



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Foreword

Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE) is very much delighted to share some key highlights with regards to the work that was done in the year 2022. The 2022 Annual Report for CYECE presents some key successes achieved in the year and challenges encountered during the implementation of various activities in our catchment areas. The successes achieved have largely been realized due to the wonderful support that CYECE continues to enjoy from development partners, stakeholders, community leadership and of course the young people themselves. It is of less meaning not to acknowledge the great collaboration that has existed between CYECE and its partners which has seen the organization registering such tremendous achievements.



**Mr. Lucky Crown Mbewe**

Regardless of the challenges encountered in the year 2022 such as Covid-19, Cyclones and of course financial hiccups, CYECE was able to make strides in its work and managed to reach out to its beneficiaries with various activities. The year 2022 has been one such challenging year considering the fact that some projects were phasing out and this called for extensive resource mobilization efforts to ensure that the organization continues to serve children and young women in Malawi. Again, with the numerous challenges faced by our development partners made CYECE be in an awkward situation since its major donors had to shift their focus with regards to financial priorities globally.

It is also pleasing to note that in 2022, CYECE continued with expansion to new districts with various interventions targeting young people and children in Malawi. This was in response to the issues coming from Social Economic Profiles (SEP) from all the target districts which pointed to the need for interventions in those districts. Furthermore, CYECE embarked on a program to review its Strategic Plan which is expiring in 2023. So far, there is commendable progress with regards to the Strategic Plan review process considering the various emerging issues coming out from the partners, beneficiaries and stakeholders for possible consideration in the coming 5 years. The new strategic plan once completed, it will be launched by end of the year 2023 signifying the beginning of a new chapter with regards to the new focus for CYECE in the next 5 years in response to the community priority needs and aspirations.

On behalf of CYECE Board of Trustees, Management and Staff, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the development partners, stakeholders and entire communities that we work with for the wonderful working relationship and support towards our work. CYECE appreciates the support that it received from different development partners which has helped the organization to quickly respond to issues affecting the children and young people in Malawi. These partnerships and collaborations continue to play a critical role for us to ably compliment government efforts in the areas of health, education, good governance, gender equality, climate justice and human rights promotion in Malawi. CYECE believes that only by working together we can improve and transform the lives of children and young people across Malawi and reimagine a country fit for them. It has been a great year and one of the most successful moments considering the great lessons and achievements which CYECE registered over the year 2022. The CYECE successes in the year 2022 cannot be attributed to the organization alone but to even our partners and stakeholders who we have worked with in the year just ended. We hope and look forward to yet another successful year 2023!

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON



**Mrs ANNIE KACHIGAMBA**

On behalf of Management, Staff and entire Board of Trustees for Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE), I am greatly honoured to express my gratitude for the wonderful achievements the organization has made in the year 2022. It is a great moment of reflection and appreciation because the organization continues to record the much-needed results from various interventions implemented across Malawi and beyond. Like each one of us would testify, the year 2022 has not been so easy in terms of the operating environment for many organizations in Malawi due to various challenges ranging from the economic downturns as a result of devaluation of the kwacha, cyclones, Covid-19, cholera pandemic and even the shrinking civic space due to a number of reasons. It is pleasing to note that CYECE continued to operate smoothly regardless of the so many setbacks and challenges encountered in the year just ended. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the entire Board of Trustees and CYECE management for their continued support to me as Board Chairperson. All the successes and achievements could not be realized by I alone but it is all about team work. Many thanks!

Furthermore, in the year 2022, the organization continued to rope in new partnerships, initiating expansion drive to new districts of operations and also engaged in the review of its Strategic Plan since the current strategy expires in 2023. It has been the focus of the organization to ensure implementing all the interventions outlined in its strategic plan while at the same time learning from emerging issues which positively and negatively affect the organization. The year 2022 has been one of the great moments for CYECE whereby the lessons learnt and challenges encountered have helped to shift the focus with regards to programming and implementation for CYECE. All the lessons and experiences learnt have been packaged to inform the upcoming new strategy. Furthermore, it is pleasing for me to note and acknowledge the wonderful support I have seen from my fellow trustees, stakeholders and partners of CYECE in order to reach this far. I am aware that it has been within the same year where CYECE Board of Trustees elected me to be the Chairperson something which I did not foresee. While it appears to be a huge task and big challenge for me, I feel at ease to take the leadership and champion the work of CYECE as Board Chairperson because of the teamwork that always exist in the organization. I look forward to a continued support and collaboration from all board members, management and staff of CYECE in order for the organization to achieve its objectives. My main objective for now is to continue sustaining the trust of the current development partners but also help to bring new partnership to ensure that the organization remains relevant while complimenting government efforts in various aspects of youth Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Child Rights Promotion and Youth Empowerment and Participation in Malawi. I feel this is the only vision that I have but can only be achieved if we walk together as a team.

I wish to reiterate the fact that the CYECE Board of Trustees will continue its role of providing oversight to the organization in order for CYECE to remain a trusted partner for the government. Our commitment as CYECE remains ensuring that young people and children are able to participate in policy development and implementation processes but also that they are consulted and meaningfully engaged on all issues which concern them as citizens. This can only be achieved if efforts are made to reach out to all young people and children within their situations and aspirations. Therefore, as we look forward, CYECE under my leadership is well positioned and geared to ensure meaningful engagement of young people and children even in hard-to-reach areas for them to take part in national development including the implementation of the Malawi Agenda 2063 among other national, regional and global development agendas.

In conclusion, I wish to once again thank our development partners, stakeholders and community leaders for the continued support we have seen over the past year. As CYECE, we believe that we have excelled with our work because of the support rendered to us by our partners and stakeholders. It is a known fact that without such support, CYECE would not have been able to reach out to its beneficiaries with various forms of support like capacity building through trainings, Income Generating Activities (IGAs) among others. It is our continued commitment to reach out to many other young people and children in the year ahead.



The Finnish Ambassador to Malawi, Saana Halinen visited CYECE Headquarters in Lilongwe to appreciate the development corporation existing between CYECE and Finnish NGOs. Saana was joined by Zaida Costantini, Honorary consul to Malawi during the visit.

Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE) is a Non-Governmental and not-for-profit organization established in March 1997. It was formed with the aim of addressing the socio-economic development issues affecting children and young people in Malawi. CYECE's development goal calls for Scaling up of interventions and efforts that protect children's rights, empower young people and promote their health and wellbeing in Malawi. CYECE headquarters is based in Lilongwe in Area 15 and it has programs across Malawi with community-based projects in Lilongwe, Kasungu, Dowa, Ntchisi, Salima, Mchinji, Dedza in the central region, Mangochi, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Balaka, Mwanza, Neno, Zomba, Thyolo, Mulanje, Blantyre and Chikhwawa in the southern Region and Karonga, Nkhatabay, Mzimba in the northern region.

CYECE has a strong and active board of trustees which has professionals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. The board has a membership of seven people and it provides oversight leadership on governance and policy of the organization. Management of the organization is vested in the hands of the secretariat which is headed by the Executive Director who oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization

## Our Vision:

By 2030, Malawi is an informed and inclusive society where children and young people's rights are realized and safeguarded.

## Our Mission:

CYECE exists to promote Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health, children's rights and meaningful youth participation in social and economic development through social mobilization, capacity building, Communication, education and advocacy.

## CYECE's Core Values:

- Transparency and accountability
- Inclusiveness
- Equality
- Commitment.

## CYECE Strategic Objectives:

**Strategic Objective 1:** To Promote adolescents and young people's access to and uptake of comprehensive SRHR information and services.

**Strategic Objective 2:** To ensure that all children especially girls and the most marginalized children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation and have access to inclusive quality basic and secondary education.

**Strategic Objective 3:** To empower young people and advocate for their meaningful participation in social and economic development.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

## Child Rights

Key Activities done in order to address strategic goal objective 2 ;*To ensure that all children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation and have access to inclusive quality basic and secondary education and other essential services for the child growth, development and survival*

**2.1.1 Education**

- CYECE facilitated the establishment of children play centers and distribution of in and out door games to learners at Mtoso, Khwere, Senga and Kalonga schools

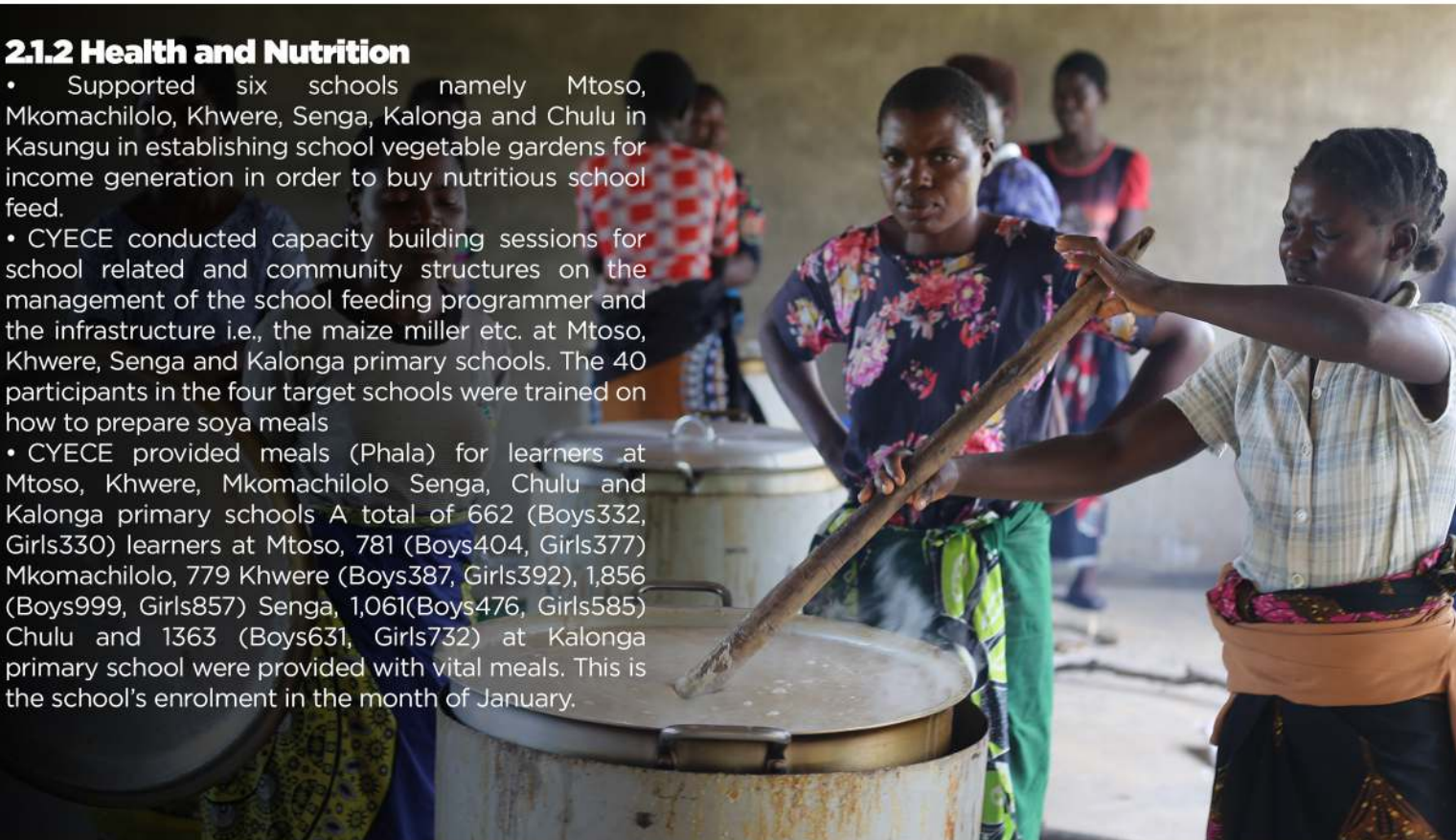
- CYECE held orientation meetings with teachers, school structures and learners on the use of the after-school materials and games as well as management of the play center grounds. The activity was conducted with the aim of ensuring effective use of the after-school materials and games. During the trainings, CYECE engaged trainers to facilitate the orientation of after school games. A total of 7 (Female 2, male 5) Khwere, 17 (Female 9, Male 8) Mtoso, 10 (Female 5, Male 5), and 10 (Female 3, Male 7) attended the orientation sessions per school.

**2.1.2 Health and Nutrition**

- Supported six schools namely Mtoso, Mkomachilolo, Khwere, Senga, Kalonga and Chulu in Kasungu in establishing school vegetable gardens for income generation in order to buy nutritious school feed.

- CYECE conducted capacity building sessions for school related and community structures on the management of the school feeding programmer and the infrastructure i.e., the maize miller etc. at Mtoso, Khwere, Senga and Kalonga primary schools. The 40 participants in the four target schools were trained on how to prepare soya meals

- CYECE provided meals (Phala) for learners at Mtoso, Khwere, Mkomachilolo Senga, Chulu and Kalonga primary schools A total of 662 (Boys332, Girls330) learners at Mtoso, 781 (Boys404, Girls377) Mkomachilolo, 779 Khwere (Boys387, Girls392), 1,856 (Boys999, Girls857) Senga, 1,061(Boys476, Girls585) Chulu and 1363 (Boys631, Girls732) at Kalonga primary school were provided with vital meals. This is the school's enrolment in the month of January.







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**2.1.3 Children Protection**

• CYECE supported 3 human rights clubs to plan and conduct the anti-bullying campaign, where members of the schools signed the peace declaration and commitment forms. The human rights clubs are from Nankhunda, Kanjedza and Kaombe primary schools the signatories were from the head teacher and student representative in each school.

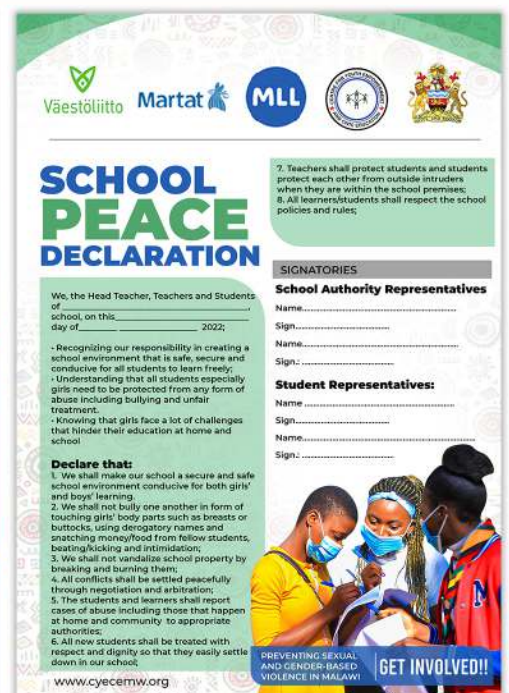
• Conducted an awareness campaign on GBV at ST Mary's CDSS in Machinga targeting 32 girls

• Supported mother groups and male champions in conducting in school youth club counseling sessions on SGBV reporting mechanism and the right to education of child in Machinga Nangondo primary school the activity reached out to 567(357F,210M)

• Capacity building training of human rights matrons and patrons in T/A Liwonde

• 32 teachers (17M, 15F), who are matrons and patrons of human rights clubs in 16 schools, were trained as a trainer of trainers in peer education.

• CYECE conducted engagement meetings were young people from T/A Kapoloma and T/A Mizinga, respectively, engaged angalibas, anamkungwis, parents and chiefs to discuss the proper time to conduct initiation ceremonies so that the initiation ceremonies do not disturb young people's education The activity reached out to 14 people (9 men and 6 females)



• Conducted ending child marriage in Machinga and Dedza through the youth networks in Kasumbu, Tambala, Sale Mizinga and Kapoloma targeting more than 500 community members.

## ADOLESCENT & YOUTH SRHR

Activities carried out in order to achieve strategic goal objective 1: To Promote adolescents and young people's access to and uptake of comprehensive SRHR and HIV information and services.



- CYECE through Out-of-school youth club members conducted awareness-raising activities to the youth and parents in the community on the benefits of accessing YFHS services and lobbied for parental support to allow girls and young women to access the same. The awareness-raising activities reached out to 76 members and were conducted in Mangamba.



Three more awareness campaigns were conducted in the communities surrounding Namandanje and Mangamba and targeted 178 people.



- Conducted open day with aim of raising awareness on unwanted pregnancies, the activity was done through the open day approach. The open day aimed at giving free family planning methods, Counselling and HIV testing services and Gender based violence screening for the youth and others in the T/A Kasumbu Dedza. The awareness used different approaches such as performances and speeches in raising awareness on SRHR, during the event the activity a total number of 372 (10-24)

## Adolescent and Youth SRHR

### 2.2.2 SRHR Services

- Capacity Building of youth networks in SAM on SRHR services in Dedza
- CYECE trained mother groups to equip them with the necessary skills to provide the service of counselling on SRHR-related themes that are affecting girls and boys in the communities. 28 Mother group members were equipped with different concepts of counselling and the skills of identifying problems among learners and solving them together through counselling

### 2.2.3 SRHR Advocacy



- CYECE supported the Youth Led engagement sessions with duty bearers in Dedza and Machinga where young people conducted 14 advocacy session on issues affecting SRHR among youth 20 duty bearers and 9 youths were targeted.



# Youth Empowerment

Activities done in order to address strategic goal objective 3: To promote empowerment of young people for meaningful participation in social and economic development



## 2.3.1 Youth Employment

- Establishment of Cohort two youth researcher's academy and recruitment of 23 young people (7 males and 16 females coming from Machinga, Dedza, Lilongwe Salima and Mangochi to be part of the Youth Researchers Academy

## 2.3.2 Meaningful Youth Participation

- CYECE conducted community dialogue on Meaningful youth participation in Lilongwe, Mangochi, Salima, Machinga and Dedza targeting various community stakeholder such as traditional leaders, community development structures, youths and others. Targeting 25 people
- CYECE supported Youth Network members in T/A Kasumbu, Tambala in Dedza, T/A Kapoloma, Mizinga and Sale in Machinga to conduct and advocacy on the inclusion of young people in decision making structures.



## 2.4 Inclusion

One of the core values for CYECE is inclusion which aims at making sure all persons regardless of their diversity are part of the initiatives. Hence some youth structures and leaders are young people living with disability, young women and men and other marginalized groups. CYECE promotes inclusion through its existing policies.



# Climate Change

Activities done in order to address strategic goal objective 3 ; *To promote empowerment of young people for meaningful participation in social and economic development*



## 2.5 Climate Change

CYECE under the Agri-Diversification activity in T/A Kachindamoto and Kasumbu, Dedza conducted 15 Cooking demonstration sessions. During the sessions CYECE oriented 4 girls only youth clubs, 3 Village savings and lending associations and 6 out of youth clubs on the construction and importance of cook stove (Chitetezo Mbaula). The orientation was aimed at encouraging people to use Chitetezo Mbaula because it is environmental friendly hence reduce fuel consumption (Firewood) and lowers carbon emission as well as expelling the toxic fumes outside users home.



Figure 1: Women constructing the cook stove



Figure 2: Women constructing the cook stove



Figure 3; Women using the cook stove

## 2.6 Governance

- CYECE appointed new board members
- CYECE conducted an orientation meeting of both the existing and new board members.
- CYECE elected a new leadership in the board.
- CYECE started reviewing the current strategic plan in order to develop a new strategic plan.











# ACHIEVEMENTS

## 3.1 Child Rights


### 3.1.1 Education Output

 Number of children attended the orientation sessions on management per school.

Khwere	Mtoso	Senga	Kalonga
 (Male: 5)	 Male: 7	 (Male: 2)	 Male: 7
 Female: 2	 Female: 3	 Female: 5	 Female: 3

 2 Play Centers were constructed in Kafutwe-lilongwe and Kanjoka -Kasungu













 2 play center grounds at Chulu and Mkomachilolo primary schools maintained

 Distribution of In and out door games in Mtoso, Khwere, Senga and Kalonga primary schools



### 3.1.2 Health and Nutrition Output

 Provision of vital meals

Khwere	Mtoso	Senga	Mkomachilolo
 (Boys: 387)	 Boys: 332	 (Boys: 999)	 (Boys: 404)
 Girls: 392	 Girls: 330	 Girls: 857	 Girls: 377
Chulu	Kalonga		
 (Boys: 476)	 Boys: 631		
 Girls: 585	 Girls: 732		

 4 maize millers constructed in the 4 targeted schools Mtoso, Khwere, Senga and Kalonga primary schools.

 4 kitchens constructed and kitchen utensils distributed in the 4 targeted schools



# ACHIEVEMENTS



4 Capacity building training sessions were conducted in Mtoso, Khwere, Senga and Kalonga primary schools reaching out to 40 participants.

## 3.1.3 Children Protection output




16 traditional leaders trained in the CYECE male engagement model



3 human rights club conducted anti bullying campaign in Nankhunda, Namandanje and Kanjedza

## 3.1.4 Education Outcome



Schools with the school feeding program have increased the enrollment Rate of pupils



Teachers, learners sports clubs and school structures are able to manage play centers



## 3.1.5 Health and Nutrition Outcome



Schools are able to provide healthier school feed

## 3.1.6 Children Protection Outcome



Reduced cases of children involved in labor in the areas where after school indoor and outdoor activities are implemented





Children have been withdrawn from teen marriages



Increase in the number of SGBV cases being reported to the VSU

## 3.2 Adolescent and Youth SRHR

### 3.2.1 SRHR Awareness and education outputs



were reached with SRHR information through sensitization meetings in Dedza

(Male: 278 | Female: 389)

### 3.2.1 SRHR Awareness and education outputs



372 Youth (10-24) in T/A Kasumbu accessed SRHR services.

### 3.2.3 SRHR Advocacy outputs



1 Advocacy strategy developed

Partners were engaged to develop the advocacy strategy

(Male: 8 | Female: 5)



Advocacy campaign materials produced



young people engaged to map advocacy issues

(Male: 18 | Female: 13)



stakeholders oriented on Universal periodic review reporting processes focusing on their roles in fulfillment of state SRHR commitments

(Male: 18 | Female: 13)



14 Youth-led engagement sessions conducted



2 District symposiums on ending SGBV, Harmful Practices and Unwanted



**3.3 Youth Empowerment and Participation****3.3.1 Youth Employment Output**

23 young people were recruited to be part of the Youth Researchers Academy.



(Male: 7



Female: 16



The Organization has issued employee contracts to 6 YRA participants that were attached to projects in all districts.



The Organization also had an opportunity recruit some university students to undergo some attachments in M&E and programs department

**3.3.2 Meaningful Youth Participation Output**

13 young people (4 males and females) Presented their findings in a dissemination workshop



(Male: 4



Female: 9



90 young people from Dedza and 48 Young people from Machinga have been included in different community decision making structures and among the young people in Dedza 10 have been given leadership position

**3.3.3 Youth employment outcome**

Increased young people's employability skills from the internship programs

**3.3.4 Meaningful Youth Participation Outcome**

More young people being involved meaningfully (decision making platforms): in the reporting period, following different advocacy interventions with community structures, most young people have been included in different community structures and in some young people are being given leadership roles.

young people committing to the fight against SGBV, harmful cultural practices (taking lead in implementation of activities): young people are now being responsive and committed to take lead in fighting against other issues affecting them

Increased Knowledge among YRA participants on SRHR, Good Governance, and Girls Education, Mental health, menstrual hygiene, qualitative research and quantitative research i.e., during the training participants were able to develop research topics on the various topics and they developed individual proposals.

YRA participants are ably conducting community activities after undergoing various trainings on youth participation i.e., constitutional literacy trainings for youth clubs and also participating in radio programs as panelist

## 4 SUCCESS STORY

### 4.1 Child Rights Pillar

#### COMMUNITY STRUCTURES

# A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Kuva 1 was shot during one counselling session with the AGYW's

*"I am very grateful to have gone back to school, marriage at such a young age is not as rosy as it be looked at as outsiders, I am happy I was withdrawn from that child marriages"*

Aisha (not real name) narrates Aisha, 16 years of age, born in a family of 4 girls had been struggling with her school due to the lack of support from her parents in the provision of scholastic materials hence she kept missing classes to support her mother to do piece work to get some small money for food. Her mother did not have a business but depended on the small piece works and was largely dependent on her husband to provide for the family. The husband was equally struggling to feed his 4 children and his wife.

They then decided to get their daughter married off to let go of one mouth to feed and hoping that whoever marries her will also to some extent support the family. The mother groups got wind of the situation when the teachers reported to them that she had stopped going to school, when follow ups were made in collaboration with the men's groups, it was identified that she had been married off to an older man who had just

They reached out to the parents and provided counselling to them and advised them on how the law prohibits children below the age of 18 to get married and it is an offence that is punishable.

The parents understood and approached the older man to let their daughter complete her education in order to be self-sufficient in the future, the husband was reluctant but with pressure from the community managed to accept the girl to go back to her parents' house and ended the relationship.

The girl was counselled by the trained mother groups and supported to return to school, she is not back in standard 7 and will be sitting for her primary school leaving certificate in 2023.

CYECE through the FFF project managed to harvest such a success story

## 4 SUCCESS STORY

### 4.1 Youth Empowerment Pillar

# MORE THAN ONE YOUTH

2 During community dialogue session

Information gaps deter meaningful participation of young people in development processes. To close these gaps and facilitate effective and efficient youth participation, CYECE through the Youth Participate Project continues to strive to provide information on governance related issues. Through this project, CYECE has engaged youth through community dialogues, capacity building trainings and radio talk shows. In the area of Traditional Authority Kalumbu, which is one of the beneficiaries of the project, youth have made tremendous strides in scaling up their participation at Area Development Level. After attending one of the capacity building trainings, Kennedy who is the chairperson of Kalumbu Youth Network decided to contest for a position in the village Development Committee (VDC). After being elected as a member of VDC, Kennedy went on to become member of the Area Development Committee which is key in deciding development programs of the area. He has become key in unlocking the blocked youth access in development processes in the area.



*"My main role in the committee is to present the issues of young people in the area" says Kennedy, "thanks to the trainings by CYECE which have opened my eyes to see my role in developing my area"*

Kennedy is one of the many youths that have benefited from the Youth Participate Project which has been implemented in more than 10 communities across Malawi. CYECE believes that knowledge gives one power and that a well-informed young person can make right choices, decisions and can meaningfully participate in development.





# Our Financials

total money received and spending areas (pillars and admin)

## 2022 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

**FFF**

Income

**K160,632,232**

**GEMPE**

Income

**K87,879,140**

**PTY**

Income

**K98,710,984**

**NOREC**

Income

**K98,044,650**

**PMI**

Income

**K334,380,575**

**WORLD VISION**

Income

**K13,127,067**

**IM**

Income

**K80,275,888**

**TOTAL**

Income

**K864,050,538**

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