

Strengthening climate resilience



KACODO has established **21** young women's forums, each averaging **25** members, reaching approximately **525** young women. Members have received agroecology training and established Village Savings and Loans groups to strengthen financial inclusion, collective action and livelihood resilience.

Expanding youth employment opportunities



Since **2019**, KACODO has equipped **107** young people with vocational skills in tailoring, carpentry, welding, plumbing and motorcycle mechanics, with some graduates establishing businesses at Kapiri Trading Centre to promote self-employment and economic independence.

Key Achievements

Advancing girls' education



5,000 learners supported with access to primary education through gender-responsive school infrastructure, desks and community engagement, while 852 mother groups and school management committees monitor learner performance, especially for girls, and promote supportive learning environments.

Promoting women's rights and economic empowerment



Challenged discriminatory cultural norms that limit women's access to land, control over agricultural income and household decision-making, while community mobilization and power analysis circles empower women and young people to understand their rights and challenge inequality.



MCHINJI LOCAL RIGHTS PROGRAM

Advancing Women's Rights, Girls Education, & Youth Empowerment

- July 17 Established in 2006 with financial support from ActionAid Malawi, following a Poverty Vulnerability Analysis.
- 👊 Promotes women's rights, girls' education and community-led development, addressing GBV, illiteracy, school dropout and other social challenges.
- 🤝 Partners with a local organisation: KACODO in Traditional Authority Dambe, Mchinji, to advance education, health, human rights and environmental management for a healthy, literate and self-reliant community.
- Uses a Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) to promote participation, empowerment and sustainable development.

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Key Lessons Learnt



Community ownership matters: Participatory approaches ensure interventions address locally identified needs.



Economic empowerment tackles inequality: Challenge discriminatory norms while expanding access to resources and livelihoods.



Integrated interventions build resilience: Agroecology, savings groups and skills training promote economic inclusion.



Local partnerships drive change: Community-based organisations mobilise people and deliver locally relevant solutions.

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Value Added Elements

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Strong Community Roots and Local Ownership:

KACODO has an established presence in Traditional Authority Dambe, Mchinji District, enabling it to understand community needs, mobilise local structures and implement context-specific, community-led development interventions.

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Rights-Based and Gender-Transformative Programming

KACODO addresses the structural causes of gender inequality by challenging discriminatory cultural norms and promoting women's rights to land, productive resources, income control and decision-making.

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Integrated Approach to Sustainable Livelihoods

By combining agroecology training, young women's forums, Village Savings and Loans groups and vocational skills development, KACODO links climate resilience, financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

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Demonstrated Implementation Experience and Potential for Scale:

KACODO has supported approximately 5,000 learners, established 21 young women's forums reaching an estimated 525 members, and facilitated vocational training for 107 young people. These achievements provide a foundation for expanding community-led interventions and attracting further investment.

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