

2024 | Annual Report



Thriving in Crisis

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ActionAid Malawi is a local organisation registered in 2007 under the Companies Act as Company Limited by guarantee. ActionAid Malawi is an affiliate member of ActionAid Federation, a Global Justice organisation that aims at addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice, with particular focus on women, young women, and girls. ActionAid Malawi started working in Malawi in 1990.



Our Vision

A just, equitable and sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression.



Our Mission

To achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, people's organisations, activists, social movements and supporters

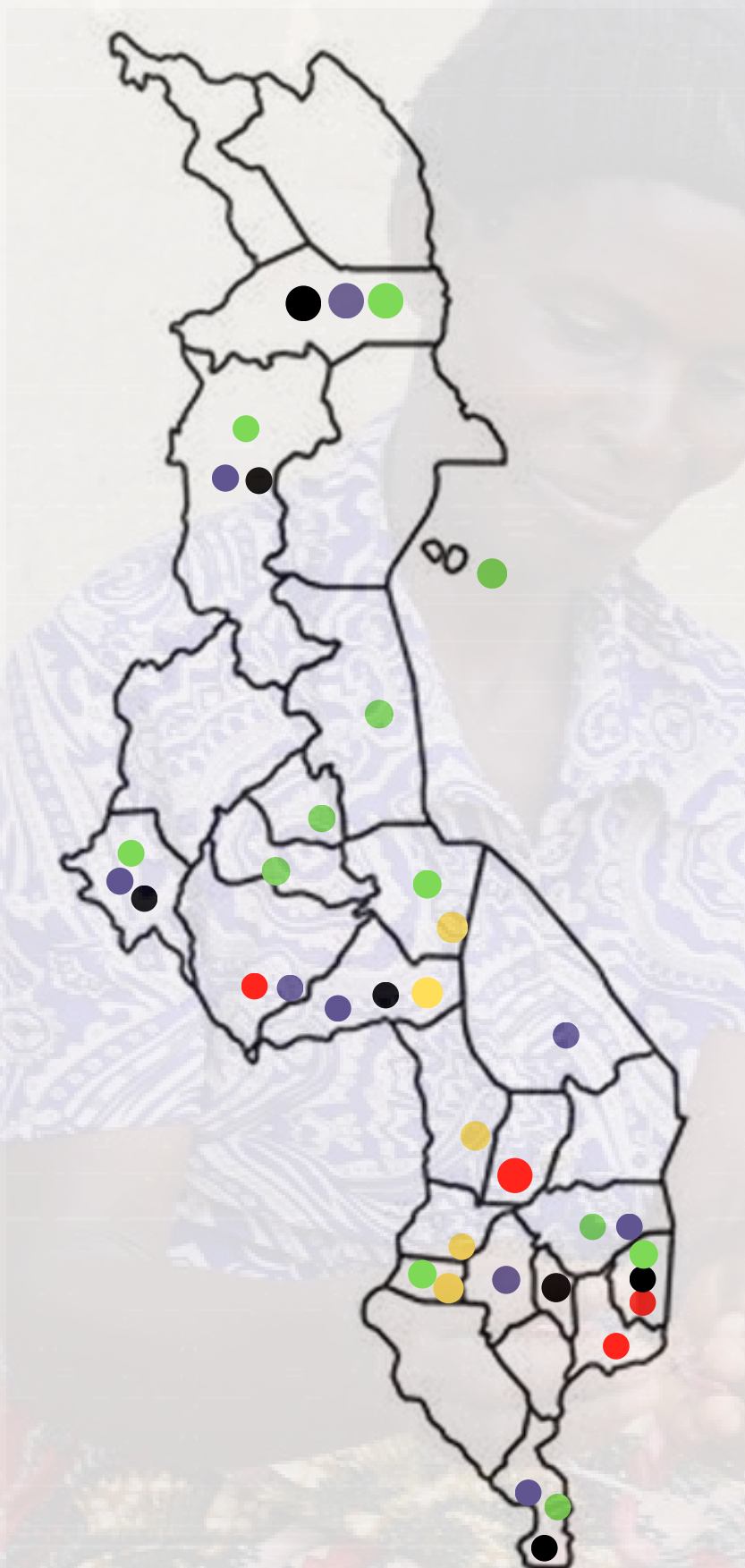


Our Values

- Mutual Respect;
- Equity and Justice;
- Honesty and
- Transparency
- Solidarity with the Poor;
- Courage of Conviction;
- Independence;
- Humility



Our 2024 Geographical Footprint

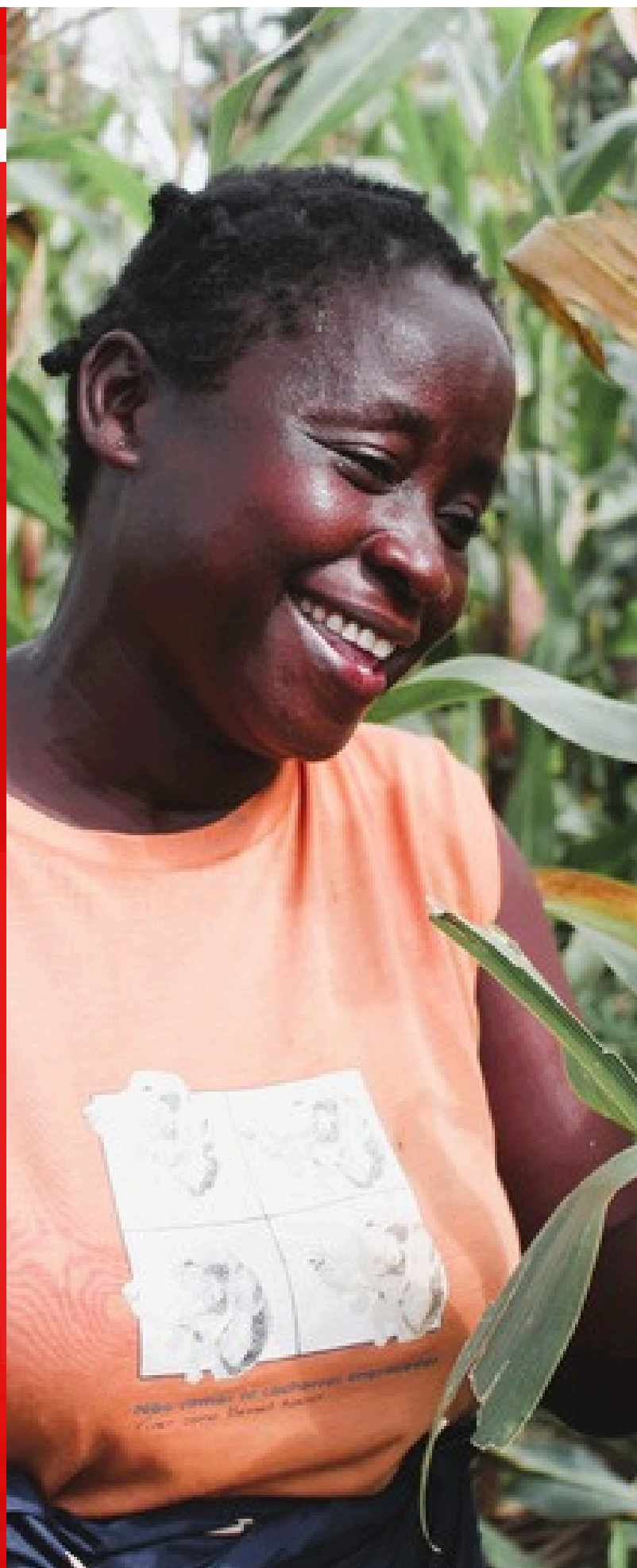


Note

- Local Rights Program
- School Readiness Initiative
- Community Led Monitoring
- FARMSE Tipindule project
- Valuing Women's Work

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAM	ActionAid Malawi
ADC	Area Development Committee
AEC	Area Executive Committeee
AIDS	Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome
AFRODAD	African Forum and Network on Debt and Development
AIP	Affordable Input Program
CBCC	Community Based Childcare Centres
CDSS	Community Day Secondary Schools
CLM	Community Led Monitoring
CRSA	Climate Resilient Agriculture
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSP	Country Strategy Paper
COWFA	Coalition of Women Farmers
CDF	Constituency Development Fund
CPC	Civil Protection Committee
DDF	District Development Fund
DEC	District Executive Committee
ECD	Early Childhood Development
HIV	Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus
HRBA	Human Rights Based Approach
IHART	International Humanitarian Action and Response Team
LRP	Local Rights Programme
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
SRI	School Readiness Initiative

From the Board Chairperson



I am pleased to welcome you to our 2024 publication which highlights key milestones achieved by ActionAid Malawi and its partners. In 2024, the country experienced prolonged El-Nino induced dry spells which eventually reduced the country's yield by 40 percent.

The climate-induced disaster resulted in food insecurity as the food prices sharply soared. Vulnerable groups including women and the youth were particularly exposed and pushed below poverty line. The development affected the attainment of the global goals including poverty reduction.

In response, ActionAid Malawi and partners implemented interventions around climate justice campaigns by targeting government and world leaders in the global north to take pragmatic actions to supported those pushed on the blink by unjust policies and commit to meaningful operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund in the best interest of climate vulnerable countries in the global south.

Based on our human rights and feminist approaches to programming including addressing humanitarian issues caused by climate crisis, ActionAid Malawi and partners invested interventions in addressing gender-based violence, poverty and oppression through building individual and collective power of women and the youth, their allies and like-minded social movements.

This was bolstered by the launch of our Country Strategy Paper (CSP) VI, entitled: Transforming Systems for Social Justice, in August, 2025. The CSP VI—to run from 2024 to 2028—invigorates and deepens our commitment towards advancing gender-responsive public services, economic and climate justice and women-led and localised humanitarian action.

“Awakened by the foregoing, ActionAid Malawi and partners invested their interventions in addressing gender-based violence, poverty and oppression through building individual and collective power of women and the youth, their allies and like-minded social movements.

We believe the CSP VI will significantly contribute to the country's progress towards 2030 global goals and Agenda 2063, through among others supporting the resilience of the communities we are working with.

ActionAid Malawi and partners continued to challenge structural causes of violence against women and girls through leveraging the influence of Reflection Action Circles and Women movements.

The organisation further challenged policies that deprive women and girls vital public services in the health, education, agriculture and transport sectors by mobilising and building the capacity of women to engage government and relevant duty bearers in a meaningful conversation towards increased investment in gender-responsive public services.

I remain grateful to the General Assembly, fellow Board of Directors, Management and Staff for their tireless dedication to transforming lives of people living in poverty.

Most importantly, I sincerely appreciate the generous financial support from our supporters and donors for partnering with ActionAid Malawi towards realising social justice.

Limodzi Tingathe!

Mrs Grace Mkupu

From the Executive Director

The poly crises of war, climate change and debt on the globe continued to rear its ugly head in the Global South countries including Malawi.

Malawians especially people living in poverty continued to experience soaring cost of living, worsened by rising prices of essential commodities such as food and fuel.

This happened on the back of El-Nino dry spells which left many people living in poverty hungry and with limited disposable income to sustain a living. The country also continued to experience dwindling forex reserves worsened by soaring public debt crisis, with over 25% of the national budget going towards paying public debt interests.

As a charity organisation committed to social justice, we had to design and implement programmes to support the people living in poverty find their feet and embark on their way to resilient livelihoods.

The year 2024 was also a transition period for ActionAid Malawi from Country Strategy Paper V to Country Strategy Paper VI entitled: "Transforming Systems for Social Justice." The CSP VI is a bold and ambitious plan to challenge deep-rooted behaviour, practices and systems that fuel poverty, inequality and exclusion.

We implemented our interventions under the three priority areas aimed advancing women's rights, securing systems for economic and climate justice while investing in resilient livelihoods of the communities devastated by climate-induced disasters.



In the reporting year, we supported a total of 12,964 women, young women, and girls who are now taking individual and collective actions to challenge violence, including patriarchy. Key actions being undertaken include engaging duty bearers such as chiefs, community leaders, relevant district council offices in addressing harmful norms, strengthening case referral pathways and pushing for access to essential service package for survivors of Gender-Based Violence.

Furthermore, women and young women and girls across all of ActionAid Malawi's impact areas are now accessing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights services. This is evident in the numbers of women assuming decision-making positions in various structures such as Area Development Committees, Village Development Committees, and Village Savings groups.

Under priority area two, our issue-based campaign and direct service provision on gender-responsive public service delivery has resulted in increased access to quality and equitable access to essential public services for people and children in less-privileged communities.

All the aforementioned achievements would not have been possible without the untiring support from our supporters, donors and local partners.

Limodzi Tingathe!

Ms Yandura Chipeta



Strengthening health systems against pandemics under C-19RM project

Development Context

In 2024, Malawi continued to face a complex web of developmental challenges and opportunities shaped by socioeconomic dynamics, gender issues, climate variability, and humanitarian needs. While the country has made notable progress in several areas, poverty remains a significant barrier to sustainable development, particularly affecting women and marginalized groups.

Gender and Women Empowerment

Gender inequality remains a critical issue in Malawi, impacting women's economic participation, health outcomes, and overall empowerment. As of 2024, significant initiatives being implemented to promote gender equality include education and skills development focused on increasing girls' access to education and vocational training. This has been complementing efforts to eliminate barriers that girls and young women face in accessing education.

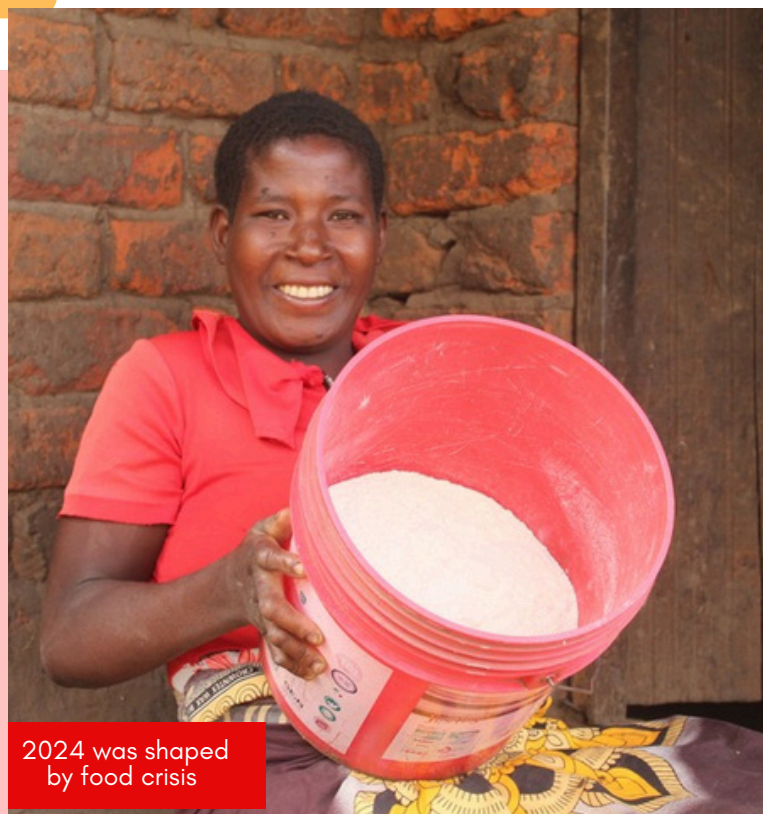
Moreover, there has been notable empowerment initiatives such as providing access to credit, land rights and entrepreneurship support. As Malawi is heading towards 2025 polls, 2024 also saw efforts aimed at increasing participation of women in elective decision-making positions. This has further been buttressed by ongoing advocacy and legislative reforms aimed at strengthening legal framework and support services for survivors of GBV and access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Services. Despite the progress highlighted above, gender-related policies fall short of creating a supporting environment to enable women and young women realise their potential in decision-making spaces.

Poverty Levels

Malawi has one of the highest poverty rates in the world, with the World Bank estimating approximately 70% of the population living below the national poverty line. [Malawi Poverty and Equity Brief : October 2024](#) As of 2024, the country was working to address both urban and rural poverty through integrated approaches. Key factors contributing to persistent poverty include climatic shocks such as the El-Nino dry spells which affected the country's agricultural production. As a consequence, the country witnessed a sharp soar in commodity prices including food. A majority of the population living below the poverty line had to rely on social protection programs from government, development partners and non-governmental organization.

Economic and Climate Justice

In 2024, Malawi's economic growth slowed down to 1.8 percent, at the back of climatic shocks that affected production, especially in the agriculture sector. The development precipitated economic injustice as government resorted to external and domestic borrowings to finance the country's economic and social sectors. The situation worsened the country's public debt crisis which hit over K16 trillion at equivalent of 90 % of the country's Growth Domestic Product.



2024 was shaped by food crisis

Consequently, over 25 percent of the country's national budget was spent on servicing public debt interest payment, hallowing out government's investment in critical sectors such as education, health and agriculture, as a consequence. The development is further worsened by the growing climate injustice perpetrated by the global north which, ironically, is yet to pay up in Loss and Damage for global climate financing for countries in the global south.

In response, ActionAid Malawi supported allies and social movements to advocate for climate justice at both national and international levels, emphasizing the need for resources and support from developed nations to address climate impacts and funding for resilience interventions.

Humanitarian Situation

The climate induced humanitarian crisis left 5.4 million Malawi food insecure. [Malawi Assistance Overview, December 2024 - Malawi | ReliefWeb](#). As part of mitigating measures, Malawi and partners have been implementing social protection programs including school meals programs, public works programs, social cash transfer exercise and saving and loans groups which are aimed at cushioning people living in poverty from shocks.

On their part, ActionAid Malawi and partners' humanitarian efforts focused on emergency response which mainly involved humanitarian assistance required to address acute food insecurity and support communities affected by natural disasters. The notable form of humanitarian response was the cash transfer initiative which enabled worst affected households meet their basic needs and invest in resilient livelihood assets.

Our 2024 Impact in numbers

Priority Area 1: Attainment of women, young women and girls rights



12,964 women, young women and girls taking individual action to challenge violence including patriarchy.



20 collectives of women, young women and girls taking action to challenge violence including patriarchy.



8,724 women, young women and girls' survivors' access VAWG Comprehensive Response Services.



1,152 women and young people in decision making positions at all levels.



3,724 women and young people having control over productive resources.



69,824 proportion of women and young people accessing comprehensive, quality, and inclusive public health services.



235,380 women and young people accessing comprehensive sexual and reproduction health rights and services.

Priority Area 2: Secure Systems Change for Economic Justice



18 collectives of young women and girls taking action to challenge harmful macroeconomic policies.



13,004 proportion of pupils (Girls/Boys) accessing affordable, quality and inclusive in targeted public education.



333,600 boys and girls accessing comprehensive ECD services.



203,812 boys and girls transitioning from CBCC to primary school.



Health structures including Community Health Action Groups in **36** of the country's health facilities strengthened

Programme Priority 3: Strengthen resilient livelihoods and secure Climate Justice and humanitarian work



30,146 people participating in actions to influence climate justice.



6,488 women and young people adopted agroecology.



2494 women and young people with resilient livelihoods in disaster risk communities.



2,100 households benefiting from cash transfer programs.



Highlights on Interventions Under Priority Areas

Priority Area 1: Attainment of women, young women and girls rights

In 2024, ActionAid Malawi, in collaboration with local partners, allies, and social movements, made significant strides in combating violence against women and girls. Through targeted interventions focused on promoting women's leadership, economic empowerment, and sexual and reproductive health rights, a total of 12,964 women, young women, and girls have been empowered to take individual action against violence and patriarchy. Due to such interventions, community and district level structures have strengthened systems such as case referral pathways to address GBV cases.

Furthermore, 20 active collectives—including women's forums, feminist hubs, and youth-led networks such as Global Platform Malawi and Youth Activista are now driving community-led change to challenge systemic gender-based violence.

In direct response to violence against women and girls (VAWG), 8,724 survivors have gained access to Comprehensive Response Services, marking a critical step in restoring dignity, ensuring justice, and strengthening resilience across communities.

Furthermore, A total of 14,580 women and young people are now accessing comprehensive, quality, and inclusive public health services—a transformative shift that is not only improving health outcomes but also advancing equity and dignity for those historically left behind.

To strengthen the country's health systems against future pandemics, a total of health structures such as Community Health Action Groups have been revamped in 36 of the country's health facilities.

In a bold stride toward gender justice, 235,380 women and young people across ActionAid Malawi's impact areas are now accessing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights services—transforming not only their health outcomes but their futures.

Complementing this progress, 1,152 women have broken barriers to take up leadership roles in decision-making bodies such as Area Development Committees, Village Development Committees, and Village Savings groups. These milestones reflect a growing movement of empowered women shaping the decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities—driving systemic change from the ground up.

Recognizing the critical role of access to and control over productive resources in economic empowerment, ActionAid Malawi and local partners have supported 69,284 women and young women in taking control of productive resources, including land, livestock, Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and mobile money businesses.



Members of Chikulamayembe Women Forum leading the campaign against GBV in Rumphu

Story of Change:

Violence survivor finds hope in Rumphi Women Forum



Elisa Chisambo taking part in the campaign against Gender-based Violence in her area

When Elisa Chisambo got married in 1991, she thought she had found the love of her life. Her spouse was loving and supportive. Marriage was a happy place for her. However, after Elisa gave birth to a sixth child in 2017, her husband changed his behaviour.

“He started going out with another woman and stopped supporting the family. He openly told me that he was no longer interested in me and asked me to go back home with my children,” says the 52-year-old Elisa who hails from Lumphasha Village, Traditional Authority Njikula.

Following the continued estranged behaviour by her husband, in 2017 Elisa decided to go back to her parental home where they warmly welcomed. Being the sole breadwinner of her family, Elisa decided to venture into subsistence and commercial farming. She cultivates maize and cassava which helps her feed her family and sell the surplus to meet other family needs.

Elisa also decided to join Rumphi Women Forum, a local partner to ActionAid Malawi, to support women and girls under the scourge of violence. Through financial support from ActionAid Malawi, Rumphi Women Forum has been key in fighting GBV and supporting women in the district to become socially and economically empowered.

“I don’t want any women or girl to go through what I suffered at the hands of my husband. I decided to support girls and women suffering gender-based violence to access justice through mediation, referral and supporting those who wish to divorce their abuse spouses get all the legal support,” she says.

Elisa says also joined the Village Savings and Loans Group supported by the Forum to enable her run some small-scale business to fend for her family. She says the VSL group has enabled her to construct her own house and hopes to support education for her children through the initiative.

“I am now alone but not lonely, thanks to family members and Rumphi Women Forum who have supported me to recover from the trauma of gender-based violence. I now have the space to fight violence against women and girls while advancing my well-being through economic empowerment initiatives such as the village savings and loans,” she says.

Priority Area 2: Secure Systems Change for Economic Justice

Under this priority area, ActionAid Malawi and its partners are focused on driving systemic change towards a feminist well-being economy. This is achieved by empowering young women and girls' collectives to challenge prevailing harmful macroeconomic policies that perpetuate injustice.

During the reporting year, a total of 18 women and girls' collectives—including feminomics hubs, young urban women networks, and women's forums—actively engaged in advocacy to oppose harmful macroeconomic policies. These efforts involved direct engagement with the Government of Malawi and International Financial Institutions, using both in-person meetings and digital platforms.

Furthermore, 33,033 people have been empowered to access financial services through linkages to community based financial institutions, mainly under the FARMSE's Tipindule project. This has been achieved through a series of interventions including financial literacy and business management training, business development support, strengthening groups in Village Savings and Loans methodology and linkage to formal financial institutions. He added that a further 33,033 project beneficiaries is now accessing financial services through community based financial institutions



One of the feminomics hubs conducting a session on economic justice

In addition, as a result of ActionAid Malawi's investment in and advocacy for gender-responsive public services, particularly in education 13,004 pupils are now accessing affordable, quality, and inclusive primary education in targeted public schools. Furthermore, 333,600 boys and girls are benefiting from comprehensive Early Childhood Development (ECD) services, and 203,812 children have successfully transitioned into primary school.



Members of Young Urban Women advancing the economic justice campaign

Story of Change:

Tipindule unlocks Shadrack's dream

Shadrack Banda's journey from hardship to prosperity in Thangani Village in Salima District exemplifies resilience supported by Tilimbike and Tipindule projects. Married with seven children, Banda faced daunting challenges as a subsistence farmer, often struggling to provide enough food and education for his family.

"Feeding and providing education support for my children was a nightmare. At times we would eat once a day as food would not be enough. It was miserable," he recalls.

Banda's misery was compounded by rising cost of living including farm inputs.

In 2019, seeking a way to improve his circumstances, Banda joined Tiyetsetse Village Savings and Loans Group (VSLG). He began with small contributions, but the group lacked essential skills in business management and operational dynamics, which hindered his efforts to secure adequate funding for his grocery business.

"My plan was to boost household income with profits from the grocery shop as farming was not enough to address the financial challenges in my family. However, the start to grocery business was not encouraging as I could not borrow enough money for my capital," he narrates.

A turning point for Banda and 16 other members of Tiyetsetse VSLG came in 2021 with the introduction of the "Tilimbike" project by ActionAid Malawi, supported by FARMSE, an acronym for Financial Access for Rural Markets, Smallholders and Enterprises.

This initiative provided training in VSL methodology and business management, which revitalized the VSLG. In 2023, the project evolved into the "Tipindule" initiative, bringing even greater transformation among beneficiaries. Including Banda.

"Tipindule connected us to CUMO, a microfinance institution, allowing me to borrow K100,000 to expand my grocery business," Banda shares.

Using his business management knowledge he acquired through the VSLG, Banda also borrowed K500,000 from National Economic Empowerment Fund and invested in the same grocery business. His daily sales soared from K15,000 to between K50,000 and K60,000. The profits not only improved his family's food security but also allowed him to invest back into the VSLG.

Through the group, he also learned valuable agroecology skills, such as making organic manure, enhancing his farming practices. Today, Banda's life has significantly improved.

"My family never lacks food, I can support my children's education, and I've even built a new grocery shop. I'm planning to buy a motorbike for the business," he says, radiating optimism and pride in his accomplishments.



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Priority Area 3: Secure System Change for Climate Justice, resilient livelihoods and humanitarian work

In the face of a deepening climate crisis, 30,146 people, including women, youth, and farmers, have been mobilized by ActionAid Malawi and its partners to become powerful agents of climate justice. No longer passive recipients of aid, these communities are now actively shaping the climate agenda through advocacy, sustainable agriculture, and grassroots action.

Campaigns like #PayUpNow and Fund Our Future which reached approximately 40,000 communities and 840 duty bearers at district level, have not only raised awareness of climate finance inequities but have sparked bold demands for accountability from industrialized nations to compensate for climate-induced loss and damage.

Most critically, 6,488 women and young people have embraced agroecology, reclaiming control over their food systems through climate-smart farming methods that boost soil health, reduce reliance on costly inputs, and build resilience to climate shocks. This is not just adaptation, it is transformation led by those most affected.

In a country increasingly vulnerable to climate shocks and food insecurity, ActionAid Malawi's support has enabled 2,494 women and youth in disaster-prone areas to secure resilient livelihoods through tools like irrigation equipment thereby empowering them to sustain food production even in times of crisis. But the impact goes beyond survival. With 600 local stakeholders, including disaster management committees, women farmers, and youth groups now trained and leading preparedness efforts in high-risk districts, communities are shifting from reactive to proactive, owning their resilience and safeguarding their futures.

In response to the national hunger crisis, 2,100 food-insecure households were not just given aid—they were given agency. Emergency cash transfers helped families reduce food shortages and invest in sustainable income-generating activities, including small-scale businesses and winter farming. This support transformed temporary relief into long-term recovery, effectively turning crisis into opportunity for lasting change.



Empowered women and youth leading a campaign for climate justice

Story of Change

Agroecology spurs resilient livelihoods in Khosolo

Disruptions of the global markets caused by the Russia-Ukraine war, climate induced disasters and the long shadow of Covid-19 have pushed the prices of commodities beyond the affordability of most citizens living in poverty.

One such commodity which witnessed a sky-high rise is the fertilizer, a farm input that accounts for production of maize in the country. In Malawi, the price of fertilizer more than tripled the last three years.

Consequently, most smallholder farmers including those in Khosolo Local Rights Programme could not afford the commodity. This resulted in hunger and fragile livelihood capacity of most of the farmers.

In response to the challenges, ActionAid Malawi through its local partner, Khosolo Women Forum has been building the capacity of smallholder farmers in climate resilient interventions such as agroecology. Specifically, ActionAid Malawi and its local partners have been supporting the training of smallholder farmers in organic fertilizer making.

The intervention is meant to shield farmers from the rising cost of inorganic fertilizer and protect the soil from the soil-harming chemical fertilizers. A total of about 500 smallholder farmers have benefitted from the organic fertilizer manure making.

One such beneficiary is Catherine Banda from Gwazeni Village in Khosolo, Mzimba. Catherine's farming has been thriving through religious application on knowledge in agroecology, enabling her to produce more food for consumption and sale to meet family needs.

"In the past, I would rely much on government fertilizer subsidy production for my crop cultivation. However, in recent years, government has been cutting down on the number of beneficiaries and I happen to be one of those left out in the 2022 season. The development spelled doom for me and my family as I could not afford the rising cost of the fertilizer.

Fortunately, the same year, Khosolo Women Forum organised a training in organic fertilizer for smallholder farmers here. I participated in the training and the knowledge I got from it has been so useful in my life as a farmer. I am still able to harvest 21 bags of maize through application of organic fertilizer compared to 15 bags I would harvest in the past. I am able to sell the surplus to earn money averaging K120,000 per season which I invest in loans and savings at my village bank. I am no longer worried about hunger at my household," says Catherine, a 56-year-old mother of four.

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Catherine now thriving with agroecology



National and International Solidarity Campaigns for Policy Change Across All Priority Areas

Strengthening women's, young women's and girls' rights.

In the 2024, ActionAid Malawi contributed to strengthening solidarity campaigns for protection of women and girls' rights using various platforms and spaces. Some of such key platforms and spaces include ; the International Women Day under the theme: "Inspire Inclusion; "Accelerate progress," Day of an African Child held under the theme: Education for All Children in Africa: The Time is Now," Day of the Girl Child held under the theme: "Girls' Vision for the Future," and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence held under the theme: "Towards 30 years of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: Unite to End Violence Against Women.

Key policy demand included call on Government of Malawi and international community to institutionalize and fund national solidarity platforms and campaigns that promote the rights of women and girls—such as International Women's Day, Day of the Girl Child, and 16 Days of Activism—as strategic vehicles to strengthen gender-responsive policies and drive accountability.

Strengthening systems for economic justice

ActionAid Malawi significantly contributed to amplifying youth and female voices in national and global feminist movements. This was attained through supporting young women to participate in Africa Debt and Development Conference to influence the narrative towards feminist wellbeing economy.

ActionAid Malawi further supported young women to participate in the Young Urban Women's Global Convening in Johannesburg, significantly contributing to amplifying youth and female voices in global feminist movements.

The engagement empowered the participants to gain knowledge, leadership skills, and a deeper understanding of feminist economic alternatives. Their involvement in developing the "Womanifesto"—a strategic document for advancing feminist wellbeing economies—ensures that Malawian perspectives are represented in shaping global advocacy agendas.

As a policy demand, young movements called upon governments to formally recognize and integrate feminist economic alternatives—such as those outlined in the "Womanifesto"—into national policy, ensuring that young women's voices, priorities, and lived experiences are central to the transition toward a feminist wellbeing economy.

Strengthening Climate Justice, resilient livelihoods and humanitarian work

ActionAid Malawi's participation in the SADC Industrialisation meetings in Harare, alongside support from the Young Urban Women's (VWW) initiative, marked a critical step in integrating feminist perspectives into regional economic dialogues. By supporting a young urban woman and a Local Rights Programme (LRP) women's forum partner to attend, AAM ensured that grassroots voices from Malawi—particularly those of women affected by climate disasters—were meaningfully represented. The young woman's contributions on panels addressing climate justice, food security, and feminist alternatives to the current industrialisation agenda amplified the urgent need to center women's experiences in policymaking.

ActionAid Malawi supported the 2024 Africa's Regional Conference Loss and Damage. Conference in Lilongwe, Malawi, focusing on accelerating access to climate finance for impactful locally led initiatives held under the theme "Accelerating Access to Climate Finance for Impactful Locally Led Loss & Damage and Adaptation. ActionAid Malawi's support and active participation in the 2024 Africa's Regional Conference on Loss and Damage significantly advanced regional efforts to secure equitable climate finance for locally led initiatives.

A demand from the Loss and Damage Conference included a call for equitable access to international climate finance and the establishment of compensation mechanisms for non-economic losses, such as cultural erosion, displacement, and loss of livelihoods, faced by the most vulnerable communities impacted by climate change.



Delegates during the Africa Regional Loss and Damage Conference

Our 2024 Milestones under Organisational Enablers

Enhancing organisational governance and oversight

The 2024 ActionAid Malawi Annual General Meeting strengthened accountability and stakeholder engagement by providing General Assembly members and the Board of Directors with direct exposure to community-level program impacts in Mchinji and Lilongwe. Through visits to key initiatives—such as early childhood development programs and women's empowerment projects—members gained firsthand insights into the effectiveness of ActionAid's interventions. The experience reinforced the organization's strategic direction and commitment to scaling up partnerships to reach more Malawians.

ActionAid Malawi staff honed skills in Cost Recovery

The cost recovery training conducted by ActionAid Malawi in January 2024 strengthened the organization's financial sustainability and operational efficiency. By equipping staff with practical skills and strategies for recovering project and operational costs, the training enhanced internal capacity for sound financial management. This initiative not only supports the long-term viability of ActionAid Malawi's community-driven programs but also ensures more effective and accountable use of resources—ultimately maximizing impact for the communities they serve.

Staff orientation engages staff on Diversity and Inclusion

ActionAid Malawi's observance of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence through a "Diversity and Inclusion" staff session significantly advanced its internal commitment to gender justice and workplace equality. By fostering open dialogue and introducing feminist leadership principles, the session empowered staff to become active allies in combating GBV both professionally and personally. This initiative not only strengthened organizational culture but also reinforced ActionAid Malawi's role as a leader in promoting inclusive, safe, and equitable environments.

Strengthening Media Collaboration for impact

In 2024, the effective collaboration and partnership between ActionAid Malawi and the media had a transformative impact on both advocacy and grassroots empowerment. By working closely with journalists, radio broadcasters, and digital content creators, ActionAid enhanced public awareness of critical issues such as climate justice, education, women's rights, and social accountability. This collaboration enabled marginalized voices—especially women, youth, and people living in rural communities—to be heard at national and regional levels.



ActionAid Malawi staff during the cost recovery training

Get to Know Our General Assembly Members



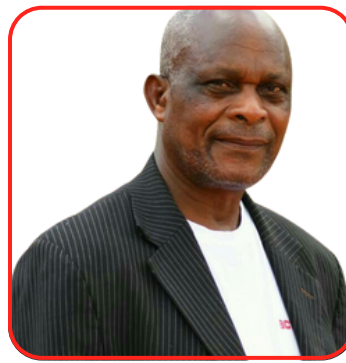
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Position: Director
Expertise: Auditing



Grace Nyambo

Position: Director
Expertise: Human Resources and Administration



Steven Kungala

Position: Director
Expertise: Education



David Guta

Position: Director
Expertise: Communication



Dr. Jean Marie Nyiringabo

Position: ActionAid Representative
Expertise: Finance

Get to Know Our Senior Management Team



Yandura Chipeta
Executive Director



Dan Likungwe
Grants and Finance Lead



Wales Chigwenembe
Acting Programmes and
Policy Lead



Manford Munthali
Human Resources and
Administration Manager



Thembile Malinki
Business Development, Grants
Management and
Communications Manager

Our Partners Towards Social Justice

Number of People/beneficiaries reached

1,200,000
1,000,000
800,000
600,000
400,000
200,000
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THE GLOBAL FUND

FOUNDATION

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SUPPORTERS AND FUNDING PARTNERS



ACTIONAID MALAWI

Financial Statement For the year ended 31 December 2024

Audit, Services



AUDIT ■ TAX ■ ADVISORY

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ActionAid Malawi

Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024

Directors' Responsibilities and Approval

The directors are required in terms of the Companies Act of Malawi to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards board, IAS 29 Directive as issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Malawi (ICAM) and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The directors acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the organisation and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities, the directors set standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost-effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the organisation and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the organisation's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the organisation is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the organisation. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the organisation endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

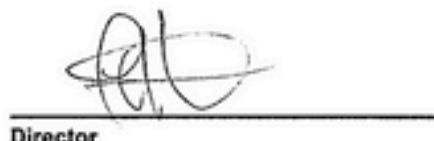
The directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The directors have reviewed the organisation's cash flow forecast for the year to December 31, 2025 and, in light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the organisation has or had access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the organisation's financial statements. The financial statements have been examined by the organisation's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 5 to 6.

The financial statements which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the directors on 12/06/2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

Approval of financial statements


Chairperson
Director

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of ActionAid Malawi

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ActionAid Malawi set out on pages 7 to 21, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ActionAid Malawi as at December 31, 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, IAS 29 Directive as issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Malawi (ICAM) and the requirements of the donor agreement.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (Parts 1, 3 and 4A) (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Malawi. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Malawi. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "ActionAid Malawi financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024", which includes the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of Malawi and the supplementary information as set out on page 21. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of Malawi, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

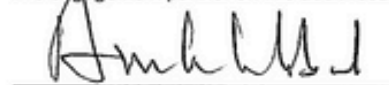
Independent Auditor's Report

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner on this audit resulting in the independent auditor's report is Dr. Joseph Nangantani.



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