Before joining PwC, Walter worked at Jhpiego where he was seconded to Kenya's Ministry of Health Headquarters in the Department of Family Health as a Technical Advisor. Prior to that he worked as Deputy Director with Family AIDS Care and Education services of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and before that as Program Manager in the Malaria program at Aga Khan Health Service, Kenya in the Community Health Department. Walter also lectured Bio-statistics and Epidemiology at the Great Lakes University.

He holds Master of Public Health, Masters in Community Health and Development, and a Bachelor's Degree in Biostatistics and Econometrics. He is currently undertaking his PhD in Public Health. He published in peer review journals including BioMed Central on Antenatal Care and perinatal outcome and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in Somalia. Walter has written articles on Pediatric ARVS and Indoor Residual Spraying. Walter has advocated for different Somalia governments to work together in Global Fund Programming in the fight Against TB, HIV and Malaria and was awarded by the government of Republic of Somaliland as overall best TB worker of the year during World TB Day in 2019.

An Anglican church member and leader, Walter is married. Please join Changing Lives Editorial team in welcoming Walter and wishing him the best of success as he steps in to support World Vision for the next three months.

Kholowa to lead merged zones

Mavuto E.J. Kholowa, joined World Vision Malawi in 2017 as District Programs Manager for Mchinji District. Currently Acting Associate Director for the newly merged North/Central Zone and doubling up as Manager for Dowa/Kasungu Districts.

Prior to joining World Vision, Mavuto worked with Participatory Development Initiatives as Projects Manager for UNICEF WASH programme. He also worked with Water Aid and District Council partnership with support from DFID, and AUSAID in Machinga and Nkhotakota District Councils.

His career in the International development sector started with Inter Aide, a French-EU based INGO in the Southern part of Malawi (Mulanje, Zomba and Phalombe districts in 2002), where he worked as Project Coordinator before leaving in 2011.

In his entire career, he rose from Field level Officer to programme management due to exceptional performance, a feat he has demonstrated since joining World Vision in 2017, achieving the Best District Programs Manager award in FY 2017 after only 6 months into the job.

He later on achieved an exceptional rating in FY20 Performance Appraisal, leading to him taking his second award as Best District Programs Manager within three years with WVM. His entire district team swept almost all available district level awards for FY20 Central Zone Awards.

Mavuto holds a post-graduate diploma in development leadership from St Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada and other certificates from various international universities. Currently, Mavuto is completing a Master of Development Studies from Cavendish University, Zambia.



Mavuto is a member of the Humanitarian Leadership Academy and Southern Africa Region Disaster Management Team for World Vision International.

A devout CCAP church member, Mavuto is married. Please, join the **Changing Lives** Editorial team in welcoming Mavuto and wishing him the best of success as he steps in to support World Vision Malawi, North Zone on interim basis.



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