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Message from the National Director

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, 2021 was a defining year for World Vision in Malawi, highlighting the depth of our commitment to change the lives of children.

We continued to prioritize the emergency response to provide the much-needed relief in schools, hospitals and homes, by raising awareness on COVID-19 preventative measures and helping families and communities rebuild through various forms of support provided through our programmes on health, education, food security and water and sanitation and hygiene.

As an organization that does its best to see children thrive, we were inspired to see parents and guardians in the communities where we work, utilizing every support we provided to teach their children and those of their neighbours when school closed due to the pandemic.

As COVID-19 ravaged the country, whose impact we still bear, we are glad that our work with the Malawi government helped nearly two million people stay safe from Malaria through Indoor Residual Spray. Likewise 350,000 young people were provided with the tools and information to prevent the spread of HIV and manage such cases among their peers.

As most people struggled with the pandemic, we are grateful to have still received support to catalyze change and transform children's lives. As you may know, because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, 4 more children benefit.

Through this report, may you find joy and fulfillment in knowing that World Vision's work in Malawi directly reached 4,013,571 people.

Going forward, I would like to recognize our unsung heroes: the staff of World Vision in Malawi, who serve tirelessly to meet the many needs of the most vulnerable boys and girls.

We renew our commitment to raising children who understand God's love for them. We hope you will be inspired to join us on this journey of transformation.



Francis Dube
National Director

OVERVIEW OF MALAWI

Priority Sectors



Livelihoods and Resilience

World Vision is committed to breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty through livelihood projects, so that the most vulnerable children can reach their full potential. During the reporting period, the Malawi Household Food Security and Technical Programme was implemented in 21 communities across Malawi with the goal of improving dietary intake for mothers and children. Interventions were focused on two major outcomes; achieving sustained availability of food at household level and improving sustained access to adequate food at household level.

Key Interventions ranged from Improved Agricultural Technology, Savings for Transformation (S4T), Irrigation, Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) with Forest Based enterprises, Livestock pass-on, Disaster Risk Reduction, Local Value Chain Development, Fish farming and Empowered World View (EWW) being a bedrock to all interventions.

Summary of Achievements

64,249 farming households practiced improved farming technologies.

25,179 farmers practiced irrigation farming.

9,426 trained in Empowered World View approach.

12,010 participants received a loan from VisionFund.

45,473 members participated in community savings groups.

9,294 farmers earned money through markets organized.

10,698 households benefitted through pass on program.

25% of the targeted farming families have procured assets like motorcycles, bicycles and livestock for business.

14,563 involved in Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration and tree planting.

12,866 community members were sensitized on the disaster preparedness plan for them to better respond and cope with effects of disasters.

57,615 (including 14,283 Registered Children) benefitted by having adequate food and school materials, including fees.



Reaping fruits from Chifide irrigation scheme

Hunger was the perennial challenge tormenting people of Ngaiyaye village, Traditional Authority Symon in Neno district under Matope Area Program. The majority of households in the area relied on rain-fed small scale agriculture. Because of erratic rainfall patterns, the people were always at the receiving end of climate shocks that left many households vulnerable to food insecurity.

But in 2018, the people of Ngaiyaye were freed from the shackles of unending hunger in their homes.

The savior? Chifide irrigation scheme. Constructed by World Vision, the scheme is another latter-day Moses to bail out Ngaiyaye residents from the slavery of poverty. It has empowered the community in growing various crops all year round irrespective of the weather season. With a coverage of 115 hectares of land, the scheme is a source of livelihood for 381 farmers, who are parents and guardians of 336 children, 375 of which are registered children. The farmers grow crops such as pepper, maize, egg plants and tomatoes among others.

Melicia is among 336 children benefitting from improved food security.



VisionFund Malawi

During FY 2021, VisionFund Malawi worked with 34,138 clients against a target of 27,946. Nearly 70% of these were females who attained an outstanding portfolio of MK4.4billion against a target of MK3.5billion, impacting 114,903 children.

In the process VisionFund serviced a total of 31 communities of which 20 are active and 11 are phased out World Vision impact areas. In the active communities, Vision Fund reached out to 12,010 clients of which 69% were women, impacting 34,406 children. The integration with World Vision's programming was highly propelled by the rolling out of the FAST loan product that is linking a majority of S4Ts access to financial education and loans besides other group clients accessing agriculture and business loans.

Health Insurance Rollout

In the reported period, VisionFund commenced a pilot of the Micro Health insurance in six impact areas. This is expected to be scaled out in 2022 as part of household's resilience strategy.

KPI	SEP TARGETS	SEP ACTUALS
Number of clients	27,946	34,138
Loan Portfolio	3,587,883,744	4,461,088,613
PAR 1day	8.6%	2.4%
PAR 30 days	6.1%	1.4%
Loan Loss	5.5%	3.3%
OSS	104%	109%
30 Days+LLR	11.6%	4.7%
Children impacted	122,559	114,903

Education

The Malawi Literacy for Empowerment, Action Research, and Networking (MLEARN) Technical Programme, is committed to improving quality and equitable access to education by improving age-appropriate literacy for boys and girls. This is done through effective teaching and learning in schools, improved retention, access to a conducive learning environment, and enhanced quality and relevant Early Childhood Development (ECD). The education department implemented models like Unlock Literacy, which was adapted to Caregivers Home Schooling Instruction to cater for continuity of education despite the Covid 19 pandemic. Other models are Early Childhood Development and Citizen Voice and Action.

During the fiscal year under review, the Program was implemented in 27 communities in 20 of the 28 districts. To ensure effective teaching and learning, WV embarked on community mobilization and capacity building initiatives for community literacy volunteers as part of the Unlock Literacy Model's community action component. Parents and caregivers of learners in primary schools especially focusing on early grades (Std 1-4) and ECD centers were also trained in the homeschooling initiative. These efforts increased the participation of parents and community literacy volunteers in activities that improve learning outcomes for learners, allowing for continued learning at home, including during disasters.

Summary of Achievements

141,238 children from **262** primary schools and **1,917** Reading Camps reached with Literacy interventions

35,497 learners enrolled in **928** ECDs where 757 care givers were trained in ECD model.

57,469 children reached with home-schooling.

11,325 caregivers trained in home-schooling initiative.

18,748 bloom books distributed.

661 Radio sets distributed to households.

6,048 (3,138F) learners who dropped out of school due to various reasons returned to school.

12,686 (6,500F) learners out of **29,536** (15,044F) new entrants in primary schools came from ECDs.

Unlocking Phillip's Potential

When Phillip started learning from his mother, he started performing better in school. His friends began approaching him for assistance, so they too could catch up on the lessons they were struggling with, says Phillip, who aspires to be a teacher when he grows up.

Eventually, Phillip became his friends' teacher.

"Learning from Phillip is easier because we are also friends," says Joster.

According to Walusa Namaona, a teacher at Phillip's school, learning from peers at home is a fun, worthwhile experience that draws the children's attention.

In their community alone, World Vision has trained 603 guardians, including Phillip's mother, Asiyileni, who are helping 1,394 children learn from home.

Across the country, World Vision is implementing the Home-Schooling initiative in communities. So far, 10,811 children from 42 primary schools are being instructed at home.



Spelling bee gets boy to Lilongwe for the first time

Sixteen-year-old Mischeck of Karonga had not been to Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi, in his entire life. But the smart act of his brain offered him the first opportunity. Through spelling bee competition, championed by World Vision, Mischeck emerged as one of the best performers at regional level. This feat earned him a spot to travel to the capital and participate at the National Finals of the spelling bee competition.

While in Lilongwe, he visited prominent structures and places he only heard of on radio. They included the parliament building, the Reserve Bank of Malawi, Bingu National Stadium and the Area 18 interchange. The trip sparked the motivation in him to continue working hard in school in order to become the speaker of Malawi National Assembly.

WASH

Access to clean and potable water remains a key challenge among many communities in Malawi. World Vision therefore works with government, communities and faith leaders to reduce disparities on access to clean water and safeguard children and their families from waterborne diseases such as diarrhea by providing water in villages, schools and health facilities. World Vision adopted Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), School-Led Total Sanitation (SLTS), Sanitation Marketing, and Sanitation Business Models to achieve change.

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113 new hand pumps installed.

29 hand pumps rehabilitated.

373 water taps installed.

18,660 students (9,154 girls) from 23 schools gained access to clean water.

6 Health Care Facilities have access to clean water.

241,843 people (125,744 females) gained access to sanitation and hygiene facilities through CLTS.

51,942 household adopted sanitation facilities .

40,389 handwashing facilities were constructed across the impact areas.

225 communities (3 Traditional Authorities) declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).

91 Seven-hole latrine stalls constructed, benefiting 7,620 students (4,297 girls).

143 WASH clubs established and trained 2,842 learners (1,466 girls) in sanitation and hygiene behaviors.

148 water committees (1,551 members) strengthened to manage water points.

Mechanised water system transforms Melita's school

Sixteen-year-old Melita nearly dropped out of school. Lack of access to clean and safe water at school made her educational life difficult.

"I could not concentrate on my studies. The water situation at the school was not supportive to personal health and hygiene for me as a girl," says Melita. To survive at the school, she and the rest of the senior learners at the school carried their own water to school in buckets.

But, a new mechanised tap water system at the school has transformed lives of many children and the rest of the community members. The supply system was installed by World Vision with the aim of elevating children's health through access to clean and safe water.

For Melita, the new water supply facility is a huge leap in her life, especially in her education journey. "I am excited because water is available anytime and near us. I am enjoying my lessons without any problem related to water stress," she says.



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Health

World Vision implemented health interventions in 23 communities across 15 districts of Malawi. Among the key issues addressed by the programme are inappropriate child feeding practices, high disease burden infections among children under the age of five, and insufficient access to essential health services for mothers, new-borns, and children. Besides, the programme implemented Malaria prevention programmes covering entire districts of Mangochi, Balaka and Nkhatabay. Additionally, the project also increased community capacity to prevent HIV and AIDS among adolescents, making full coverage of Mangochi, Mulanje, Thyolo and Lilongwe districts, on top of the 23 communities.

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Summary of Achievements

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20,268 pregnant women and lactating mothers reached with messages to promote good feeding practices among children.

1,908 children recovered from malnutrition through Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) centers. In 2020, 3,715 recovered.

16,287 under-five children were supported with nutritious meals.

22,927 pregnant women started ANC during their first trimester.

49,254 under-five children participated in growth monitoring.

67,047 Adolescents participated in youth/teen clubs.

379,859 Young people reached with sexuality education.

ttC is promoting child health in Mchinji



Bertha of Mzanda village in the area of Traditional Authority Mavwere in Mchinji is a mother of two. Her first born child is a six-year-old girl Priscilla, who is now in grade one. She has a sister, one-month-old Rita.

To Bertha, fresh are the memories of the experience she underwent during her first pregnancy. She often skipped antenatal clinic, and the cost, as she explains was huge.

“This time around, I haven’t struggled much with my second pregnancy. When I was in my eighth month of pregnancy, Matthews, my husband, reminded me to go for delivery in good time before labor was due, and I gave birth to a bouncing baby girl Rita,” explains 29-year-old Bertha.

Matthews thanks World Vision for the targeted Counselling (ttC) model for serving his family.

CESP

Sponsorship allows World Vision to mobilize, fund and integrate its interventions to achieve its aspirations of impacting children's lives for the better. World Vision in Malawi tries at all times to ensure good relationship management processes between Registered Children (RC) and their sponsors in overseas countries. With COVID-19 pandemic, sponsorship operations were highly affected. Despite this, World Vision Sponsorship team embraced innovation to ensure children and sponsors maintained their relationship and shared their life-changing updates through community-based volunteers who monitored the children. In selected communities, World Vision tried virtual field tours to keep supporters updated on the change happening in their sponsored child's community.

Summary of Achievements

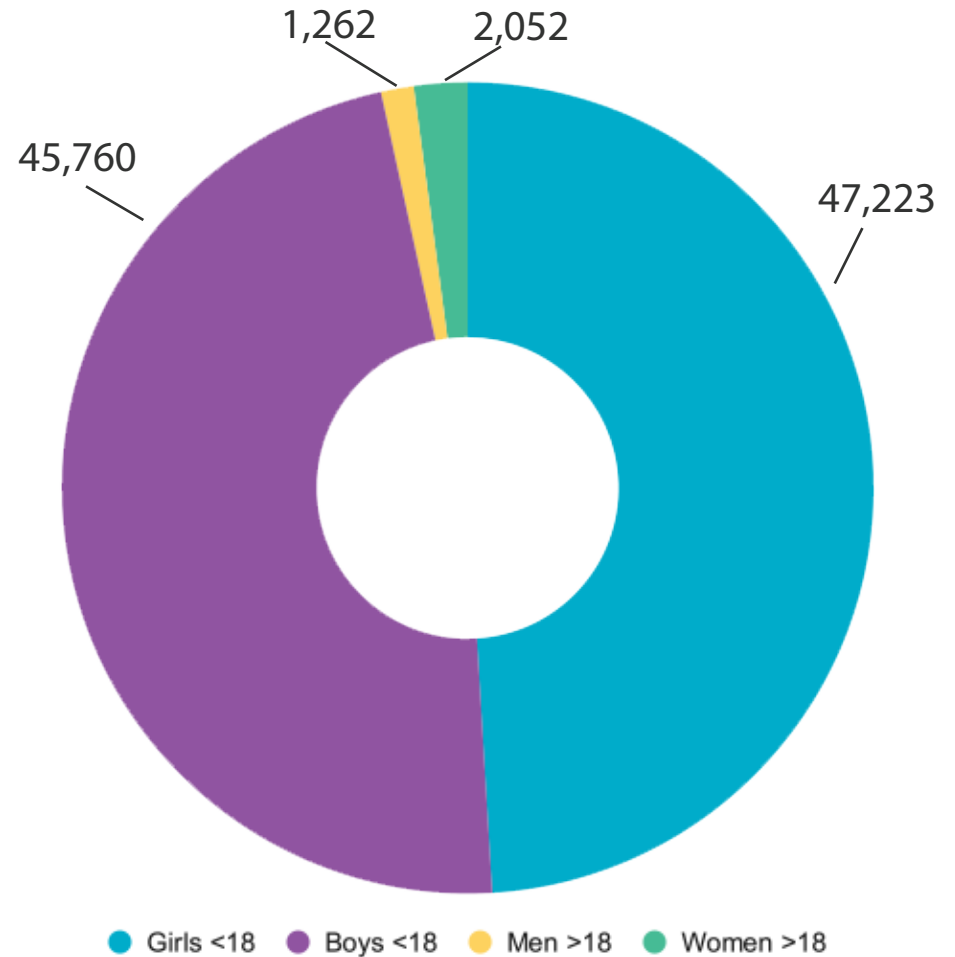
96,297 registered children (45,760 girls).

994 children found sponsors through 16 Chosen events.

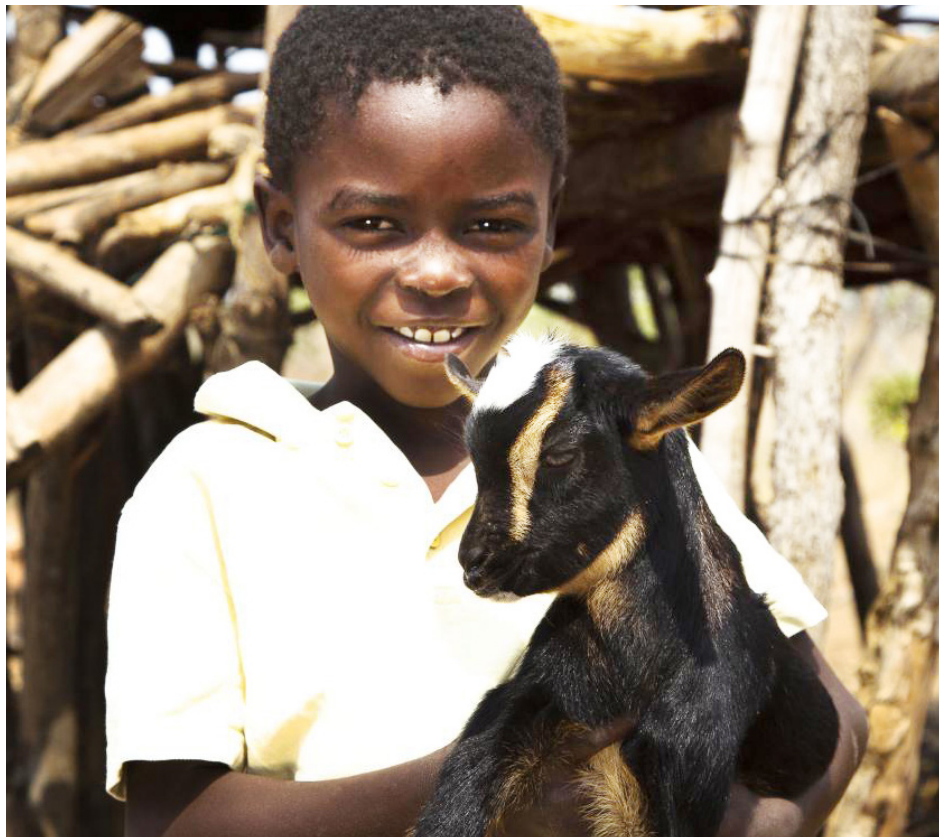
12% Reduction in RC deaths (86 in 2020 to 76 in 2021) due to collaboration with other TPs.

95 per cent of RCs participated in different activities by World Vision.

Registered Children



Restoring hope through Sponsorship Initiatives



Gift, 7, is shy. But he wears a big smile wherever he goes. His siblings who came before him were not this happy, says his mother, Medaliya. Persistent hunger and poverty meant that the didn't get as much support as she'd have wanted to give them.

"Back then, my husband and I used to be so poor that sometimes we couldn't afford to buy basic necessities like soap and clothes".

Besides, they did not have easy access to clean water. "We had to walk about 1.5km to the nearest water source", continues Medaliya.

But times change. A gift of five goats from World Vision has changed fortunes for a family, possessing something of value to turn to in times of need.

Because of Gift and his brother Promise who are sponsored children, World Vision has drilled a borehole that is giving clean water to another 292 children of the community.

"My sincere hope for all my four children is that they truly live a full life. Healthy and educated, with so many options. Perhaps one of them can one day work with World Vision," says Madeliya.

Now the family is living comfortably, the children are back to school and they now enjoy their classes because their mother can afford to provide them school materials.



ADVOCACY

Advocacy

World Vision Malawi continued its efforts to create a safe environment that protects all children from all forms of violence. It strengthened its work of raising awareness on safeguarding issues for children and adults, as well as case management, through the 'It Takes Malawi to End Child Marriage' campaign and partnerships with religious leaders. These efforts aided community members in reporting and resolving 55 cases of child abuse.

WVM facilitated interface meetings with three different Ministries (Ministries of Education, Science and Technology; Health and Population; and Gender, Social Welfare, and Development) in order to improve collaboration and advocate for broader impact, and lobbied that pregnant girls who were impregnated during the covid-19 break should sit for examinations.

805 girls from World Vision impact areas sat for Primary School Leaving Certificate of Education exams.

Furthermore, WVM in collaboration with other partners, advocated for a budgetary increase to support the implementation of the Early Childhood Development (ECD) policy and for government to pay honoraria to ECD caregivers.

Local level advocacy

World Vision Malawi has continued to build the capacity of local structures in local level advocacy approaches such as Citizen Voice Action (CVA) and Community Health Action Groups (CHAGs). These lobbied for better services, which resulted in the deployment of 6 (2 Females) teachers in three APs, three (1 Female) clinicians in three APs, four health surveillance assistants, and three (1 Female) agricultural extension workers in one AP, all in accordance with the government's minimum standards, which the local structures monitored in the various sectors. In each AP, empowered community members built a teachers' office and a health dispensary. Furthermore, the CVA and CHAGs collaborated with mother groups, Child Protection Committees, Parents Teachers Association, and Pastors Fraternal, among others, to divert girls and boys from child marriage and encourage some to return to school.

Summary of Achievements

343 Child Marriages nullified

250 boys have returned to school

342 girls have returned to school from marriage

19 pregnant girls supported to go back to school



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency Response

Amidst the pandemic, World Vision through the Humanitarian Emergency Affairs (HEA) department remained steadfast in its commitment to deliver much-needed assistance to the most vulnerable populations in Malawi. People were supported through livelihoods and resilience interventions, including cash and food assistance, reaching an estimated 189,855 people (110,116 children).

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189,855 people reached with food and cash assistance.

1,143,496 (Chikwawa 610,696 and 532,800 for Phalombe) trees were planted in bare hills, degraded areas, woodlots, river banks, schools and homes covering 457.12 ha

2 new irrigation schemes developed (one in each district).

20,793 households targeted with with comprehensive package of nutrition messages mainly on Exclusive Breastfeeding (EBF), Complementary Feeding, Maternal and Child Nutrition and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

15,180 farmers got insured to Weather and Yield Index Insurance.

21,087 Farmers provided with climate information and agricultural advisories.

19,669 Farmers adopted recommended farming technologies

5,900 farmers are able to access profitable markets

3 boreholes drilled, 9 boreholes rehabilitated to increase access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene services of individuals

14 shallow water wells constructed

161 families received goats

19,858 families producing vegetables for home use

89 Community Radio Listening Groups established



COVID-19 RESPONSE

COVID-19 Response

The first COVID-19 case was discovered in Malawi in March of 2020, and over 520,000 people have been tested to date, with 83,000 confirmed cases and over 2,500 deaths. Vaccination access remains a challenge, with only 767,970 people vaccinated.

World Vision's response to COVID-19 was implemented to halt the spread of the pandemic and to support children who were affected by the pandemic. Interventions revolved around child protection, education, food assistance, and livelihoods. Additionally, World Vision supported with strengthening of health systems and workers' capacity to manage the pandemic.

World Vision Malawi developed a response plan to the pandemic, which was aligned with four partnership objectives, as described in the sections below.

Summary of Achievements

770,582 people reached with different forms of support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

346,474 people were directly reached with preventive behavior messaging [e.g. hand and respiratory hygiene; isolation; WASH behaviors]

26,000 assorted COVID-19 preventive IEC materials were distributed to communities

48,331 hand-washing supplies (e.g. soap, detergent, buckets) were distributed to communities

510 WASH facilities (excluding public hand-washing stations) were constructed or rehabilitated

4,568 faith leaders were trained in dissemination of COVID-19 preventive measures, and an additional 148 were trained to support vaccine acceptance and uptake.

575 Community Health Workers (CHWs) were trained /supported to provide community-based services (e.g. home support, contact tracing)

1,000 medical personnel were provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) in 42 targeted Health facilities across the country.

180,000 face masks were distributed (including to health facilities, health workers, and caregivers)

216,000 glove sets were distributed to health facilities, health workers, and caregivers.

7,086 disinfectant kits were to targeted health facilities.

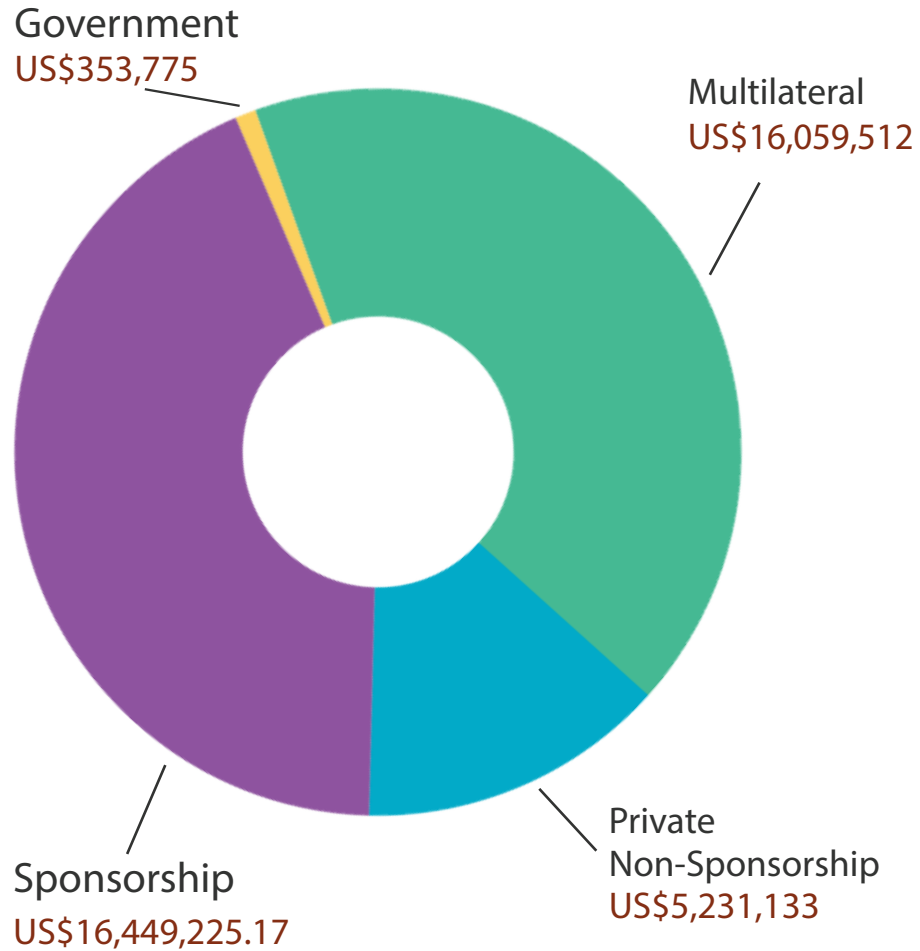
142,000 people children were provided with education support or training inform of home learning materials or activity packs.

\$369,838.45 of cash and vouchers were distributed to 18,000 families to access basic needs.

6,844 families received in-kind food assistance

1,221 volunteers, local partners, and faith leaders were trained on child protection programming

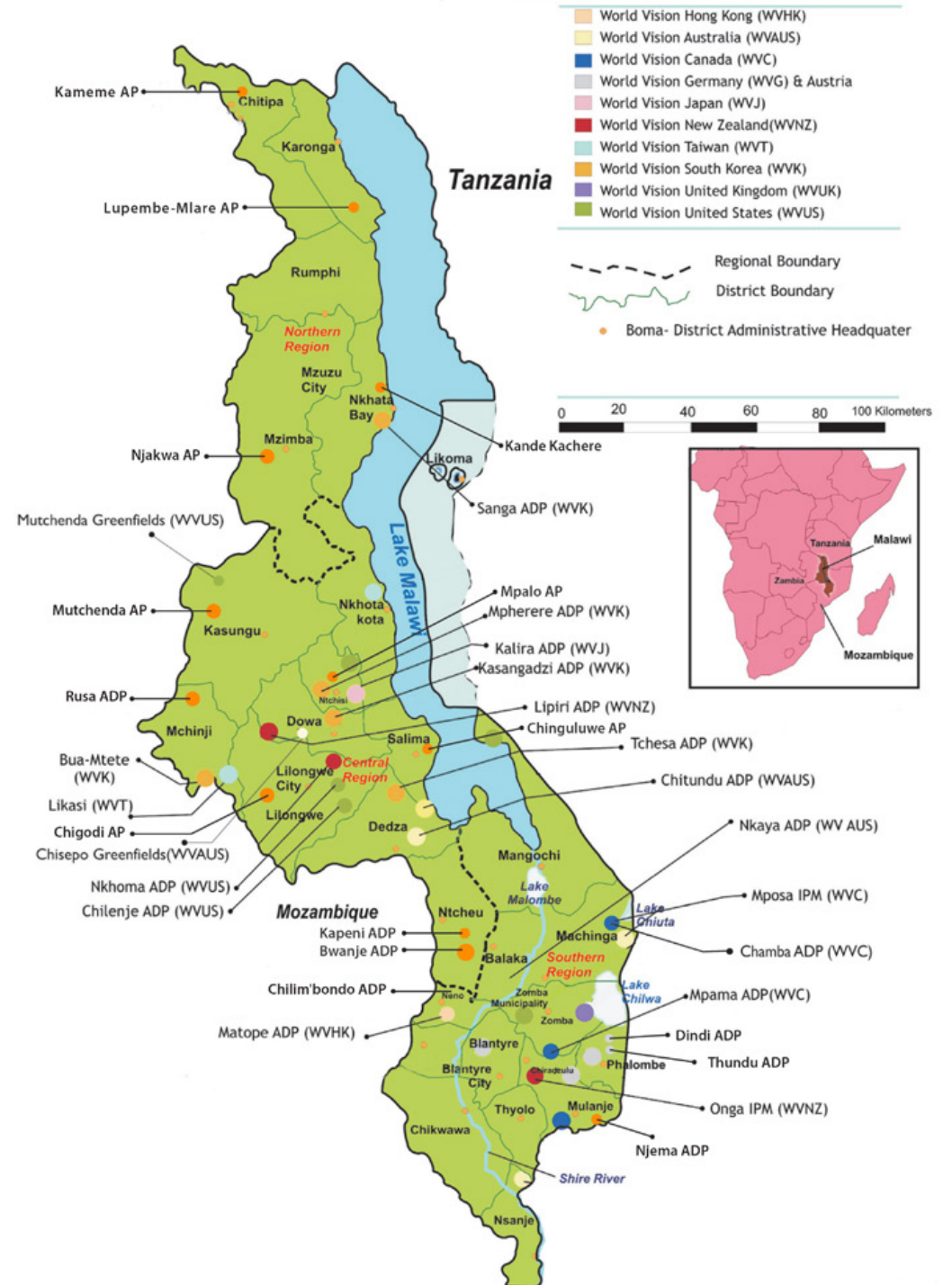
Financial Summary



Expenditure by Sector

SECTOR	EXPENDITURE (US\$)
Education	4,629,985.73
Food Security & Resilience	8,962,641.86
Water and Sanitation	3,635,847.59
Health and Nutrition	18,057,910.37
Sponsorship	2,807,259.62
Total	38,093,645.17

World Vision Malawi Implementation Map



Our Partners

In line with our Global Strategy, Our Promise, WVM collaborates and partners with various stakeholders including Government of Malawi ministries, institutions and departments. WVM is indebted to the funding support received from local and international sources. In addition to thousands of individual contributors who support our programs we also received funding from the following;


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to make it so.

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