



CENTRE FOR YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT
AND CIVIC EDUCATION

PROFILE

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1.0 BACKGROUND OF CYECE

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 programmes across Malawi with community-based projects in Lilongwe, Kasungu, Dowa, Salima, Mchinji, Dedza in the central region, Mangochi, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Balaka, Mwanza, Neno, Zomba, Thyolo, Blantyre and Chikhwawa in the southern Region and Karonga, Nkhatabay, Mzimba in the northern region.

The Organization uses four interlinked strategies of Community Mobilization, empowerment, Capacity building and advocacy to fulfill its mandate with Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP) as an overarching approach to all the processes and programme implementation. CYECE has a strong and active board of trustees which has professionals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. The board has a membership of nine people and it provides oversight leadership on governance and policy of the organization.

1.1 Governance Structure

CYECE has a board of Trustees which comprises 7 members of which 4 are females and 3 are males. CYECE has a deliberate policy which calls for 2 youth representatives in the board thus 1 female and 1 male. This is on the premise that the two youth board members represent the interests of young people guided by the Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP) Model.

2.0 OUR VISION AND MISSION

2.1 OUR VISION

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

2.1 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 with the values of transparency and accountability, inclusiveness, equality and commitment.



3.0. OUR OBJECTIVES

3.1 CYECE's Strategic Objectives are as follows;

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

3.2 Actor Based Outcomes

Outcome 1: Youth clubs and networks have capacity and are mobilizing young people for SRHR/HIV messaging and activities, child rights and economic empowerment

Outcome 2: Trained service providers are youth friendly and are providing nondiscriminatory SRHR/HIV and economic empowerment information and services to adolescents and young people

Outcome 3: Empowered community structures (ADC, VDC, CBOs, FBOs, CPCs, etc.) and local leaders are networking, and collaborating with other relevant stakeholders, in creating an enabling community environment for adolescents and youth SRHR/HIV, child rights and economic empowerment

Outcome 4: Teachers and parents are supporting adolescents and young people to attain quality and inclusive education, quality SRHR information and guiding them to make informed decisions about economic empowerment

Outcome 5: Policy makers at local, district, national and regional level are responsive to the needs and aspirations of adolescents and young people, and are formulating and implementing inclusive and child/youth friendly policies

Outcome 6: Governments, donors and NGOs are using evidence from research on development planning programs and services for children, adolescents and young people.

3.3 Key Strategies

Strategy 1: Capacity building of youth clubs and networks, teachers and parents, service providers, community structures, leaders and policy makers

Strategy 2: Awareness raising on child rights, adolescent and youth SRHR

Strategy 3: Advocacy to influence child and youth friendly and responsive policies

Strategy 4: Community mobilization and empowerment for positive social and behavior change

Strategy 5: Research for informed policy and program developments

Strategy 6: Creating partnerships with likeminded organizations for the promotion of Youth SRHR, Child rights and youth empowerment at local, national, regional and global level including north –south as well as south to south partnerships.

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4.1. Child Rights promotion

Under this programme area, CYECE focuses on;

- Facilitate child development and reintegration activities such as early childhood development centres, child play centres, transitional centres etc.
- Promoting access to quality education for the children
- Promoting child Health and Nutrition
- Awareness on Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) in schools, households etc.
- Creating community awareness on Child Labour Prevention
- Child Marriage Prevention
- Advocacy for progressive Child Friendly policies and Laws in Malawi
- Building capacity for Youth clubs, community/ school related structures and parents to effectively protect children from abuses and keep them in school
- Establish community child rights monitoring system that facilitates tracking on violations, reporting and follow ups
- Train communities in the use of the modern technology i.e. personal digital assistance (PDAs) in data collection, monitoring and reporting of child labour, child marriages, sexual and school related gender-based violence
- Strengthen the functionality of community structures on identification, referral, protection, management and monitoring of the most marginalized children at all levels
- Support community/school related structures to formulate standard frameworks for most marginalized children's education for example girls in self-boarding facilities etc.
- Advocate for initiation and effective implementation of labour, education and child marriage related laws and policies i.e., tenancy bill, gender Equality Act, and compulsory education law



- Enhance participation of children in social and economic development through child parliaments and other forums
- Produce annual status reports on child rights issues and submit to relevant stakeholders for learning, planning and programming and advocacy
- Supporting parents with income generating activities, livelihood skills and nutrition courses to enable them support children' education

4.2 Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV

Under this programme area, CYECE focuses on;

- Capacity building of youth clubs and networks for effective mobilization of young people for SRHR and HIV information and services.
- Supporting youth clubs and networks to mobilize young people for SRHR and HIV behavior change
- Use of edutainment and sports to mobilize young people for SRHR and HIV information and services.
- Use of media including social media to enhance dissemination of SRHR and HIV information to young people
- Promotion of Youth HIV Testing, Counseling (HTC) and treatment services
- Establish community youth centers to facilitate provision of youth friendly SRHR/HIV information and services
- Engage and strengthen the capacity of local community leaders to create community enabling environment for youth SRHR/HIV
- Facilitate the establishment of strategic partnership at local, district, national, regional and global level in pursuance of youth SRHR/HIV
- Generate evidence on policy implementation through social accountability monitoring and action research to inform SRHR/HIV policy processes and advocacy
- Engage policy makers at local, district, national, regional and global level to influence youth friendly policies and laws that support SRHR for young people



4.3. Youth Empowerment and Participation

Under the Youth Empowerment and Participation Pillar, CYECE focuses on;

- Facilitate entrepreneurial skills development trainings for young people
- Establish youth talent development and promotion programme for both rural and urban youth especially in sports, music, fine arts, spoken word, drama etc.
- Facilitate Internships/ mentorship and work Volunteer programs for college and university students and graduates (local and international)
- Conduct community-based youth vocational and livelihood skills trainings
- Facilitate referrals to institutions that provide vocational skills for skills perfection and certification e.g., TEVETA
- Establish Youth Creative Hubs and skills training centers
- Establish sports academies for children and young people
- Linking young people to other institutions for capacity building and learning
- Conducting trainings for young people in Business Management skills (SIYB, GYBI etc.)
- Support and facilitate young entrepreneurship summits
- Facilitating placements and mentorship programs for young professionals
- Facilitating scholarships / fellowships for young people
- Capacity building of young people for policy engagement using social accountability monitoring among other models.
- Youth volunteer and internship programme for in and outside Malawi
- Establishing and strengthen local, regional, national and international young entrepreneurship networks and associations
- Facilitating Non-formal Education for Out of School youth to improve literacy and numeracy skills for entrepreneurship purposes
- Linking Non-Formal Education students to vocational skill centers



5.0 OUR PARTNERS

CYECE's partners are categorized as follows;

i. Leverage

Under the leverage partnership component, CYECE works with like-minded Networks, International Organizations, well-wishers and the private sector to support the implementation of the focus areas.

ii. Strategic

Under the strategic partnership component, CYECE works with the government, donors, international and other stakeholders to ensure adequate support for the children and young people's programmes.

iii. Implementing partners

Under this component, CYECE works with other NGOs which have a common interest with regards to our programmes and activities in Malawi and beyond.



6.0 CURRENT AND PREVIOUS PROJECTS AND FUNDING PARTNERS

The following are some of the current and previous projects and funding partners for CYECE;

- Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (DVV International) and GIZ (2020 -2022)
- Support for the Action for the Most marginalized Children's Education (SAME) Project – 2016 – 2020 – Funded by Comic Relief
- Youth Yes I Do Project – Funded by Dutch Government through CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality (2016 – 2020)
- Youth Get Up! Speak Out (GUSO) Project - Funded by Dutch Government through CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality (2016 – 2020)
- Improving Secondary Education in Malawi (European Union Programme) – Empowered Girls Complete CDSS (2017 – 2020)
- Girls Empowerment for Meaningful Participation in Education (GEMPE) project funded by ODW Finland
- Support for School Feeding and Afterschool Initiative funded by Alliance One Tobacco Company and Limbe Leaf Tobacco Company Limited with funding from Phillip Morris International (2020)
- South to South Exchange Youth Project funded by Norec (2019- 2021)

- Child Labour Prevention (SNAP) supported by USDOL through ILO & (ARISE supported by JTI) 2011-2017
- Rise Up! Speak Against Child Marriages (RISA project) funded by IM Swedish Development Partner (2019-2023)
- Unite For Body Rights SRHR Programme supported by Dutch Government, 2011-2015
- Girls SRHR & Education project supported by Finnish Government through Family Federation of Finland (FFF) ,2017-2020
- Enhancing Uptake of SRHR services among the Youth supported by IM Swedish Development Partner, 2015-2017
- Complementary Basic Education (CBE) supported by GIZ ,2010-2013
- Kalondolondo (Community Based Monitoring Project) funded by DFID through Plan Malawi, 2011-2016
- Issues Based Civic and Voter Education funded by DFID through National Democratic Institute (NDI), 2013-2014
- United Against Child marriage funded by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality 2014-2015
- Accelerated Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (AGEWE) 2013-2015 funded by Royal Norwegian Embassy through NGO GCN



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