



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CENTRE FOR YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT AND
CIVIC EDUCATION

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MESSAGE

- from the Chairperson of the Board:

I am very much delighted to share with you the annual report for the year 2021, looking at how CYECE had implemented its programs aimed at empowering young people and children in Malawi. As the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, I have enjoyed a high level of support and commitment from the entire CYECE Management Team and Staff members in terms of my leadership. For me, it is a great honour and privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility to lead the CYECE Board of Trustees and staff at this very difficult time when the funding space has drastically been affected due to various global economic downturns and continued impact of COVID-19. I must admit that it is not a simple task but with the support of my fellow Trustees of the Board we have come this far. I do not owe it to myself but the team work and strong collaboration that has ever existed among us.

The year 2021 presented new challenges in terms of our programming. This made the organization to think outside the box and come up with innovations to address the challenges which CYECE went through. Like I previously alluded to, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to torment us just like any other institution but with the wonderful dedication of Management and Staff, we managed to achieve our set plans for the year. I wish to also mention that regardless of the unprecedented scale of Covid-19, CYECE forged new partnerships with multisectoral partners to respond to the pandemic, providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitizers to frontline staff and other health workers, disseminating Information Education and Communication materials and installing handwashing stations among others in response to national efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus. It pleases me to see young people and children who are happy, health and safe as a result of the work of CYECE because this remains the more reason of our establishment as an organization is there to achieve. Furthermore, it has been great to see the organization implementing all the pillars as outlined in our Strategic Plan (2019 – 2023) namely; Youth Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV; Child Rights Promotion; and Youth Empowerment and Participation. Suffice to say that despite continued challenges such as cyclones and civil unrest due to the disputed Presidential Elections among others, CYECE continued to remain on track in the implementation of its strategy. All these challenges tested the resilience of our organisation, our financial strength and the communities we work with in Malawi. We are glad that we continue to enjoy the wonderful support and collaboration from development partners, stakeholders, government and the private sector to contain the global pandemic.



Mr. Deus Lupenga

I am delighted that we've been able to achieve such great results in the year. We can now proudly look back on a very successful fiscal year of 2020/21. For this reason and on behalf of entire CYECE Board members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our partners and donors for our successful collaborations. We could not have achieved much without your support.

The Board remains committed to support CYECE Secretariat and staff in implementing its programmes and also responding to the various challenges. The Board would like to congratulate the CYECE leadership and staff for achieving great results in 2020/21 year. This report therefore, highlights key milestones and showcases our experience addressing challenges that hinder youth participation in policy engagement process, communities accessing to quality SRHR services, children's access to education, youth economic empowerment among others. CYECE promises to remain steadfast in ensuring that young people and children continues to enjoy their rights in an environment that is supportive and responsive to their needs and aspirations to achieve their health and development outcomes.

CYECE sees a great opportunity to strengthen relationships with our partners and foster tighter bonds within the communities we operate in as we continue to serve the youth and children in Malawi. It is our hope that the year ahead brings a lot of new challenges and opportunities to guide and shape the organization to remain on course. Our Motto remains "The Mouthpiece for the Youth and Children!".



Mr. Lucky Crown Mbewe

This report is presented before CYECE stakeholders, partners and development partners to share with them the successes and challenges experienced in the year 2021. On behalf of CYECE Management, staff and the Board of Trustees, I am greatly honoured for this great moment to appreciate their support which they have rendered to the organization. The 2021 Annual Report has provided for me and entire staff an opportune moment to reflect on past activities and determining how best CYECE can effectively deliver its mandate among the target beneficiaries.

As an organization, we believe that we now have a collective sense of what has worked and what has not in the year 2021. Our focus now moving forward is to learn from the lessons to leveraging the existing capacities into enhanced service delivery and responsiveness to the needs and aspirations of young people and children in Malawi. As an organization, we do not stop learning from our past but rather use the lessons and transform them into something positive in our future endeavors.

Foreword

- The Executive Director:

It is therefore worth noting and mention that in my preamble to this 2021 Annual Report, I should start with acknowledging the contributions made by different players to the work of the organization. I would like to recognize the contribution of the CYECE Board of Trustees in providing policy direction to ensure that the organization remains relevant and of course a key stakeholder and partner of government. CYECE has received and continue to receive countless support both financial and material from its development partners and stakeholders to implement various programmes for children and young people. This support is highly appreciated and cannot go unnoticed in this report because it continues profile the organization to the outside world. The youth have benefited a lot from various capacity building initiatives, the children have also been able to be supported with interventions aimed at uplifting their social economic livelihoods.

While we know that in the year 2021 there were a number of challenges which affected implementation of project activities, CYECE managed to implement many of its planned activities to achieve its goal and objectives. Some of the challenges which we experienced in the year include among others the global Covid-19 pandemic and the different Cyclones which affected project implementation in some districts in the southern region of Malawi. CYECE has also managed to establish new partnerships with development partners among them the Power to You(th) programme funded by MOFA through Sonke Gender Justice, secured a new project with Norec, Amplify Change among others. CYECE among other things has managed to sustain community and stakeholders trust especially in the new catchment areas like Dowa, Dedza, Machinga, Kasungu districts.

It is our hope that 2022 will also mark another successful and remarkable year for CYECE and its constituents. I would like to call upon all stakeholders and partners and of course the government agencies to continue supporting the work of CYECE as we continue complimenting government efforts. We look forward to yet another wonderful year of engaging young people and children with various initiatives for their sustainable livelihoods.

About CYECE

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.

VALUES

CYECE exists to promote Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health, children's rights and meaningful youth participation in social and economic development.

STRATEGIES

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

Achievements 2022

Pillar Number 1

Child Rights

Right to Education

Reach with sports (whole school) can be per district/Male

Number of children supported with scholastic materials



Primary
(Male: 206



Secondary
Male: 67



Female: 324)



Female: 120)

Number of children reached with sports and recreation



Indoor
Male: 5023



Outdoor
Male: 4342



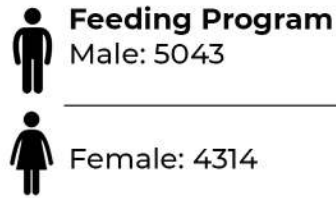
Female: 3432



Female: 4321

Right to Health and Nutrition

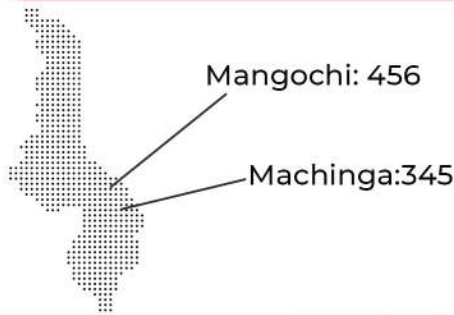
Number of children provided with vita meal through the school feeding program



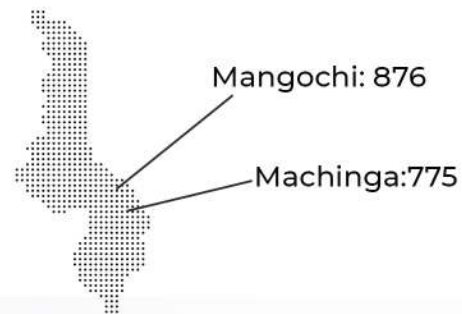
Child Protection

Child labour indicator

Number of girls withdrawn from child marriages (Disaggregated according to district)



Number of child marriage survivors supported



Pillar Number 2

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

Number of young people reached with SRHR information



Number of young people reached with SRHR services



Pillar Number 3

Youth empowerment and participation

Number of young people reached with youth creative skills and sports development (Male: 2311 Female: 3245)



Number of young people reached with entrepreneurship and vocational trainings



Number of young people taking part in decision making processes



Highlights for 2022 / 2022 activities in pictures per pillar. Summarize the strategic pillar activities followed by pictures. Description per pillar.

Child rights



The following are the activities which have been carried out under strategic objective 1;

- a) Community mobilization and awareness campaigns
- b) Capacity building trainings, workshops and forums
- c) Advocacy Campaign meetings and Dialogues
- d) School Feeding
- e) Establishment of Children Play Centres



SRHR

The following are the activities which have been carried out under strategic objective 3;

- a. Community mobilization and awareness meetings
- b. Capacity building trainings, workshops and forums
- c. Advocacy and lobbying campaign meetings





Youth empowerment and participation



The following are the activities which have been carried out under strategic objective 2;

- Capacity building trainings for young people and community structures
- Formal education and entrepreneurship
- Advocacy and networking

Response to Covid 19-

The following are the activities which have been carried out in response to Covid-19;

- Promotion of vaccine
- Awareness
- Development of internal guideline
- Internal practices-provision of PPE



COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE PLAN (CORONA VIRUS)

TOGETHER FOR A CORONA VIRUS FREE SOCIETY!!!

1. CYECE SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL STAFF, PROJECT BENEFICIARIES, STAKEHOLDERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE INFORMED OF CORONA VIRUS PREVENTION MEASURES.
2. CYECE HAS EFFECTED A **NO-HANDSHAKE** POLICY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AT ITS BOFFICES, FIELD ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.
3. CORONA VIRUS PREVENTION IEC MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPLAYED IN ALL OFFICES INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL CENTRES, TARGET SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PLACES OF GATHERINGS.
4. CYECE SHALL PLACE HAND WASHING FACILITIES IN ALL OFFICES FOR STAFF AND VISITORS. EVERYONE (INCLUDING STAFF AND VISITORS) MUST ENSURE THAT THEY WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING CYECE OFFICE PREMISES.
5. IN THE EVENT OF ANY SUSPECTED CASE, STAFF WILL BE SENT BACK HOME FOR A REASONABLE NUMBER OF DAYS UNTIL SUCH A TIME THE HOSPITAL HAS CONFIRMED THEM CORONA VIRUS FREE.
6. CYECE HAS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT BANNED ALL STAFF FROM TRAVELLING TO HIGH RISK COUNTRIES AS PER MALAWI GOVERNMENT AND WHO LISTED COUNTRIES.
7. CYECE HAS ALSO WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT BANNED ALL INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR STAFF AND BENEFICIARIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
8. CYECE STAFF MUST ENSURE THAT CORONA VIRUS PREVENTION INFORMATION AND MESSAGES HAVE BEEN MAINSTREAMED IN ALL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
9. CYECE SHALL ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MALAWI MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN MONITORING THE SITUATION AND GET UPDATES ON FURTHER ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS WITHIN MALAWI.
10. IN THE EVENT THAT THE SITUATION GOES OUT OF HAND, CYECE MANAGEMENT SHALL ADVISE ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TO OPERATE FROM HOMES UNTIL SUCH A TIME WHEN FRESH COMMUNICATION SHALL BE SENT TO ALL STAFF TO RETURN TO THEIR OFFICES AND DUTY STATIONS.

PREVENTION OF COVID-19 AT THE OFFICE

- 1 WEAR MASK**
When you are inside the office premises and outside the office work a mask.
- 2 KEEP SAFE DISTANCE**
Maintain at least 1-metre distance and avoid unnecessary hand contact. You should maintain the social distance - 2-metre safety.
- 3 SANITIZE AND DISINFECT**
Sanitize all surfaces and use disinfectant frequently and regularly on all surfaces.
- 4 CLEAN YOUR HANDS**
Wash your hands with soap or alcohol-based products.

NO VISITORS ARE ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT!
CHECK YOUR TEMPERATURE UPON ENTRY INTO OFFICE BUILDING!
BE SAFE, FOR YOU AND OTHERS.

keep the social DISTANCE

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TOGETHER FOR A CORONA VIRUS FREE SOCIETY!!!

centre for youth empowerment and civic education

NO MASK NO ENTRY

REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS OR SANITIZE HERE

TOGETHER FOR A CORONA VIRUS FREE SOCIETY!!!

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PREVENTION MEASURES

LET'S ALL TAKE PART IN LOWERING THE BAR

SANITIZE WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP KEEP THE SOCIAL DISTANCE

TOGETHER FOR A CORONA VIRUS FREE SOCIETY!!!

Success stories

Pillar 1: Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV

CYECE is implementing prevention of sexual gender-based violence program in Senior chief Liwonde with the aim of ensuring that girls, women, boys and men are empowered and free from SGBV and that they enjoy their SRHR. To ensure that Girls and women are empowered to transform gender norms and address SGBV, CYECE formulated women's VSL to improve access to financial services among women in the communities and further amplify their voice as women who are most of the times victims of SGBV because they are not financially independent and are solely dependent on men. These women groups (5) were further trained in Soy Milk processing as a way of economically empowering the women to ably support their children with all necessary needs towards their education and also address the needs at home. Emily is one of the beneficiaries from Madzianjuchi Primary school who was trained in business management and received a Soy Milk processing kit. After she was trained in soymilk production in November 2021, she bought her 1kg soya beans from which she produced 8 bottles and sold 6 of the bottles. On

her second attempt she produced some milk and was packaged in bottles and some in small packets and saw that it was loved even more by children and since it was affordable it was easy for her milk to be bought. She then decided to keep her money through the village savings and loans so that it can accumulate with time. As of 19 December 2021, Emily had shares worth K20,000 in the VSL group. Since she started her business, her home has never lacked necessities like sugar, salt, flour and she is also able to support her children with scholastic materials and other necessities towards her child's education. As the saying goes "Not all days are Sundays, some days business is very slow and poor but sometimes business is really good and fast, but with the money that am gaining from the business I am able to support my children and family, this initiative is very good and helpful as it is giving us women power to make decisions on our own. Emily

Pillar 2: Child Rights promotion

DECISION MAKING OVER ONE'S EDUCATION- THE STORY OF NAOMI MUMBA (GWERE, SALIMA)

Naomi Mumba is a 21-year-old girl, from Gwere and she dropped out of school when she was in form two because she was pregnant. Naomi then got married to the father of the child but due to challenges she was facing in the marriage, she decided to divorce the man and then went back to her parent's home. While she was living with her parents, she started doing piece work to earn a living for her child and herself. In July 2018, CYECE under GEMPE project established youth clubs which are stakeholders in the project. Naomi was very interested with the news and she decided to join one of the youth clubs where she became an active member. From 2nd to 3rd October, 2018, CYECE organized a girls' conference where girls from youth clubs and girls' clubs in schools



Figure 1: Naomi Mumba, a young mother.

were selected to represent other girls from their communities. Naomi through the Nzotheka Youth club Executive committee was selected to represent the girls due to her activeness in the club. During the role modeling session, Naomi paid much attention to the role models motivation speeches and she was inspired by two stories from two role models. One was a story of a nurse who is disabled, Naomi took it as a motivation to see a girl with a disability who has achieved in life and she believed that she can also do the same. Another story which she was inspired with was a story of a teacher who shared the same experience as that of Naomi, getting pregnant while in school. On 4th October, when the girls were being dropped in their respective areas, Naomi stood up in the bus and shared her story to the rest of the girls, she also shared how the motivational talks have made her believe that she can achieve anything in life hence she made a decision to go back to school. Her parents were also pleased with the decision she made and pledged to support her education.

Pillar 3: Youth Empowerment and Participation

Tsalani James was one of the Integrated Adult Education participants from Dowera centre in T/A Kasumbu, Dedza. He was into basket business whereby he would make the baskets using locally available resources and sell in the surrounding areas. Tsalani had been attending the IAE sessions from the day sessions were commenced and he shared that the sessions helped him to realize the strengths that he had so that he can invest into his business for example he shared an example of his inborn skill of making baskets and winnows which he previously did not realise is his strengths but after learning about SWOT analysis he started using the skill and applying it to his business. He also added that from the sessions, he has learn how to keep records of all his business transactions and was able to set realistic business goals.





Our Financials

total money received and spending areas (pillars and admin)

2021 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

FFF

Income

K106,741,921

Expenditure

Admin K52,580,781

Activities K53,461,155

Total K106,041,936

Variance K699,985

ODW

Income

K83,323,225

Expenditure

Admin K28,482,756

Activities K54,492,838

Total K82,975,594

Variance K347,631

IM

Income

K67,624,200

Expenditure

Admin K17,956,423

Activities K49,180,410

Total K67,136,833

Variance K487,367

PTY

Income

K121,628,600

Expenditure

Admin K69,961,009

Activities K45,778,985

Total K115,739,994

Variance K5,888,606

NOREC

Income

K32,238,322

Expenditure

Admin K19,857,057

Activities K12,185,680

Total K32,042,737

Variance K195,585

DVV

Income

K20,868,139

Expenditure

Admin K8,012,945

Activities K12,839,854

Total K20,852,799

Variance K15,340

HIVOS

Income

K19,392,000

Expenditure

Admin K3,370,100

Activities K13,471,101

Total K16,841,201

Variance K2,550,799

PMI

Income

K89,043,075

Expenditure

Admin K10,000,000

Activities K14,141,075

Total K24,141,075

Variance K64,902,000

LIMBE LEAF

Income

K18,022,950

Expenditure

Admin K1,630,000

Activities K16,388,950

Total K18,018,950

Variance K4,000



Our Financials

total money received and spending areas (pillars and admin)

2021 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

ALLIANCE ONE

Income

K40,197,100

Expenditure

Admin K5,238,000

Activities K34,957,000

Total K40,195,000

Variance K2,100

TOTAL

Income K599,079,532

Expenditure

Admin K217,089,071

Activities K306,897,048

Expenditure K523,986,119

Variance K40,195,000



Our leadership



Mr. Deus Thengo Lupenga
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Chief Youth Officer
Ministry of Youth and Sports



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