



PROFILE

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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, Ntchisi, Salima, Mchinji, Dedza, Nkhotakota in the central region, Mangochi, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Mulanje, 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. 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.

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.



VISION

By 2030, Malawi and the world at large is a climate sensitive society where children and young people in their diversities are safe, empowered, healthy and are meaningfully participating in social economic development.

MISSION

CYECE is Malawian non-profit making and non-governmental organisation that exists to empower children, adolescents, and youth, and promote their rights and wellbeing through community mobilization, capacity building, education, evidence generation and research, behaviour change communication and advocacy; taking into account the values of transparency, accountability, professionalism, diversit, inclusiveness and equality.

OUR GOAL

To ensure the well being of children, adolescents, and young people in their diversity by 2030.



KEY PRIORITY AREAS

- Child Rights Promotion
- Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellbeing
- Youth Development and Empowerment
- Social Enterprise and Development

OUR OBJECTIVES

CYECE's Strategic Objectives are as follows;

- To ensure that all children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation and are realizing their full potential by having access to inclusive and quality early childhood development, primary and secondary education, health care and meaningfully participate in the society.
- To promote adolescents and young people's access to quality and comprehensive SRHR, HIV/AIDS, mental health and general health care information and services.
- To promote development and empowerment of young people in their diversities for meaningful participation and involvement in social and economic development.
- To engage into social enterprise that facilitates mobilisation of resources for investment into children and youth projects.

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



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Strategic Objective 1

To ensure that all children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation and are realizing their full potential by having access to inclusive and quality early childhood development, primary and secondary education, health care and meaningfully participating in the society.

Strategic Objective 3

: To promote development and empowerment of young people in their diversities for meaningful participation and involvement in social and economic development.

Strategic Objective 2

To promote adolescents and young people's access to quality and comprehensive SRHR, HIV/AIDS, mental health information and services and ensure they have adopted healthy lifestyles.

Strategic Objective 4

To facilitate mobilization of resources for investment into child development, participation and youth health and well-being projects

OUTCOMES

Outcome 1

All children are protected from all forms of Violence, abuse and exploitation realizing their full potential through access to inclusive and early child development, primary and secondary education, health care and meaningful participation in society.

Outcome 3

Adolescents and youth have widespread access to quality and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), HIV/AIDS, and mental health information and services, leading to the adoption of healthy lifestyles

Outcome 2

Increased Meaningful participation and involvement of young people in social and economic development, fostering empowerment across diverse backgrounds.

Outcome 4

Engagement into social enterprise that will facilitate mobilization to support programs and services for children, adolescents, and young people.



KEY STRATEGIES

Pillar 1: Child Rights Promotion

Key Strategy 1: Promote Child Protection

Key Strategy 2: Promote Child Participation in matters affecting them at community, district, national and global level.

Key Strategy 3: Promote Child Development

Key Strategy 4: Empower women and other community structures for the promotion of rights of children



Pillar 2: Adolescent and Youth Health and well being

Key Strategy 1: Promote SRHR, HIV/AIDS information and services and access to general health care.

Key strategy 2: Promote mental health education, care, and services among young people.

Key strategy 3: Awareness-raising and capacity-building on the prevention of violence against young women and girls.

Key strategy 4: Promote awareness and rehabilitation services on drug and substance abuse.



Pillar 3: Youth Development and Empowerment

Key Strategy 1: Promote youth non formal education

Key Strategy 2: Promote meaningful youth participation and inclusion.

Key Strategy 3: Promote economic empowerment among youth



KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

Pillar 1: Child Rights Promotion

Strategic Objective 1: To ensure that all children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation and are realising their full potential by having access to inclusive and quality early childhood development, primary and secondary education, health care and meaningfully participating in the society.

Strategic activities

Child Protection

- Capacity building of children and structures at different levels.
- Prevention, protection, withdraw and rehabilitation/support of children in child labour and modern slavery.
- Prevention of child marriage, withdraw and support child marriage survivors.
- Advocate for child friendly policies and laws at National, regional and global level.
- Protect and support the most marginalised children i.e. children with disabilities, children in conflict with the law, street connected children, child headed households, etc.
- To support inclusive and effective child led protection monitoring and reporting systems in preventing and responding to child protection violations at community, district, national, regional, and global level.
- Establishing the child rights reporting mechanism at community, district, national, regional and global level

Child Development

- Providing early childhood development interventions
- Provide school bursaries and scholastic materials to the marginalised children in primary, secondary and tertiary education i.e orphans, children with disabilities,
- Provide livelihood support (food and nutrition, economic empowerment and adult education) to parents and guardians including child headed households.
- Provide vocational skills to out of school children.
- Providing psycho social support to the vulnerable and marginalised children i.e. those in conflict with the law, survivors of child marriage and SGBV etc
- Provide school feeding at primary school level.
- Promoting caregiving behaviours, demand for services and social norms for positive parenting.
- Design accessible information and awareness-raising materials with children to ensure child sensitives social protection policies are adopted by duty bearers.

Child Participation

- Child Parliament
- Develop and reinforce child participation structures at all levels to promote and amplify children's voices such as children corners, child rights clubs etc
- Create an enabling environment for meaningful child participation at family, community and at national level.
- Strengthen community-based service structures to implement, monitor policies and programmes aimed at increasing child participation.
- Conduct research on child protection, development, and participation to inform policies and programs

Empower women and other community structures for the promotion of rights of children

- Livelihoods and Income Generating Activities for women and resource poor households
- Land rights policy advocacy campaign with duty bearers at local, district and national level
- Capacity building for women, men and local structures on land ownership
- Youth Led Research on productive assets
- One acre land ownership campaign for women

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

Pillar 2: Adolescent and Youth Health and well being

Strategic Objective 3: To promote adolescents and young people's access to quality and comprehensive SRHR, HIV/AIDS, mental health information and services and have adopted healthy lifestyles.

Strategic activities

SRHR and HIV/AIDS

- Advocate and support in the provision of youth friendly health services in hard-to-reach areas, urban centres, displace communities, in confined etc
- Establishments of youth friendly clinics for marginalized youths including young people with disabilities, LGBTQI+
- Provision of Comprehensive sexuality education for out of school youth
- Provide lifeskills education for in and out of school youth.
- Advocacy for inclusive access to SRHR information and services
- Advocate for access to SRHR information and services for adolescents and youths at community, district, national, regional and global

Mental Health

- Integration of mental health in other youth development programs
- Providing psycho social support (mental health)
- identifying individuals, social and structural determinants of mental health for creation of awareness and prevention interventions
- Establishment of community support structures including non-medical health work providers.

Violence Against Young Women and Girls i.e., cyberbullying

- Strengthening the capacity of community and district structures in case management, coordination and referral mechanism.
- Digital literacy for adolescent girls and young women
- Campaign against online sexual violence among adolescent girls and young women
- Economic empowerment for women and girls.
- Create safe spaces for girls and young women (girls clubs, girls' corners etc.)
- Encourage male involvement
- Skill development to prevent violence i.e., self-defense, digital skills etc.
- Advocating for policies and laws that promote the rights of girls and young women.
- Engage custodians of culture to address harmful practices fueling violence against young women and girls.
- Provision of non-formal education for girls and young women.

Drug and substance abuse

- Provide life skills education.
- Psychosocial counselling
- Promote referral and rehabilitation programs.
- Awareness raising on the effects of drug and substance abuse

Pillar 3: Youth Development and Empowerment

Strategic Objective 2: To promote empowerment of young people in their diversities for meaningful participation and involvement in social and economic development

Strategic activities

Youth non-formal education

- Youth Volunteerism.
- Promoting youth peer learning and exchange at community, district, national, regional, and global level
- Complementary basic education

Meaningful Youth Participation and inclusion

- Youth parliament
- Youth led research.
- Sports and recreation
- Youth led research

Economic empowerment

- Internship and Job replacement
- Facilitate referrals to institutions that provide vocational skills for skills perfection and certification e.g., TEVETA.
- Providing vocational and entrepreneur skills

Pillar4: Social Enterprise and Development

Strategic Objective 4: To facilitates mobilisation of resources for investment into child development, participation and youth health and well-being projects.

Strategic activities

Business ventures

- Agribusiness
- Construction of business complex infrastructure with rented office apartments
- Establishment of consultancy unit
- Establishment of paying youth friendly clinic
- Establishment of Radio and TV stations.

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