

2025 | Annual Report



Community Rootedness for Sustainable Impact

Get to Know Us

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

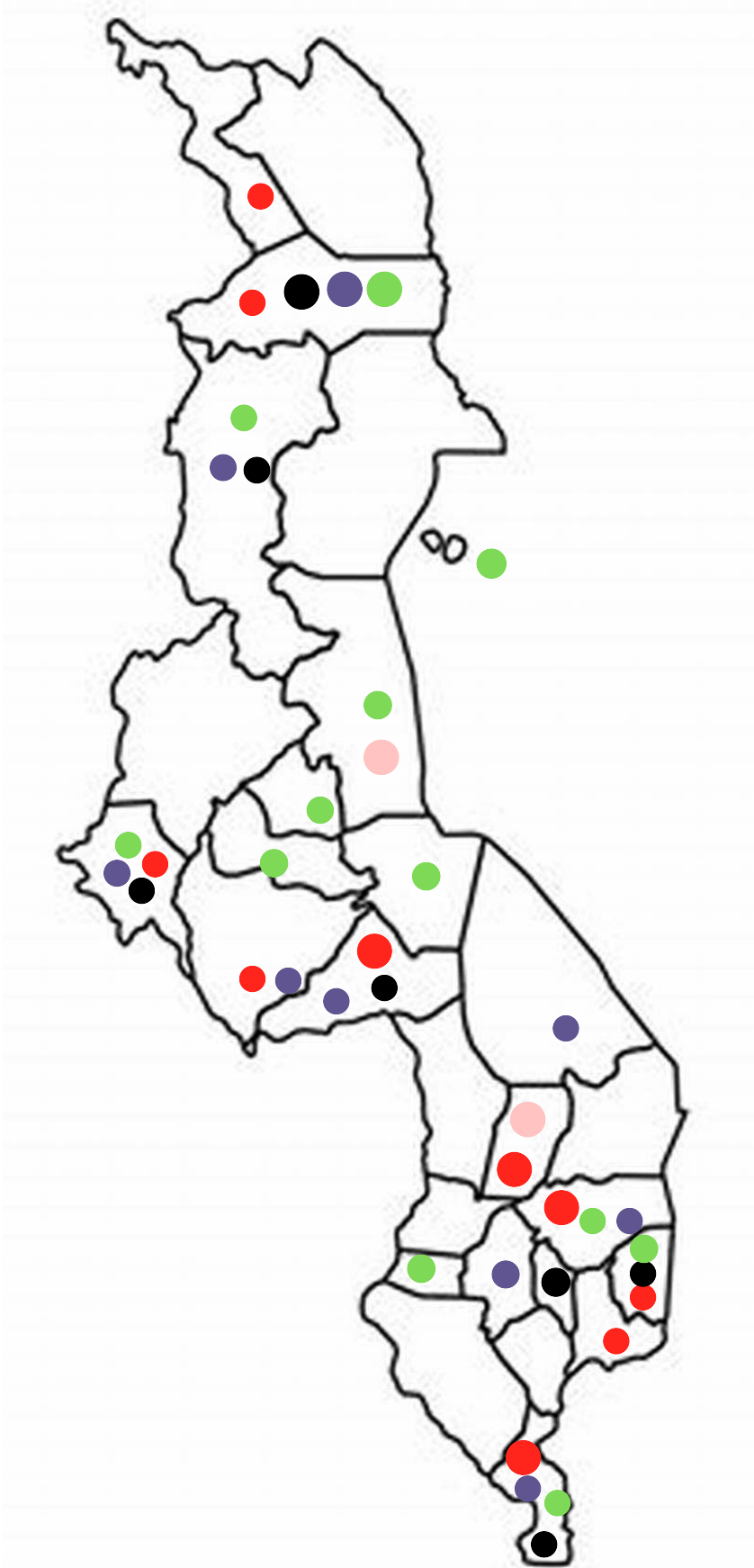


Our Values

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



Our 2025 Geographical Footrprint



Note

- Local Rights Program
- School Readiness Initiative
- COVID-19 Response Mwchanism
- Valuing Women's Work
- Climate Just Transition Project

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAM	Action Aid Malawi
AHF	AIDS Healthcare Foundation
AIP	Affordable Inputs Program
CSEC	Civil Society Education Coalition
CLM	Community Led Monitoring
CAWOC	Center for Alternatives for Victimized Women and Children
CBCC	Community Based Child Centre
CSP	Country Strategy Paper
CAMFED	Campaign for Female Education
DODMA	Department of Disaster Management Affairs
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
ECD	Early Childhood Development
HSSP	Health Sector Strategic Plan
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IMF	International Monetary Fund
KAWOF	Kasumbu Women Forum
LRP	Local Rights Program
MWEITI	Malawi Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative
MEC	Malawi Electoral Commission
NCIC	National Construction Industry Council
NSO	National Statistical Office
UHCC	Universal Health Coverage Coalition
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific Cultural Organization
VWW	Valuing Women Work
WHO	World Health Organization
WFP	World Food Program
WRO	Women's Rights Organization
WB	World Bank
SRI	School Readiness Initiative

From the Board Chairperson



It is my pleasure to present ActionAid Malawi's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025. This report highlights the progress made in advancing social justice, human rights, and sustainable development despite a challenging operating environment.

During 2025, Malawi continued to face economic hardships, high inflation, food insecurity, climate-related shocks, and persistent inequalities affecting women, young people, and marginalized communities. In response, ActionAid Malawi remained committed to supporting communities to build resilience, claim their rights, and hold duty bearers accountable.

Through the implementation of its Country Strategy Paper VI, the organization achieved significant milestones in promoting women's leadership, youth participation, climate resilience, accountable governance, and sustainable livelihoods. These interventions contributed to strengthening community voices and influencing policies and practices that improve the lives of vulnerable populations.

The Board is encouraged by the organization's strong governance systems, prudent financial management, and continued ability to mobilize resources and maintain strategic partnerships. These achievements reflect the dedication of staff, Management, partners, and the communities we serve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend sincere appreciation to our funding partners, government institutions, civil society organizations, ActionAid International, and local communities for their invaluable support and collaboration. I also commend the Management and staff for their commitment and professionalism.

The Board remains committed to providing strategic leadership to ensure ActionAid Malawi continues to drive transformative and lasting change for a just, equitable, and resilient Malawi.

Enjoy the read!

Ms Pilirani Chuma

From the Executive Director



The year 2025 was marked by significant economic, social, and environmental challenges in Malawi, including high inflation, food insecurity, climate-related shocks, and growing demands for accountable governance. Despite this complex operating environment, ActionAid Malawi remained committed to advancing social justice, gender equality, and the rights of people living in poverty and exclusion.

Through the implementation of our Country Strategy Paper VI, we made meaningful progress in strengthening women's leadership, promoting youth participation, enhancing climate resilience, supporting sustainable livelihoods, and advancing transparency and accountability. Working closely with communities, civil society partners, government institutions, and development partners, we continued to amplify the voices of marginalized groups and support citizen-led actions that drive positive change.

Our achievements reflect the resilience of the communities we serve and the dedication of our staff and partners. Together, we supported vulnerable households to cope with economic and climate-related challenges while advocating for policies and systems that are more responsive, inclusive, and accountable.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our funding partners, government counterparts, civil society organizations, local communities, and ActionAid International for their continued collaboration and support. I also commend our staff and volunteers for their professionalism and commitment.

As we look ahead, ActionAid Malawi remains dedicated to strengthening community resilience, advancing human rights, and contributing to a just, equitable, and sustainable Malawi.

Limodzi Tingathe!

Ms Yandura Chipeta

Executive Summary

In 2025, ActionAid Malawi (AAM) implemented transformative programmes aligned with its Country Strategy Paper VI (CSP VI), focusing on advancing the rights of women and girls, promoting economic justice, and strengthening climate resilience and humanitarian response. Despite operating in a challenging economic and humanitarian context, the organisation achieved significant results across all programme priority areas through community-led approaches, strategic partnerships, and rights-based advocacy.

Under Programme Area 1 on the attainment of women, young women and girls' rights, AAM supported 19,949 women, young women and girls to take individual action to challenge violence, patriarchy, and harmful social norms. In addition, 200 collectives of women, young women and girls mobilised collective action to address violence and gender inequality at community level. Through strengthened referral pathways, counselling, legal literacy and community protection mechanisms, 15,941 survivors accessed comprehensive violence against women and girls (VAWG) response services. Furthermore, 4,629 women and young people assumed leadership and decision-making positions at various levels, while 20,020 women and young people gained improved control over productive resources and livelihood opportunities. A total of 15,820 women and young women also accessed comprehensive sexual and reproductive health rights and services.

Under Programme Area 2 on systems change for economic justice, AAM strengthened inclusive education and early childhood development systems. The organisation supported 34,817 boys and girls to access comprehensive Early Childhood Development (ECD) services, while 30,963 children successfully transitioned from Community-Based Childcare Centres (CBCCs) to primary school. These interventions contributed to improved school readiness, child protection, and access to quality learning environments.

Under Programme Area 3 on climate justice, resilient livelihoods and humanitarian action, AAM reached 25,333 people through climate justice campaigns and citizen mobilisation initiatives aimed at influencing policy and accountability on climate financing and adaptation. In addition, 24,275 women and young people adopted agroecological and climate-resilient farming practices to improve food security and environmental sustainability. The organisation further strengthened resilience among 8,576 women and young people living in disaster-risk communities, while 695 households benefited from humanitarian cash transfer programmes to address immediate food and livelihood needs with dignity and choice.

The political and governance context in 2025 was shaped by preparations for Malawi's general elections, creating a complex and fragile environment. While efforts by the Malawi Electoral Commission improved electoral preparedness and inclusiveness, voter participation remained low, reflecting declining public trust in governance systems. The broader context was marked by rising political tensions, concerns over electoral integrity, and persistent governance challenges, including perceptions of corruption and unmet public expectations.



Some of the beneficiaries of ActionAid Malawi's investment in gender-responsive public services

Public disillusionment, particularly among marginalised groups, underscored the continued importance of civic engagement, accountability, and rights-based advocacy, which remain central to AAM's work.

Economically, Malawi faced significant challenges, with a fragile outlook throughout the year. Although inflation showed slight improvement, low economic growth continued to lag behind population increases, while high living costs, food insecurity, and foreign exchange shortages constrained livelihoods. The situation was further worsened by the intensifying climate crisis, especially in the southern region, where recurrent shocks such as cyclones, erratic rainfall, and poor harvests severely affected vulnerable communities. By mid-year, over four million people were experiencing acute food insecurity, highlighting the scale of humanitarian need. Rising food prices and declining household incomes disproportionately impacted women, children, and marginalised populations.

In response to these intersecting challenges, AAM adopted a flexible and adaptive programming approach. The organisation prioritised strengthening community resilience, enhancing protection mechanisms, advancing policy advocacy, and building strategic partnerships to maximise impact. Although resource limitations affected the full implementation of planned activities, AAM ensured the continuation of critical interventions, particularly those addressing immediate community needs, protecting vulnerable groups, and reinforcing local accountability systems.

Looking ahead, AAM remains committed to advancing a rights-based, locally led development agenda in the face of ongoing political, economic, and climate uncertainties. The organisation will continue to champion gender equality and women's leadership, advocate for inclusive economic systems and improved public services, and strengthen climate resilience and humanitarian preparedness. Through sustained engagement at community, national, and global levels, AAM is well positioned to contribute to long-term, transformative change in Malawi.

Our 2025 Impact in numbers

ACTIONAID MALAWI EXECUTIVE SUMMARY DASHBOARD

Total Beneficiaries Directly Reached: **375,670**

Advancing the Rights of Women, Young Women & Girls



Advancing the Rights of Women, Young Women & Girls

19,949

Women & girls took action against violence

15,941

Survivors accessed VAWG response services

35,000+

Community health actors trained & empowered

300,000+

People reached through public health messaging



Protection



Justice



Health

Driving Systems Change for Economic Justice & Delivery of Gender-Responsive Public Services



Driving Systems Change for Economic Justice & Gender-Responsive Public Services

5,000

Young women engaged in macroeconomic advocacy

30,963

Children transitioned into primary schoolstem (ECEs)

8 Districts

Macroeconomic dialogue engagements conducted

2

Vulnerable children directly supported



Inclusive Policies



Responsive Services

Advancing Climate Justice, Resilient Livelihoods & Humanitarian Action



Advancing Climate Justice, Resilient Livelihoods & Humanitarian Action

25,333

People reached through climate justice actions

24,275

Women & youth adopted climate-smart practices

450

At-risk households safely relocated

695

Households supported with cash assistance



Public Services



Climate Justice



Advocacy

Protection

Justice

Leadership

Empowered Communities

Public Services

Advocacy



ActionAid Malawi handing over Nkhulambe LRP to Phalombe District Council and Communities

The development and economic context



2025 was shaped by extractive activities that pushed affected communities deeper in poverty

Malawi's development and economic outlook in 2025 was shaped by a convergence of structural challenges across the health, education, and economic sectors, further intensified by climate shocks and a fragile macroeconomic environment (IMF, 2025). These overlapping pressures continue to constrain inclusive growth and deepen vulnerabilities, particularly among women, young people, and rural communities.

The health system remains critically under-resourced, with vacancy rates exceeding 50% and staffing levels falling significantly below World Health Organization standards (World Health Organization, 2024). This shortage of health personnel has placed immense strain on the system, forcing existing workers to operate under high workloads, often resulting in burnout and reduced quality of care. Access to essential health services, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas, remains limited, highlighting the need for sustained investment in human resources, infrastructure, and health system strengthening.

Similarly, the education sector continues to face significant capacity and financing constraints. Overcrowded classrooms, with pupil-teacher ratios far above recommended levels, are undermining the quality of learning. Declining public investment in education, coupled with increasing enrolment, has further stretched limited resources (UNESCO, 2025). Inadequate infrastructure, particularly the lack of girl-friendly sanitation facilities, continues to contribute to absenteeism and school dropouts among girls. While national policy frameworks emphasize human capital development and skills building, progress is hindered by underfunding and systemic inefficiencies.

Economically, Malawi remains under considerable strain. Inflation has remained persistently high, largely driven by rising food prices, which continue to erode household purchasing power. Economic growth remains modest and below population growth rates, indicating declining real incomes and worsening poverty levels. Fiscal pressures, foreign exchange shortages, and external imbalances further complicate the economic outlook, limiting the government's ability to respond effectively to emerging needs (African Development Bank, 2025).

Agriculture, which underpins the economy, continues to struggle with low productivity, limited access to inputs, and high vulnerability to climate variability. Despite significant public investment in subsidy programmes, food insecurity remains widespread, with millions of Malawians unable to meet their basic food needs (FAO & WFP, 2025). This reflects persistent structural inefficiencies and growing demand for more effective, accountable, and sustainable agricultural policies.

Climate change continues to exacerbate these challenges. Erratic rainfall patterns, floods, and droughts have disrupted agricultural production and livelihoods across multiple regions. Recent extreme weather events have displaced communities, damaged infrastructure, and increased humanitarian needs (World Bank, 2025). While emergency responses have provided short-term relief, the scale and frequency of these shocks underscore the urgent need for long-term investments in climate resilience, disaster preparedness, and sustainable land management.

The political context, particularly in the lead-up to the 2025 general elections, has further influenced the operating environment. Public concern over economic hardship, governance challenges, and service delivery gaps has intensified, with increasing demand for transparency, accountability, and effective policy responses (Transparency International, 2025).

Overall, Malawi's outlook in 2025 underscores the need for integrated, systems-level approaches that address both immediate humanitarian needs and the structural drivers of poverty and inequality. Strengthening public systems, promoting resilient livelihoods, and advancing inclusive governance will be critical to achieving sustainable development outcomes.

Key Achievements and Strategic Impact

Programme Area 1: Advancing the Rights of Women, Young Women and Girls

In 2025, ActionAid Malawi (AAM) contributed to transformational change in gender equality and women's rights by strengthening community systems to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV), while amplifying women's leadership and agency. Community-based interventions reached thousands of women, men, and young people, shifting harmful social norms in deeply patriarchal contexts.

During the year, 19,949 women, young women and girls took individual action to challenge violence, patriarchy, discrimination and exclusion within their households and communities.

These actions reflected growing confidence, awareness of rights, and increased agency among women and girls. At the systems level, AAM strengthened community justice and protection structures, enabling faster and more accessible responses to GBV through trained paralegals, referral systems, and linkages with police and victim support services.

Through these efforts, 15,941 survivors accessed comprehensive violence against women and girls (VAWG) response services, including psychosocial support, legal assistance, counselling, and referral pathways.

AAM also invested significantly in women's political empowerment and leadership development. As a result, 4,629 women and young people assumed leadership and decision-making positions at community, district and national levels, strengthening women's voice and representation in governance and policy spaces.

In parallel, large-scale community awareness campaigns reached over 6,000 people, contributing to increased public understanding of women's rights, harmful cultural practices, and legal protections. These initiatives are gradually shifting attitudes and fostering collective responsibility to end violence against women and girls.



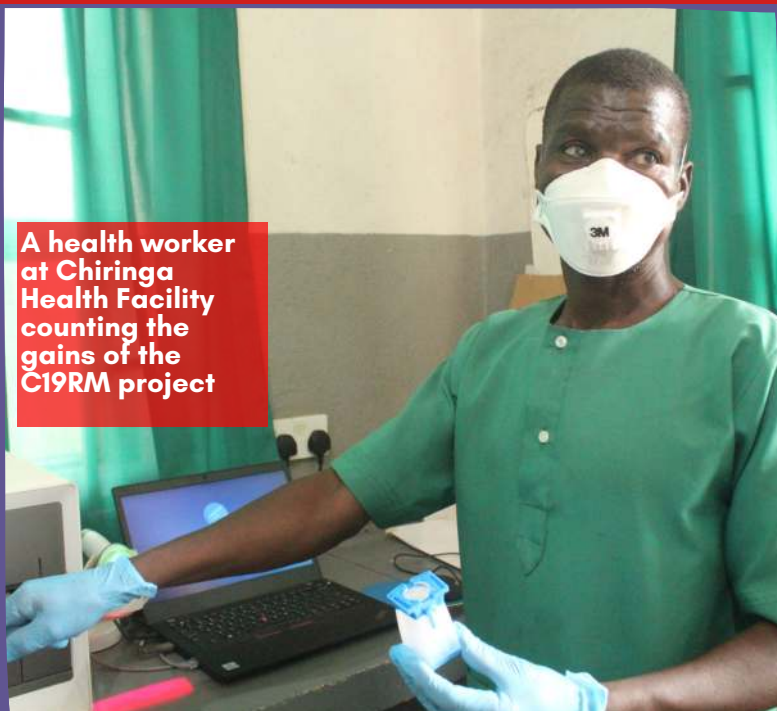
Girls and young women under Kawale Young Urban Women Network during one of their activities



Some of the women who benefit from ActionAid Malawi interventions

Health Systems Strengthening and Pandemic Preparedness

A health worker at Chiringa Health Facility counting the gains of the C19RM project



Through its Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) program and Universal Health Coverage work, ActionAid Malawi and partners, namely, Creative Centre for Community Mobilization (CRECCOM) MANET+ and Lilongwe Catholic Health Commission strengthened community and district level health systems resilience through coordinated interventions that enhanced disease surveillance, public health awareness, and community participation in health service delivery. Using the Community Led Monitoring (CLM) the program enhanced the capacity of over 35,000 community health actors, including community volunteers, frontline health workers, and local structures, communities who have been empowered with the knowledge and skills required for early detection, reporting, and response to public health threats. This has significantly improved local preparedness and response capacity, enabling communities and health institutions to act swiftly in addressing emerging health risks.

The interventions have further contributed to the successful prevention of outbreaks in targeted areas. This achievement was made possible through strong collaboration and coordination between community structures, local leaders, health facility management committees, district health offices, and other duty bearers who worked together to strengthen sanitation, hygiene promotion, disease surveillance, and rapid response systems. The partnership further fostered mutual accountability and trust, ensuring that communities were actively involved in identifying challenges and implementing locally driven solutions to improve public health outcomes. In addition, over 24,000 people were vaccinated through community-based outreach and mobilization initiatives, while large-scale public health messaging reached more than 300,000 individuals with critical information on disease prevention, health-seeking behaviour, and available health services. These efforts have significantly resulted in increased community awareness, improved uptake of essential health services, and strengthened confidence in the public health system.

National and International Engagements

Facilitating participation of women and young women at 16 Days of Activism and International Women's Day and CSW 69 conference

ActionAid Malawi and partners' in the commemoration of 2025 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence and International Women's Day strengthened the solidarity campaign against the vice. Through showcasing the gains at Business Expo in Blantyre and participating in solidarity activities during the campaign, ActionAid Malawi and partners underscored the significance of strengthening women, young women and girls' rights towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals and Malawi 2063 agenda. Furthermore, ActionAid Malawi supported members of the Malawi Young Urban Women to participate at the 69th Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

The members leveraged various feminist platforms at the CSW to highlight investing in young urban women in developing countries like Malawi could accelerate the achievements of the Beijing Plan of Action. During the engagements, Kimmy, a member of Kawale Feminomics Hub in Malawi joined young women activists from all over the world to strategise on influencing the implementation of the Beijing +30 Action Agenda. Kimmy articulated the urgent need for redistributing power, increasing accountability and strategic institutional reforms and the recognition of young feminists as equal partners, rather than mere stakeholders.

In November 2025, ActionAid Malawi successfully hosted the Global Convening of Young Urban Women, Feminist Experts, and Women's Movements in Salima, creating a powerful international platform for feminist solidarity, knowledge exchange, and collective action on gender justice and urban inequalities. The convening brought together young women leaders, feminist activists, grassroots movements, policy advocates, and development practitioners from different countries to amplify the voices and experiences of urban women and girls facing economic exclusion, climate injustice, violence, and limited access to public services.

One of the key achievements of the convening was the strengthening of cross-country feminist alliances and movement-building efforts, enabling participants to share innovative advocacy strategies, mobilization approaches, and solutions for advancing women's rights and inclusive urban development. The convening also elevated critical issues affecting young urban women within regional and global policy discussions, particularly around unpaid care work, economic justice, and reproductive health rights, and gender-responsive public services. Through dialogues, capacity-building sessions, and collaborative engagements, participants enhanced their leadership skills, advocacy capacity, and collective influence in shaping transformative feminist agendas.

Participating in the Health Services Managers Network (HESNET) Second Annual Conference

ActionAid Malawi through its Global Fund C19RM program participated in the Health Services Managers Network (HESNET) Second Annual Conference held in Blantyre. The conference provided a platform for strengthened dialogue and collaboration among government institutions, health sector managers, civil society organizations, and development partners on the urgent need to build a more resilient and responsive health system in Malawi. The conference further provided a critical platform for stakeholders to collectively reflect on lessons from recent public health emergencies and identify practical strategies for improving health governance, preparedness, service delivery, and community engagement.

One of the major outcomes of the conference was the increased recognition of community systems and citizen participation as essential pillars of resilient healthcare systems, particularly in responding to future pandemics and public health shocks.

Discussions also reinforced the importance of decentralised health leadership, stronger accountability mechanisms, and integrated approaches that place communities at the centre of health planning and monitoring. ActionAid Malawi and its partner, CRECCOM highlighted practical evidence and community-driven experiences from the implementation of the Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) approach. AAM and CRECCOM demonstrated how empowering communities to monitor health services can strengthen accountability, improve responsiveness of healthcare providers, and enhance trust between citizens and the health system. The two organizations showcased how community engagement can complement national health systems and contribute to more sustainable and resilient healthcare outcomes. Its support to the conference therefore reinforced the importance of partnerships between government and civil society in advancing equitable, people-centred, and resilient health systems in Malawi.

ActionAid Malawi Technical Advocacy Coordinator, Chimwemwe Kabowa, making a presentation at HESNET conference and (Right) are delegates at the conference



PROGRAM PRIORITY AREA 1

Advancing the Rights of Women, Young Women & Girls

Empowering women and girls, strengthening their leadership, voice and choices, and driving gender equality across communities.

IMPACT DASHBOARD

19,949

Women & girls took action against violence

15,941

Survivors accessed VAWG response services

4,629

Women & youth assumed leadership positions

6,000+

People reached through awareness campaigns

35,000+

Community health actors trained & empowered

24,000+

People vaccinated through community outreach

300,000+

People reached with public health messaging

CSW69

Young women engaged global feminist advocacy

WHAT THIS MEANS

More women and girls speaking out and challenging violence.

Survivors accessing essential support and justice services.

More women and young people leading and influencing change.

Communities better informed through awareness and health messaging.

Stronger health systems and outreach reaching more people.

Young women amplifying Malawi's voices on global feminist platforms.

Stronger rights.
Stronger voices.
Stronger futures.

Protection

Justice

Leadership

Health

Advocacy

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Story of Change:

When clinics close, care continues through community led innovation

Persistent flooding has long disrupted life in Nsanje District's Lower Shire, repeatedly cutting off access to Mbenje Health Centre. During heavy rains, roads disappear under water, health workers cannot reach the facility, and patients, especially pregnant women and children, are left without care.

"People would just stay home and suffer," recalls Simeon Mtukumira a member of Mbenje Community Health Action Group (CHAG)

Through the Community-led Monitoring (CLM) project, communities decided to act. Working through CHAGs and the Health Centre Management Committee (HCMC), they agreed that waiting for external help was no longer viable. They mobilised themselves and constructed a dike to protect the facility from floodwaters.

"The idea came from the people," says ADC Chairperson Christopher Thom. "Early results are promising. The clinic is now more likely to remain open during floods."

The community also addressed gaps in service delivery. When under-five clinics were conducted under a tree, advocacy through CLM led to the construction of a permanent clinic at Nsiranga using Constituency Development Fund resources, reducing travel distances and improving conditions for mothers and children.

To overcome long distances for HIV services, community members introduced a group drug collection system, where one person collects antiretroviral therapy for others. This has reduced missed treatments and improved adherence. Mobile clinics have also become critical, bringing services closer to hard-to-reach areas like Chimombo, especially during floods. Beyond infrastructure, CLM has strengthened local systems. Additional volunteers have been trained for tuberculosis screening, improving early detection.

"These successes show the power of community action," says District Health Coordinator Ganizani Masauko. In a region defined by floods, Mbenje communities are no longer waiting for solutions; they are building and sustaining them together. Their story shows resilience, ownership, and a model for sustainable community-driven health solutions.



Thom explaining how CLM approach is strengthening health systems



Members of Community Led Monitoring at Chiringa, Phalombe

Programme Priority Area 2: Driving Systems Change for Economic Justice and Delivery of Gender-Responsive Public Services

AAM advanced its economic justice agenda by influencing policy discourse, public financing, and recognition of unpaid care work. Alongside policy advocacy, the organization strengthened access to inclusive education and early childhood development services for vulnerable children and communities.

Strengthening dialogue on macroeconomic policies including care economy and public debt



Some of the young women who participated at the Global Convening Workshop in Salima

Through multi-stakeholder economy, engagements conducted across eight districts and national platforms, ActionAid Malawi successfully elevated unpaid care and domestic work as a critical economic and policy issue requiring urgent attention within national development and social protection frameworks. Furthermore, by convening government institutions, civil society organizations, community leaders, women's rights groups, and development partners, the organization facilitated evidence-based dialogue negative impact of the current macro-economic policies and proposed a feminist wellbeing economy centred on investing in gender-responsive public service delivery.

In addition, ActionAid Malawi strengthened collaboration and solidarity among young feminists, civil society organizations, and government actors, creating inclusive spaces for collective advocacy and coordinated action on gender equality and economic justice. Through these partnerships, young women leaders and feminist movements enhanced their capacity to influence policy discussions, advocate for responsive public services, and amplify community voices in governance processes. As a result, the initiative not only empowered young feminist leaders but also reinforced broader citizen participation in shaping inclusive and gender-responsive development policies.

Through the Valuing Women's Work project, a total of 5,000 young women gained capacity to hold the state accountable on macroeconomic policies, including public debt, deregulation, and austerity measures. These interventions strengthened their ability to advocate for a feminist well-being economy and influence national economic discourse. Moreover, economic empowerment interventions like vocational skills has facilitated self-employment of over 200 youth across the country.

Expanding access to inclusive education alongside campaigning for increased public and institutional awareness in gender-responsive public services

ActionAid Malawi continued to make transformative progress in improving access to quality and inclusive education, particularly for girls and children from marginalized communities, through sustained investments in early childhood development, safe learning environments, and community-driven education systems. During the reporting period, 34,817 boys and girls accessed comprehensive Early Childhood Development (ECD) services, while 30,963 children successfully transitioned from Community Based Childcare Centres (CBCCs) into primary education. These achievements reflect significant progress in strengthening foundational learning and ensuring children begin their educational journey with the skills, confidence, and support necessary to succeed academically.

By prioritizing early learning and school readiness, ActionAid Malawi is contributing to long-term improvements in literacy, retention, and educational attainment, which are critical for breaking cycles of poverty and inequality. The organization also strengthened collaboration between CBCCs and primary schools, creating a more coordinated and child-friendly transition pathway that improved school preparedness and continuity in learning. This enhanced coordination not only increased enrolment and retention rates but also reduced barriers that often contribute to school dropouts, particularly among vulnerable children.

At the same time, ActionAid Malawi expanded access to safe and gender-responsive learning environments through ongoing infrastructure development, including the construction and improvement of girls' hostels and other learner-support facilities. These interventions have provided safer spaces for girls to pursue education, reduced risks of early marriages and gender-based violence and enabled more girls to remain in school and complete their education.

A major milestone was the significant increase in access to early learning and teaching materials, which rose from 21 percent to 77 percent of targeted institutions. This substantial improvement strengthened the quality of teaching and learning, enhanced learner engagement, and contributed to better educational outcomes for young children.

Through its child sponsorship model, ActionAid Malawi directly supported more than 800 children while simultaneously addressing wider structural barriers affecting access to education within entire communities. Rather than focusing solely on individual beneficiaries, the organization adopted a holistic approach that improved educational opportunities for all children within targeted areas. The cumulative impact of these interventions is contributing to the development of more inclusive, equitable, and resilient education systems that empower children, especially girls, to realize their full potential and become active contributors to Malawi's long-term social and economic development.

Children from M'bwetu Community Based Childcare Centre happily play outside for their brain development and learning



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Influencing Public Debt Transparency and Accountability through F4D Conference



ActionAid Malawi successfully led high-level national advocacy efforts aimed at strengthening social accountability, debt justice, and gender-responsive public service delivery in Malawi. A major achievement was the facilitation of a national dialogue on financing for development, which brought together key stakeholders to challenge IMF-imposed austerity measures, wage bill constraints, and opaque debt negotiations affecting health and education systems. The resulting position paper strengthened evidence-based advocacy for debt restructuring, increased transparency, inclusive economic governance, and expanded investment in frontline public services. These interventions elevated citizen voices and civil society participation in public finance discussions while highlighting the disproportionate impact of debt and austerity on women and vulnerable communities. The advocacy contributed to stronger national momentum for reforms aimed at protecting social services, advancing economic justice, and promoting sustainable and accountable development governance in Malawi.

Unpacking gains at 19th MALGA Conference

ActionAid Malawi demonstrated strong long-term commitment to strengthening decentralisation, social accountability, and responsive local governance during the 19th Malawi Local Government Association (MALGA) Annual General Assembly in Mangochi. Through its active participation, the organization highlighted key achievements in enhancing the oversight capacity of local councils through targeted trainings in budget tracking, accountability, and public finance management. These interventions have strengthened the ability of councils to effectively monitor public resources and improve transparency in service delivery processes. ActionAid Malawi also played a critical role in supporting the development of the local councils' oversight manual in collaboration with MALGA, providing a practical framework for improving accountability systems and institutional governance at district and city council levels.



Story of Change:

School construction renews dream for Malita

At 12 years old, Malita's dream of becoming a Malawi Defence Force soldier once seemed uncertain. At Chitana Primary School in Dedza District, learning often stopped whenever it rained. Water leaked through grass-thatched classrooms, learners crowded on broken desks, and many girls missed lessons due to the lack of safe sanitation facilities. "Once the rain started falling, classes had to stop immediately," Malita recalls. "It was painful because we wanted to continue learning." Chitana Primary School, which serves more than 900 learners from 42 villages, faced years of neglect. Temporary shelters collapsed during storms, overcrowding affected learning, and girls struggled to stay in school with dignity. Through support from ActionAid Italy through ActionAid Malawi and Kasumbu Women Forum, the community transformed the school into a safe and inclusive learning environment. New classroom blocks, a library, staff room, kitchen shelter, and gender-responsive sanitation facilities now stand where fragile shelters once existed.

Women in the community played a leading role in mobilizing support and advocating for girls' education, while local people contributed labour and materials, demonstrating strong ownership of the project. "The environment has changed everything," says teacher Florence Chingondo. "Now, even when it rains, learning continues."

Girls are attending school regularly, learners are motivated, and enrolment has increased significantly. The community is also preparing a school feeding programme to further support attendance and learning.



Conducive learning environment at Chitana Primary School is unlocking Malita's dream

For Malita, the transformation means renewed dream of becoming a soldier. "Now I enjoy coming to school," she says. "I believe my ambition will be fulfilled."

Today, Chitana Primary School stands as a powerful example of how community-led action can create safe, dignified, and gender-responsive education for every child.

IMPACT DASHBOARD

PROGRAM PRIORITY AREA 2

Driving Systems Change for Economic Justice and Delivery of Gender-Responsive Public Services

Advocating for economic justice, shaping inclusive education and early childhood development, and advancing gender-responsive public services.



IMPACT DASHBOARD



5,000

Young women engaged in macroeconomic advocacy



30,963

Children transitioned to Primary Schools from CBCCs



200+

Youths supported to start self-employment



800+

Children supported with access to primary education



8 Districts

Macroeconomic dialogue engagements conducted

WHAT THIS MEANS

- ✓ Young Women's increased advocacy on economic policy.
- ✓ More children successfully moving from CBCCs to primary schools.
- ✓ Inclusive learning environments protecting vulnerable children.
- ✓ Economic empowerment improving youth self-employment.
- ✓ Policy engagement centering care economy & essential services.
- ✓ Strong advocacy for gender-responsive public services.



Inclusive policies



Responsive services



Empowered communities

Public Services



Advocacy

Programme Priority Area 3: Advancing Climate Justice, Resilient Livelihoods and Humanitarian Action



Agroecology is becoming a sustainable livelihood for smallholder farmers impacted by climate crisis

ActionAid Malawi continued to strengthen community resilience to climate shocks by integrating climate justice, sustainable livelihoods, environmental stewardship, and disaster risk reduction into its programming, with a deliberate focus on women, young people, and vulnerable communities. Through climate justice actions and advocacy initiatives that reached 25,333 people, the organization increased public awareness and community engagement on climate adaptation, environmental protection, and the rights of communities most affected by climate change.

At the same time, 24,275 women and young people adopted agroecological practices and climate-smart livelihood approaches that enhanced food security, increased household resilience, and promoted sustainable natural resource management. More than 3,000 farmers widely adopted agroecological farming methods, while communities expanded reforestation, soil conservation, and sustainable land management initiatives, contributing to improved ecosystem restoration and long-term environmental sustainability. Increased compliance with environmental bylaws and strengthened community-led conservation efforts further reinforced local ownership of environmental protection initiatives.

Collectively, these interventions improved soil fertility, increased agricultural productivity, reduced dependence on costly external farming inputs, and enhanced communities' capacity to withstand climate-related shocks, laying the foundation for more sustainable and resilient livelihoods.

ActionAid Malawi also made significant progress in strengthening disaster risk reduction and preparedness systems, particularly in flood- and drought-prone districts where climate-related disasters continue to threaten lives and livelihoods. Through community-driven resilience-building interventions, the organization strengthened local disaster planning structures and early warning systems, enabling communities to better anticipate, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. A critical achievement was the successful relocation of 450 households from high-risk flood zones to safer areas, significantly reducing vulnerability to recurrent flooding and displacement.

In parallel, ActionAid Malawi enhanced protection mechanisms for women and girls in emergency settings, ensuring that disaster response interventions addressed gender-specific risks and vulnerabilities often experienced during crises. Overall, 8,576 women and young people from disaster-prone communities benefited from integrated resilience and livelihood interventions, resulting in measurable improvements in preparedness, adaptive capacity, and risk reduction. These efforts are contributing to stronger, more resilient communities capable of managing climate-induced disasters while protecting lives, livelihoods, and development gains.

In response to escalating climate-induced food insecurity, ActionAid Malawi delivered targeted humanitarian assistance and social protection interventions that prioritized dignity, resilience, and recovery for the most vulnerable households. During the reporting period, 695 households in Chiradzulu and Nsanje Local Rights Programmes benefited from cash transfer programmes designed to support women-headed households and families facing severe food insecurity. The cash-based assistance enabled households to meet immediate food and basic needs with dignity and choice, while also preventing harmful coping mechanisms such as the sale of productive assets, school dropouts, or unsafe migration. Beyond addressing immediate humanitarian needs, the intervention supported early recovery and small-scale livelihood investments, enabling families to rebuild resilience and restore economic stability. By linking humanitarian response with longer-term resilience-building strategies, ActionAid Malawi contributed to protecting vulnerable communities from deepening poverty and strengthening their capacity to recover from future climate and economic shocks.



I used the cash support from ActionAid Malawi to purchase maize and invest part of it in my tomato and chicken business. My business is growing and I can see my life improving through this business.

Evelyn, a cash transfer support beneficiary in Nsanje District.

National and International Engagements

Demanding a Fair, Inclusive and Localized Fund at a Loss and Damage Conference

ActionAid Malawi and its partners played a significant role in advancing climate justice advocacy during the 4th African Regional Conference on Loss and Damage held in Lilongwe under the theme, “Accelerating Access to Climate Finance for Impactful Locally Led Loss & Damage and Adaptation.”

Through active engagement with climate activists, government officials, and civil society organizations, ActionAid Malawi amplified calls for equitable and accessible climate finance that prioritizes communities most affected by climate-induced disasters. A key achievement of the conference was the strengthening of regional dialogue and collective advocacy on the urgent need for rich polluting countries to fulfil their climate finance obligations and support locally led adaptation and loss and damage responses.

The conference also elevated evidence from ActionAid’s “Who Owes Who” report, which highlighted the disproportionate debt burden carried by low-income countries and its negative impact on investment in public services and climate resilience. By linking debt justice with climate justice, the engagements strengthened awareness on how external debt and austerity measures undermine adaptation efforts and community resilience.

The outcomes of the conference contributed to stronger regional momentum for fair climate financing, increased accountability of global financial actors, and enhanced advocacy for people-centred climate policies that protect vulnerable communities and strengthen long-term resilience in Malawi and across Africa.



ActionAid Malawi Program and Policy Lead, Wales Chigwenembe, during the 2025 Loss and Damage Conference

IMPACT DASHBOARD



Story of Change: “Mahara ya Mama” Cooperative unlocks prosperity for Patricia

Before 2020, Patricia Gondwe, of Chipitika Village in Traditional Authority Chikulamayembe, found farming not a rewarding adventure. She would simply cultivate maize and groundnuts for subsistence. Her family life remained miserable.

“Despite joining Chikulamayembe Women Forum in 2020 as a member of Coalition for Women Farmers (COWFA), my farming life remained disappointing. I would cultivate a lot of maize and groundnuts but lacked markets. Out of frustration, I would sell the crop at a loss,” recounts the 42-year-old Patricia.

Her situation mirrored many in Rumphi. Farmers in Rumphi District, Malawi, are facing increasing hardships due to the combined effects of climate change and poor agricultural prices. Erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, and recurrent floods have reduced crop yields, making it difficult for households to secure enough food and income.

At the same time, low and unstable market prices for key crops such as maize, groundnuts, and beans mean that even when farmers manage a reasonable harvest, their produce does not fetch enough to cover farming costs or meet household needs. This double burden has left many farmers trapped in cycles of poverty, unable to invest in improved inputs, diversify their livelihoods, or build resilience against future climate shocks.

Patricia’s situation started changing for the better in 2020 after joining “Mahara gha Mama” cooperative under Chikulamayembe Women Forum. The cooperative was established in 2011 to address farming and farm produce price challenge smallholder farmers were facing in the area.

In 2024, Patricia got groundnuts seeds loans under the cooperative. She cultivated the groundnuts and managed to sell it at a record profit through the cooperative.

“I managed to earn about K3,5 million from one hector piece of land. I used part of the money to buy the water pump to enable me embark on irrigation farming due to poor and unpredictable rainfall patterns here,” she says.

Patricia has since cultivated beans on the same one hector piece of land and hopes to make about K5 million by selling her beans through the cooperative in December, 2025. She credits the cooperative and Chikulamayembe Women Forum for empowering her with knowledge on how to cultivate her farm using agroecological practices including organic manure making.

“Through, farming, I am now able to feed my family and pay school fees for my two children who are now in secondary schools, something I could barely manage before I joined Mahara gha mama cooperative,” she says.

With funding from ActionAid Malawi, Chikulamayember Women Forum has since 2007, been implementing various interventions including addressing violence against women and girls, women economic empowerment, girl education and agroecology farming practices.

The trained 120 community volunteers (52 males and 68 females) across four Traditional Authorities continue to sensitize others on human rights, environmental management and gender justice. This growing network ensures that advocacy efforts remain community-driven and sustainable even beyond the project’s lifespan.



Patricia and her spouse in their farm



Key Achievements on Organizational Enablers

Enhancing Program Quality and Effectiveness

In 2025, ActionAid Malawi's Participatory Review and Reflection Process (PRRP) generated valuable evidence on the impact of programming in climate justice, resilient livelihoods, social protection, gender justice, and inclusive public services, particularly for women, girls, youth, and other marginalized groups. Rooted in ActionAid Malawi's Human Rights-Based Approach, the PRRP placed rights holders at the centre of assessing programme performance, ensuring that their experiences, perspectives, and priorities informed decision-making and accountability processes.

The PRRP strengthened evidence-based programming by capturing community feedback, promoting learning, and informing adaptive interventions. It also amplified grassroots voices in policy advocacy and development planning, reinforcing ActionAid Malawi's commitment to locally led, inclusive, and sustainable development.

To further enhance programme quality and alignment with Country Strategy Paper VI, the Malawi 2063 Agenda, and ActionAid's Global Strategy, particularly Strategic Implementation Framework 3, ActionAid Malawi conducted a comprehensive programme assessment across all six Local Rights Programmes (LRPs). The assessment documented key achievements, best practices, and lessons learned to guide future programming and improve impact.

A major milestone during the year was the successful handover of the Nkhulambe Local Rights Programme, demonstrating strengthened community ownership, sustainability of interventions, and ActionAid Malawi's commitment to empowering communities to lead their own development processes.



Strengthening people culture and organisational development

During the reporting year, the Human Resource, Organizational Development and Administration (HROD) Unit played a critical role in strengthening ActionAid Malawi's institutional effectiveness by fostering an inclusive, enabling, and high-performing work environment aligned with organizational policies and Malawi labour regulations. The Unit contributed to the implementation of CSP VI by strengthening organizational systems, promoting feminist leadership, and enhancing staff capacity to deliver impactful programmes.

The Unit championed ActionAid's Feminist Leadership Principles through continuous awareness raising and capacity strengthening on safeguarding, Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), and organizational values among staff and partners. These efforts enhanced accountability, promoted safer programming spaces, and strengthened a culture grounded in human rights, dignity, and gender justice.

To advance the Feminist Leadership Principle of Care and Caring for Others, the Unit implemented staff wellness initiatives, including psychosocial support, health awareness activities, team-building sessions, and work-life balance interventions. These initiatives improved staff wellbeing, resilience, morale, and collaboration while fostering safe, supportive, and inclusive spaces for all employees.

The Unit also invested in digital infrastructure and connectivity and facilitated local and international trainings for program and finance staff. These investments enhanced operational efficiency, strengthened technical competencies, improved programme delivery, and increased organizational resilience and sustainability.

Key Achievements for organizational Enablers

Enhancing oversight through strengthening internal governance



Members of the General Assembly after touring interventions in Chiradzulu LRP

In 2025, ActionAid Malawi's General Assembly and Board of Directors continued to provide strong strategic leadership and oversight, reinforcing the organization's commitment to accountable governance, institutional effectiveness, and transformative programming in line with the ActionAid Malawi Country Strategy Paper (CSP VI). Through regular quarterly Board meetings, the Board actively guided policy direction, monitored organizational performance, strengthened risk management, and ensured alignment of programmes with national development priorities and ActionAid's human rights-based approach.

The increased participation of Board and General Assembly members in programme implementation and monitoring enhanced institutional accountability and strengthened engagement with communities and partners.

During the 2025 Annual General Meeting, members undertook field visits to appreciate the impact of interventions implemented by ActionAid Malawi and partners, including CAVWOC and CRECCOM under the Chiradzulu Local Rights Programme and the C19RM project in Zomba District. The visits highlighted significant achievements in community resilience, citizen participation, gender-responsive programming, youth engagement, and strengthened community systems for health and social accountability.

The oversight role played by the Board and General Assembly contributed to improved programme quality, stronger partnerships, and enhanced organizational credibility. These efforts directly advanced CSP VI priorities of strengthening democratic governance, promoting social justice, advancing women's rights, and empowering communities to claim and exercise their rights.



AGM members interacting with beneficiaries under Chiradzulu Local Rights Program



MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS



**1.5 MILLION
PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH MEDIA**



**400,000+
CAMPAIGN
REACH**



58 MEDIA MENTIONS IN 2025

Coverage on climate justice, women's rights, education, youth empowerment and social accountability.

Key themes highlighted across media coverage



**Women, Young
Women and Girls
Rights**



**Economic Justice
& Gender
Responsive
Public Services**



**Climate Justice,
Resilient
Livelihood and
Humanitarian
Action**



**Youth
Empowerment**

Media Partners



ActionAid Malawi Social Media Reach



Facebook Page

10,500

FOLLOWERS



Twitter

7,700

FOLLOWERS



LinkedIn

7,300

FOLLOWERS



Instagram

330

FOLLOWERS

Most engaging content



58,806

6268

IMPRESSIONS

ENGAGEMENTS

Know Our General Assembly Members



Jacqueline Chiwale
Position: Convener
Expertise: Media



Chandiwira Chisi
Position: Member
Expertise: Governance



Dr. Rhoda Bakuwa
Position: Member
Expertise: Human Resource



Fred Mwafulirwa
Position: Member
Expertise: Finance



Dr. Chikondi Mpokosa
Position: Member
Expertise: Social Development



Natasha Mbalule
Position: Member
Expertise: Legal



Linda Kabanda
Position: Member
Expertise: Women's Rights



Ofwa Alide
Position: Member
Expertise: Legal Advocacy



Taonga Kayira
Position: Member
Expertise: Gender and Governance



Teresa Chirwa Ndanga
Position: Member
Expertise: Media



Winstone Mwale
Position: Member
Expertise: Media

Know Our Board of Directors



Pilirani Chuma

Position: Chairperson
Expertise: Legal



Shaibu Mapila

Position: Vice Chairperson
Expertise: Audit



Dr. Murphy Kajumi

Position: Director
Expertise: Programme and Policy



Madalitso Chapera Ngwira

Position: Director
Expertise: Development
Communication



Reverend Towera Masiku

Position: Director
Expertise: Conflict Management



Isaac Maere

Position: Director
Expertise: Audit



Grace Nyambo

Position: Director
Expertise: Human Resource
and Administration



Steven Kungala

Position: Director
Expertise: Education



David Guta

Position: Director
Expertise: Communication



Dr. Jean Marie Nyiringabo

Position: ActionAid
Representative
Expertise: Finance

Know Our Senior Management Team



Yandura Chipeta
Position: Executive Director



Wales Chigwenembe
Position: Programme and
Policy Lead



Fred Mphunda
Position: Acting Finance and
Grants Lead



Manford Munthali
Position: Human Resources
and Administration Manager

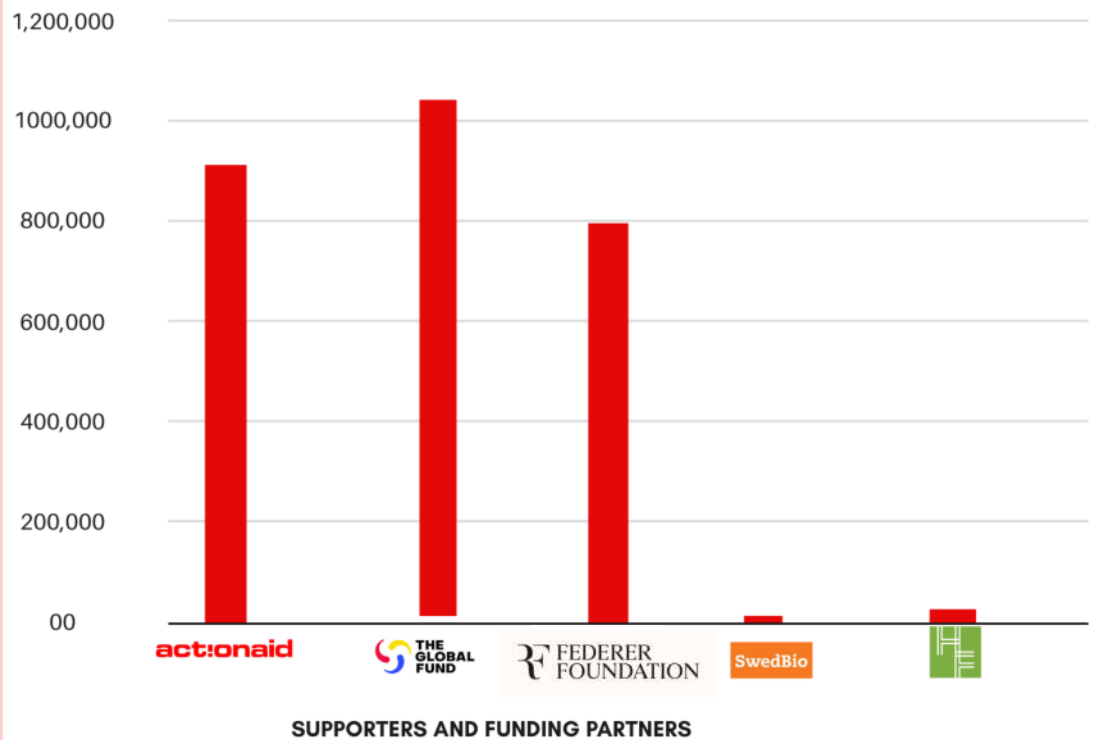


Fletcher Simwaka
Position: Acting Business
Development, Grants
Management and
Communication Manager

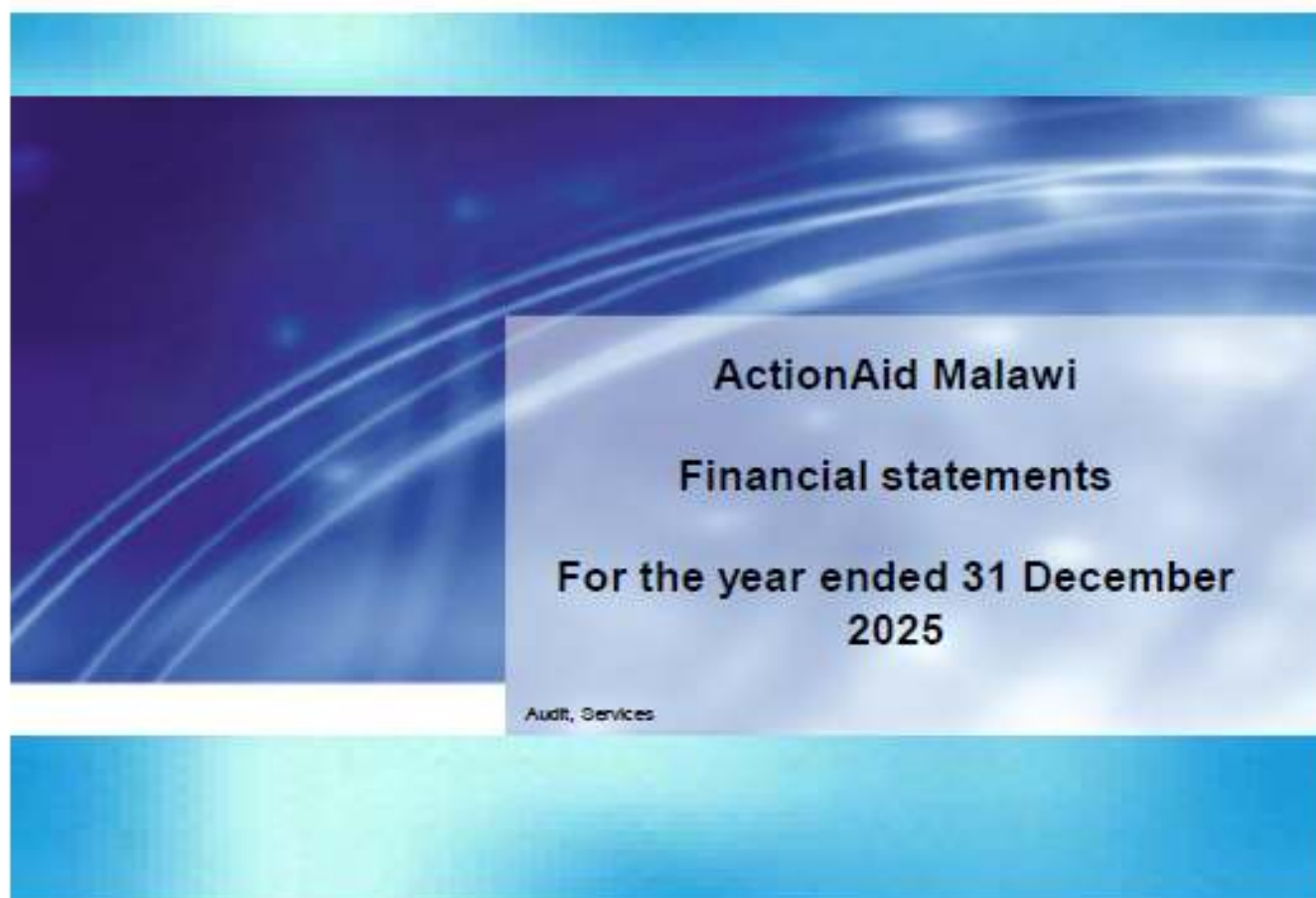


Our Partners In Social Justice

Number of People/beneficiaries reached







ActionAid Malawi

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

General Information

Country of incorporation and domicile	Malawi
Nature of business and principal activities	It is engaged in development advocacy and relief work across three priority areas which include: eradicating poverty and fighting social an gender injustice
Directors	Ms. Pilirani Chuma Mrs. Jika Shaibu Mapila Mrs Madalitso Chaphela Ngwira Dr. Murphy Kajumi Mr. Isaac Maere Mr Steven Kungala Mr. David Guta Rev. Towera Masiku Ms Grace Nyambo Dr. Jean Marie Nyiringabo Ms. Yandura Chipeta
Registered office	ActionAid Malawi Area 9
Business address	Area 9, Plot No. 9/350 Lilongwe
Postal address	P.O. Box 30735 Capital City Lilongwe
Bankers	Standard Bank of Malawi, National Bank of Malawi, First Discount House
Auditors	AMG Global Chartered Accountants HoneyDew Villas Area 14 P.O. Box 30440 Lilongwe
Legal advisors	Lloyds and Associates

ActionAid Malawi

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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.

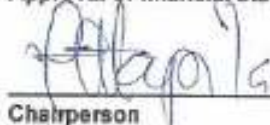
The directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control 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 31 December 2026 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 20/06/2026 and were signed on their behalf by:

Approval of financial statements


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Director

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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 18, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in funds 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 31 December 2025, 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 applicable 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 31 December 2025", which includes the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of Malawi. 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 organisation'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 organisation'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 organisation 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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Dr. Joseph Nangantani
Chartered Accountants

20th June, 2026



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