

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Empowering Youth for a Brighter Future



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## FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

### Welcome to the First Edition of the Youth Impact Organisation Quarterly Newsletter

As we begin this new year, we are proud to introduce the very first edition of our quarterly newsletter. This platform will highlight our journey, achievements, and ongoing efforts in empowering young people, supporting communities, and driving meaningful change.

Over the past months, Youth Impact Organisation has continued to grow as a hub for innovation and community empowerment. Through training programs, mentorship initiatives, and youth-led projects, we have strengthened our commitment to youth development, skills building, and sustainable impact.

The dedication of our staff, volunteers, and the young people we serve has played a key role in expanding our reach and influence.

This edition captures some of the most inspiring stories, projects, and initiatives shaping the future of youth in Malawi. From entrepreneurship and digital skills training to community engagement programs, we remain focused on equipping young people with the tools, knowledge, and confidence needed to succeed in a changing world.

We strongly believe that lasting impact is built through collaboration. Our partnerships with government institutions, local communities, and international stakeholders continue to create new opportunities for growth, learning, and sustainable development.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on creating an environment that promotes creativity, critical thinking, and leadership among the youth. We extend our sincere appreciation to our partners, staff, volunteers, and the wider community for their continued support.

Together, we are shaping a more empowered future for Malawi's youth.

**Happy reading!**



## AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT



Youth Impact Organisation recently supported one of the members of the Chimwemwe Support Group, a community initiative operating under our organisation, through the donation of two bags of fertilizer.

This support was provided in response to the high cost of farm inputs, which often limits the ability of vulnerable households to produce enough food.



By easing this burden, the donation aims to improve the family’s farming capacity and strengthen their food security throughout the growing season.

Access to fertilizer remains a key challenge for many small-scale farmers. Through this intervention, the beneficiary is now better positioned to cultivate their land more effectively, reduce production costs, and achieve improved harvests.

Beyond the immediate benefit, such initiatives promote self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods. When individuals are empowered with the right resources, they can take charge of their development and inspire others in their communities.

At Youth Impact Organisation, we remain committed to supporting vulnerable groups. Our vision is to see youths, women, children, and persons with disabilities become independent, resilient, and active in their communities.



*(Handover pictorial highlights)*



## MODEL KHOLA CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE NEW GOATS PASS ON PROJECT



We are making steady progress in the implementation of the Goats Pass-On Project following the successful training of beneficiaries at Limbikani CBCC in T/A Mtira.

The training focused on essential aspects of goat management, including feeding, housing, and general animal care. Participants were equipped with practical knowledge and skills for sustainable livestock practices.

As part of the next phase, we conducted a field visit to observe the construction of a model goat shelter, locally known as a khola. This structure is designed to guide benef-

iciaries as they begin constructing their own shelters.

The model khola demonstrates safe, clean, and durable housing standards using locally available materials.

The construction is being led by the Government Veterinary and Livestock Officer, ensuring all shelters meet recommended standards. This hands-on support helps beneficiaries apply the correct techniques.

Funded by The Headley Trust, the project is now moving from training to action, bringing communities closer to improved livelihoods and sustainable development.





*(The construction process)*



## YOUTH IMPACT JOINS MACHINGA TREE PLANTING EXERCISE



Youth Impact Organisation joined stakeholders in Machinga District at Namalasa Primary School for the launch of a tree planting exercise aimed at promoting environmental conservation.

The district has planted over 1.8 million trees toward this season’s target of 2.5 million, reflecting strong progress in restoring the environment.

During the event, district authorities encouraged communities, traditional leaders, and partners to take part not only in planting trees but also in caring for them to ensure their survival.

The exercise was held under the theme “Trees and Forests for Community Resilience.”



*(Stakeholders planting trees)*

Youth Impact Organisation reaffirmed its commitment through active participation. Our Executive Director, Belinda Somanje Chimombo, joined stakeholders in the exercise.

Through such initiatives, we continue to promote environmental protection and strengthen community resilience.

### GALLERY

Photos from the tree planting launch



*(MHG DC and Our Executive Director)*



*(Stakeholders planting trees)*



*(Wide view of the tree-planting area)*

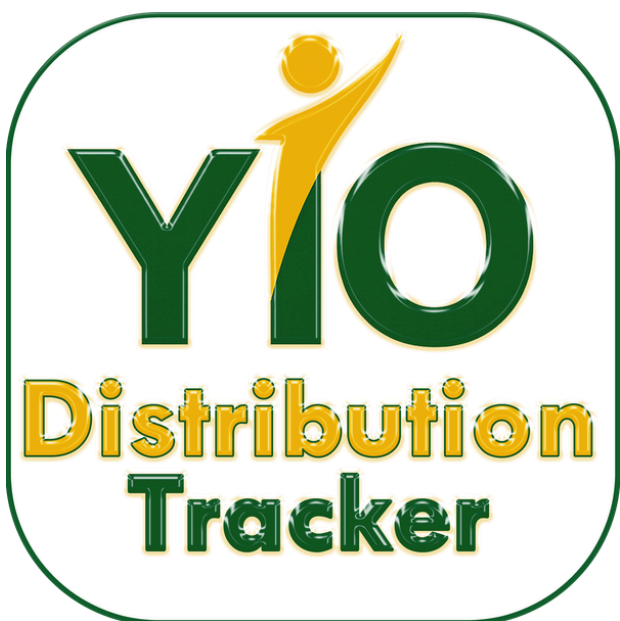


*(MHG Council Chair)*



*(Drama and other activities)*

## EMBRACING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: YOUTH IMPACT LAUNCHES NEW DATA COLLECTION TOOL



The new system supports field activities such as distribution programs, including condoms and other essential services. Data is now captured in real time, reducing manual work and improving accuracy.

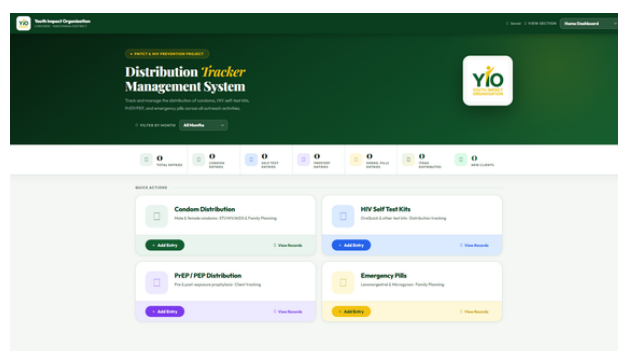
This enables faster decision-making and better tracking of progress.

This initiative also strengthens the use of technology within the organisation by building staff capacity and improving productivity.

Youth Impact Organisation has officially launched a new Digital Data Collection Tool designed to improve how data is captured, stored, and managed across our programs.

The launch represents our commitment to innovation, accountability, and delivering greater impact in the communities we serve.

Previously, paper-based systems were widely used, but they often led to data loss, delays, and limited access to information.



*(Screenshot of the user interface)*

## YOUTH IMPACT DIRECTOR JOINS KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO SET NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH PRIORITIES



Our Executive Director, Belinda Chimombo, represented Youth Impact Organisation at the Health Systems Resilience Research Priority Setting Consensus Workshop held in Mponela, Dowa.

The event was organized by the Public Health Institute of Malawi in partnership with the Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Programme.

The workshop brought together stakeholders to review gaps in the health sector, identify priority research areas, and build consensus on key actions needed to strengthen Malawi's health systems.

Discussions emphasized the importance of research and collaboration in addressing current and future health challenges.

Youth Impact Organisation's participation highlights our commitment to contributing to national development and community well-being.

The insights gained will help inform future interventions and strengthen preparedness for public health challenges.



## YOUTH IMPACT PARTICIPATES IN MCLD MALAWI AGM



Youth Impact Organisation remains committed to promoting inclusive, community-driven development across Malawi.

As Southern Region Coordinator, we continue to support initiatives that empower communities and drive sustainable change.

Youth Impact Organisation participated in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Movement for Community-Led Development Malawi.

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Mwiza Muwalo represented the organisation in its role as Southern Region Coordinator.

The AGM brought together stakeholders to align community-led development efforts with Malawi's Vision 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Discussions focused on strengthening partnerships, sharing best practices, and reviewing progress and challenges.



## YOUTH IMPACT ORGANISATION TAKES TOP SPOT AT PALLADIUM TRAINING



On February 26th and 27th, 2026, Youth Impact Organisation participated in a training held in Blantyre Crossroads, organized by Palladium.

The workshop focused on improving proposal writing skills to support the National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS).

The training covered key areas such as problem analysis, program design, and budgeting, helping NGOs develop stronger and more competitive proposals.


Participants also took part in a practical exercise to develop a mock proposal.

Youth Impact Organisation ranked number one, submitting the most responsive and well-structured proposal.

This achievement demonstrates our ability to design high-quality programs that meet national standards and address community needs.



## NEWS FEATURES



**Times 360 Malawi · Following**

29 Nov 2025 · 🌐

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#Times360Malawi

**Youth Impact Organisation has donated a girls toilet and changing room facility worth 7 million Kwacha to Kayuni Primary School in the area of Traditional Authority Sale in Machinga District.**

Speaking during the handover ceremony, the organisation’s Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Mwiza Muwalo, said the initiative supported by the Hilden Charitable Fund aims to address challenges adolescent girls face at the school due to lack of basic facilities.




“As an organisation, we were very concerned after noting that the school has over 900 girls out of 1,767 pupils, but only five toilets, one of which was being used as a changing room, So we constructed the facility to help girls stay in school and feel safe,” he said.

A Standard 8 pupil, Mirriam Kaisi said that previously adolescent girls felt shy because they had to share toilets with younger pupils, and many stayed home during their menstruation periods due to the lack of a proper changing area, affecting their education.

Meanwhile, the District Principal Education Officer Limbikani Kawenda has since commended Youth Impact for the donation, noting that lack of changing rooms for adolescent girls remains a serious problem across the district.

Among other things, Youth Impact Organisation has also trained mother groups to make reusable pads and ensure lasting support, so girls don’t miss school during their menstruation periods.

Reported by Blessings Tambala.

## NEWS FEATURES



**Times 360 Malawi · Following**

9 Dec 2025 · 🌐

#Times360Malawi

**Second Deputy Speaker Esther Jolobala has urged survivors and victims of cyber bullying to be bold, build self-esteem, and not let online harassment derail their ambitions.**

**She linked her own experience of being bullied on social media during a campaign to her resilience and re-election for a third term as MP for Machinga East.**

**Speaking today during the commemoration of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence in Machinga, Jolobala stressed the need for stronger enforcement of existing cyber bullying laws to protect vulnerable groups.**

**On his part, Principal Gender Officer for Machinga, Lawrence Matiti said the district is conducting various interventions to curb Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) as digital platform use rises.**


**Meanwhile, Chairperson of the Machinga Civil Society Network Organisation, Bellinda Somanje Chimombo has called on communities to report any form of abuse and that perpetrators must face legal consequences.**

**The commemoration held under the theme "Unite to End Digital Cyber-Bullying and Gender-Based Violence" was supported by partners such as Concerned Youth Organisation (CYCE), Youth Impact Organisation, Find Your Feet, FOYODE, DENEY, and YONECO.**

**Reported by Blessings Tambala.**



## NEWS FEATURES

 **Movement for Community Led Development - Malawi Chapter** · Follow  
1 Dec 2025 · 🌐

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Pictorial focus of the 16 Days of Gender Activism against Gender Based Violence launch where Youth Impact Organization member of MCLD joined the national launch of the 16 Days of Activism, held under the theme "Unite to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls in Malawi."

Youth Impact Organization stood with the Ministry of Gender and partners to call for an end to all forms of gender-based violence, including digital abuse affecting women and girls.

[#StopGBV](#)  
[#DigitalVioence](#)



## LOOKING AHEAD

As we conclude this first edition of our quarterly newsletter, we take a moment to reflect on the progress made and the impact created across the communities we serve. The stories shared in this edition highlight not only achievements, but also the dedication, resilience, and collective effort behind every initiative. Each milestone reached is a clear reminder of the power of collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to driving positive and lasting change. Our work continues to be guided by a strong vision to empower young people, strengthen communities, and promote sustainable development. Through our programs, partnerships, and community engagements, we are steadily building opportunities that enable individuals to grow, lead, and contribute meaningfully to society. While we are proud of how far we have come, we remain focused on the journey ahead and the greater impact we aim to achieve.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our partners, stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters whose continued trust and commitment make this work possible. Your support not only strengthens our efforts but also inspires us to keep pushing boundaries and reaching more communities in need.

As we move forward, we remain committed to innovation, accountability, and inclusive development. Together, we are not only responding to today's challenges but also shaping a stronger, more resilient future.

Together, we are building empowered individuals and stronger communities.

Stay connected with us as we continue to create impact.

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