



# Annual Report 2019

## DAPP Malawi

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AGRICULTURE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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# INTRODUCTION

Registered as a local Non-Governmental Organisation, Development Aid From People to People (DAPP) Malawi has been working in Malawi since 1995 with a vision to create communities that are self-sustainable and have an improved quality of life. Our mission is to support the Malawi Government by working with communities to promote social and economic development through implementation of projects in agriculture, education, health and community development. The organisation also raises funds from selling of second hand clothing to support its projects and at the same time accords the opportunity for the Malawians to buy good quality, affordable second hand clothing through its shops and outlets throughout the country.

DAPP Malawi makes reference to the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in implementing its projects. We seek to improve quality education in rural primary schools by training teachers with passion at the same time contributing human capital to the labour force. Via our vocational training, DAPP Malawi is striving at creating a youth that is economically empowered through technical and entrepreneurial skills. The initiative is aimed to increase employment opportunities

for young Malawians which will eventually alleviate poverty.

Agriculture is still a key drive in the economic growth in Malawi. In 2019 we continued building the capacity of small scale farmers organised in clubs. This was done to help the farmers benefit from their labour through linkages and commercialization while at the same time addressing climate change issues.

Good and quality health for the population create sustainable socio-economic development. DAPP Malawi prioritises various health programs, including combatting malnutrition, Tuberculosis and HIV including providing care and support to those affected or infected.

Through our Child Aid Project we work with communities to come up with solutions to issues that affect them in their day to day lives.

In 2020, DAPP Malawi continued to implement development projects that span across all regions in Malawi.

We appreciate the continued work relations that exists and continues to grow with our beneficiaries, staff members, the Malawi Government, donors and all our partners. You have been key in the achievements and progress made in 2019.





# EDUCATION

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**E**ducation and skills development is a prerequisite for social and economic development and industrial growth. Increasing access to basic education, and technical and entrepreneurial skills is in line with the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



**589**  
student  
teachers under  
training in the  
four Teacher  
Training  
Colleges

Over  
**10,600**  
youth  
equipped with  
vocational  
skills since  
1997

DAPP Malawi seeks to increase access to quality education through training of primary school teachers who are determined to teach in rural areas, where teachers are most needed. In addition, the organisation endeavours to contribute to the labour force through human capital and create a youth that is self-reliant through skills and entrepreneurial training and able to secure an employment, thereby alleviating poverty.

In 2019, DAPP Malawi continued training teachers for rural Malawi primary schools, equipping youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills, supporting the network of DAPP graduated teachers and Early Childhood Development centres around its Teacher Training Colleges.

## 1. Teacher Training Program

DAPP Malawi has been training teachers for rural primary schools since 2003. The program takes both the theoretical and practical approaches. It also incorporates extra curriculum activities such as women empowerment and entrepreneurship skills. Its student teachers are involved in the day to day running of the colleges by sharing responsibilities which challenge them further.

The program has a mixture of using modern technology and locally available resources. One of the pedagogical principles used at the college is: **Learning does not only take place in the classroom.**

The four Teacher Training Colleges of Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba have to date trained a total of 2,991 teachers out of which approximately 80 percent are employed by the Malawi Government and working in rural Malawi primary schools. In 2019, the colleges had a total of 589 students under training with 480 doing teaching practices in 54 schools around their respective colleges.

The student teachers in teaching practice school reached out to over 46,381 learners through classroom lessons and out of school activities.

## 2. Vocational Training in Tailoring

Mikolongwe Vocational School of DAPP Malawi equips youth with technical and entrepreneurial skills. The aim is that youth become self-reliant and alleviate poverty through securing employment or establishing their own small-scale businesses. Through on-campus training, outreach activities, satellite centres and mobile training centres the school has trained over 10,600 youth since its establishment in 1997.

In 2019, Mikolongwe Vocational school had a total of 345 students under training in its programs. The school offered 11 courses in the year namely Agriculture, Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Community Development, Financial Accounting, Textile and Fashion Design, Beauty and Hairdressing, Renewable Energy and Electrical Installation, Plumbing and Washing, Welding and Fabrication, and Cobbler and Shoe Making.

### • Satellite Centers

Mikolongwe Vocational School reached out to more youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills. The Satellite Tailoring project set up four centres which targeted adolescent girls and young women who are at risk and vulnerable to various forms of abuse. Aged from 18 to 35, girls and young women were selected from areas and districts around the DAPP Teacher Training Colleges where the centres had been set up. Running from 2016 to 2019, a total of 728 adolescent girls and young women were trained in tailoring and entrepreneurship. To ensure that the girls and young women start their small-scale businesses after the training, DAPP Malawi provided them start-up tools in their groups of three.

The satellite centres achieved their goals with adolescent girls and young women trained; 182 from Mzimba Teacher Training College, 175 from Dowa Teacher Training College, 187 at Chilangoma Teacher Training College and 184 at Amalika College.

## 3. Support to Early Childhood Development Education

DAPP Teacher Training Colleges continued supporting caregivers in Early Childhood Development centres with in-service trainings on how they can teach the infant learners and produce teaching and learning materials. In November 2019, DAPP Malawi together with the Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare organised a caregivers training which took place at DAPP Chilangoma Teacher Training College where 25 caregivers were trained and certified by the Ministry. The Government also approved DAPP Malawi Teacher Training Colleges to be training and certifying caregivers. In 2019, the Colleges worked with and supported 93 preschools – also known as Early Childhood Development centres.

Cecilia Manyungwa, a caregiver at Jumbe Pre-school from Chapepa Village, Traditional Authority Kumthembwe said that she now has vast skills in Early Childhood Development since she had learnt many strategies on how to teach children in pre-schools. *“Thank you DAPP Malawi for organising the training,”*

### 4. 400 Primary Schools Program

The 400 Primary Schools is a network of DAPP Malawi graduated teachers that stick together to share ideas and experiences on how they can improve the environments around their schools.

Through regular meetings in core groups and as a network, they plan and evaluate

**728**  
**adolescent**  
**girls and**  
**young women**  
**trained in**  
**tailoring**

**Over**  
**46,380**  
**learners**  
**reached**  
**by student**  
**teachers**

their work and share ways of improvements as well as develop extra curriculum, teaching and learning materials which they use to supplement their teaching. In 2019, 14 new teachers joined the network making a total of 100 teachers who are working in 16 districts across Malawi.

### 5. Resilience in Schools

As one way of engaging primary school learners and communities in the fight against climate change and global warming, DAPP Malawi with funding from Humana Spain worked with teachers in the 400 Primary Schools Program to plant trees in order to prevent different forms of natural disasters.

The month-long project worked with teachers, learners and community members from and around 28 primary schools in 16 districts. Over 19,668 trees and vertiva grass were planted.

### 6. Emergency in Education Support

In response to the 2019 flood emergency caused by Cyclone Idai that affected different parts of the country, DAPP Malawi through the Education Cluster in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology deployed volunteer teachers to teach and provide psychological support in some of the schools that had been affected.

25 teachers who graduated from DAPP Malawi Colleges and were awaiting deployment supported learners and communities in eight ditricts of Mangochi, Balaka, Zomba, Phalombe, Mulanje, Thyolo, Chikwawa and Nsanje.





**Flaxon Richard, DAPP Malawi trained teacher and best graduating student of 2019**

*“I got enrolled at DAPP Dowa Teacher Training College in 2015. I decided from the moment I got to the campus that I would work hard and make the most out of the opportunity I was given. As teachers, we are the hope for the future of Malawi. Let us take this work seriously.”*



**Nelia Henderson, a caregiver recognised as an Early Childhood Development Achiever in 2019**

*“Never a day did I ever dream that this work would bring me this far. There are people from my community who talk ill of the work I do voluntarily but I realize that I am able to contribute to the development of Malawi. Some of the children I taught in the past 17 years are now in secondary school and it makes me proud as a caregiver and parent.”*



# AGRICULTURE

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Malawi is predominantly an agriculture based economy. It accounts for 30 percent of Gross Domestic Product and generates over 80 percent of national export earnings. The sector is dominated by subsistence farming and small scale farmers however, there is room for growth in as far as commercialisation of farming is concerned. DAPP Malawi works with farmers organised

in cooperatives to join forces to improve their production of agricultural products, marketing power, value addition and collective bargaining. However, the degradation of the environment and natural resources continues to negatively impact the sector hence the need to adopt climate smart agriculture methodologies in order to fight the effects of climate change.

In line with this, DAPP Malawi continued organising farmers clubs of 30 to 50 members in order for them to join forces of realizing economic benefits from their agricultural activities.

## 1. Young famers club

Also known as the Skills for Resilience Project, the project is being implemented in the area of Traditional Authority Likoswe, in Chiradzulu district. It seeks to equip 285 young farmers with knowledge and skills on adoption of climate smart agriculture technologies,

entrepreneurship and agribusiness skills. 60 percent of the target group is women and 10 percent are the youths with disabilities. DAPP Malawi is implementing the project in partnership with the Norwegian Association of Disability and the Technical Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education and Training Authority.

## 2. Advanced Farmers' Club in Chiradzulu and Dowa

DAPP Malawi is implementing a project in Dowa and Chiradzulu districts known as the Advanced Farmers' Club. The project is providing training to farmers in 7 cooperatives on issues of economic empowerment, improved crop and animal production, income generating activities, climate change mitigation measures, improved health, sanitation & hygiene, nutrition, gender awareness and adult literacy as well as disability mainstreaming

The project is an extension of the Dowa Women Farmers club project, working with 4,250 female farmers. The project reached out to 8,400 famers in Dowa with support from the DAPP Social Development Fund and the Malawi Government through the Ministry of Trade and Industry under the Trade Related Facility. In Chiradzulu the project is working in the areas of Traditional Authority Mchemba and Sub Traditional Authority Shadrack and it is reaching out to 2400 women farmers. The Advanced Farmers' Club project aims at improving living standards of small-scale farmers through strengthening competitiveness of the country's oil seed exports and promotes the production, value addition and export of oil seeds particularly sunflower, soya bean and groundnuts products.

## 3. Macadamia project

The Macadamia Nuts Value Chain Enhancement project seeks to connect smallholder farmers and Macadamia Nuts producers to the macadamia nut value chain. In addition, it aims to improve each link of the chain to increase the quantity of macadamia nut production and processing in Malawi thereby supplying good quality macadamia nuts

Over  
**69,000**  
small holder  
farmers trained  
in various  
modern farming  
methods

**277,000**  
Macadamia  
tree seedlings  
planted as of  
2019

that meet the national and international Food Laws. The project is working with 3000 farmers for a period of 7 years in Thyolo and Mzimba districts.

Apart from growing the Macadamia Nuts trees, the farmers are acquiring climate smart agricultural technologies, working together to improve the sanitation and hygiene conditions in their homes as well as environmental conservation.

As of 2019, 277,000 macadamia tree seedlings had been planted by farmers in the two districts.

#### 4. The Farmers Organisations Loop Cycle

The Farmers Organizations Loop Cycle project was designed to equip Farmers Organisations with knowledge and skills to improve their performance in commercialization of their agricultural produce.

The capacity building aimed to close gaps in the value chain, link the Farmers Organisations to agro-dealers, input suppliers, and financial service providers. The capacity building activities in the project included leadership trainings, technical capacity building (planning, budgeting, record keeping, book keeping, report writing, collective sourcing of inputs and collective selling of farm produces) and linkages to government extension services so that FOs can effectively manage their members and enterprises.

DAPP Malawi in partnership with GIZ under the KULIMA MEIRA project worked with 10 Farmers' Organisations from Salima and Dedza districts for a period of 12 months.





### **Brenda Haward, beneficiary of the Advanced Farmers club in Chiradzulu**

*“I have learnt so many things under this project, all thanks to the field officers from DAPP Malawi. I now know how to construct firewood saving stoves, pothole planting, vegetable gardening and conservation farming, livestock management and HIV & AIDS prevention techniques. Through my club, I have had the chance to participate in a livestock pass-on loan initiative in which I got a pig and now I have two pigs. Last year I sold six piglets and used the money to buy fertilizer. I am happy to say that I harvested more than enough for me and my family. I have also managed to support my brother at the police training school and he is now working as a police man.”*



### **Alaika Julius, a Farmer in Thyolo**

*“In our club we meet and work together, share ideas and experiences. The club is called Talandila. We also do village savings and loaning in the club. Some of the things that we discuss as a group include how to take care of the crops, weeding, applying manure and even how to apply fertilizers in the gardens. There is a committee that receives training on behalf of the clubs and they are the ones that come back to train the rest of the club members. Some of the things we were trained in included land preparation, how to apply manure to the trees and then planting the tree seedlings. We also learnt how to apply fertilizers after planting the trees, and applying chemicals to the trees to avoid wilting.”*



**HEALTH**

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Good health is essential for sustainable development to prevail and for the life of any human being. Collective efforts is required in combating diseases that are prevalent in Malawi which include Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS and Malnutrition.

DAPP Malawi contributes to the health sector through implementation of programs in areas of Tuberculosis and HIV, Malaria prevention and nutrition for under-5 children and mothers.

## 1. DAPP Malawi in Active Tuberculosis Case Finding in 4 District Hospitals

Over  
**30,880**  
people reached  
with information  
on nutrition  
and hygiene  
practices

In 2019, DAPP Malawi in collaboration with USAID through KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation based in Malawi finalized the implementation of a Tuberculosis project that aimed at reducing Tuberculosis transmission in out and in-patient health care settings at district hospitals of Chikwawa, Machinga and Mangochi and Zomba Central Hospital. The project used FAST (Finding TB cases, Actively, Separating safely and Treating Effectively) approach and was part of USAID funded Challenge TB Project implemented by KNCV in Malawi.

The project worked with health care workers within the health facilities with the aim to identify Tuberculosis (TB) presumptive cases specifically in out patient departments (OPD) and other departments prone to TB infection such as HTC/ART, under-5, maternity and male and female wards for early TB diagnostics to expediting treatment.

The project promoted Tuberculosis infection prevention in all departments and improved access to quality patient centered care for Tuberculosis, Tuberculosis/HIV, and Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis services to prevent further spread.

The key achievements of the project were optimizing the use of GeneXpert in diagnosing Tuberculosis, enabling patients to start effective treatment immediately, early detection and initiation of treatment to Tuberculosis patients, reducing the transmission of Tuberculosis and turn around time for diagnostic of Tuberculosis initiation.

## 2. Nutrition project in Machinga

DAPP Malawi in partnership with Valdese Church of Italy through Humana People to People Italia-ONLUS implemented a Nutrition Project in Machinga district in Traditional Authority Mchinguza with the aim of reducing child morbidity and mortality due to severe acute malnutrition in children aged 0 to 2 years.

So far over 2802 mothers and 1036 children aged 0-2 years, directly benefited from the project whereby over 30,889 people from 70 villages were reach with information. The people received training on establishment of backyard gardens for nutrition supplementation. As part of treatment support, the project supplied 11, 290 kilograms of kidney beans and 520 litres of vegetable cooking oil. The project ran from October 2018 to November 2019.



**Gladys Enock, beneficiary of the Nutrition Project in Machinga**

*“Before the project, I did not know that babies need to be breastfed often. I would just feed mine when I wanted to, but now, I know better. My household and I now eat balanced meals. Thanks to the DAPP field officers who also hold cooking demonstrations which explain the foods that pregnant and lactating women are supposed to be eating and how to cook them.”*



**Dora Chitunga, Nutrition Project volunteer and beneficiary**

*“From the project I have learnt the importance of cooking and eating foods from all 6 food groups, the foods pregnant women should eat, exclusive breastfeeding techniques and supplementary foods that can be given to children after six months to ensure that they are not malnourished. The project has also taught me hygiene practices such as how to construct and use rubbish pits, pit latrines and hand washing mechanisms. We also took part in cooking demonstrations and construction of firewood saving stoves among others. I believe it is important to teach others what I have learnt and just not keep everything to myself.”*



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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In community development, DAPP Malawi believes that organised communities that work together to come up with solutions to issues of mutual interest are more likely to become self-sustainable and improve their quality of life. In this area, DAPP Malawi uses its Child Aid model. The model includes forming Village Action Groups of 15-20 families with a coordinator, who is a volunteer from a local community. The Village Action Groups work together in the day-to-day implementation of their own activities, and mobilizes more volunteers to participate.

In 2019, DAPP continued to mobilise communities to come together, identify issues of common interest and using locally available resources to find solutions to challenges with the aim of creating conducive environments for the children.

Working with Village Action Groups (VAG) as community structures, the project trains the communities to carry out activities in

areas of health, sanitation, nutrition, education and environmental conservation among others. Families are mobilized to construct or renovate pit latrines, dish racks, firewood saving stoves and establish backyard gardens.

In 2019 DAPP implemented the Child Aid Project in Neno and Machinga Districts reaching out to over 30390 households of Traditional Authority Dambe and Cheku-Cheku of Neno and Traditional Authority Nkoola and Chiwalo of Machinga District.

Through the implementation of the project activities communities have gained multiple knowledge and increased their capacity in dealing with poor hygiene and sanitation related illness and other communicable diseases. The communities have been able to organise different actions and campaigns. The campaigns include Malaria prevention campaigns, Open Defecation Free actions and actions to construct or renovate preschools.

The formation of Village Action Groups (VGAs) committees has helped the communities to develop action plans and get better organised around solving problems and challenges affecting them.

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tices





**Richard Malo, Village Action Group Chairperson**

*“The coming in of the project has helped us to realize that having organized community structures build our capacity to identify and deal with the challenges we face every day”*



# FUNDRAISING

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The DAPP Clothes & Shoes Project has over the past 25 years contributed significantly to the empowerment of the vulnerable and poor, children, youth, women and men in the rural communities. The contribution has been made through the projects implemented by DAPP Malawi within education and vocational training, agriculture and food security, community development, and health. The DAPP Clothes & Shoes Project directly employs close to 300 staff and creates self-employment for more than 500 big bale customers who each of them often employ sales assistants in their businesses. At the end of 2019, DAPP Malawi had a total of 27 sales outlets/shops. Apart from contributing towards development programs, the clothing is also a source of good quality, decent and affordable clothes to the customers in Malawi.

**4,250**  
families  
received a  
donation of  
clothing in  
2019

In 2019, the project also supported people in Malawi through the Department of Disaster Management Affairs following the devastating effects of Cyclone Idai. With a clothes donations assistance from Sympany of Netherlands, DAPP Malawi donated clothing to about 4,250 families who had been in affected during natural disasters.

### Case story of Olivia Wayson

Olivia Wayson is one of the successful business women who buys second hand clothes from DAPP outlets in Malawi. She buys bales of clothes from DAPP Malawi wholesale shops and sells on retail. Olivia applauds DAPP Malawi for contributing to her source of income which has improved her life.

Olivia plies her second hand clothes trade in Blantyre.

“I have been selling second hand clothes since 2010. I usually buy the clothes from DAPP Limbe wholesale shop,” she said.

“Since I started buying bales from DAPP Malawi my life has really improved. I am able to send my children to school, providing them with their day to day needs as well as supporting my husband with the household needs.,” she explained.

Wayson sells unisex clothes, ladies clothes and textiles. She said she prefers buying from DAPP Malawi because it provides her with a range of choices in terms of the sizes of the bales unlike other shops.

Below is a picture of Wayson captures in DAPP Limbe wholesale shop.





**Harris Kachale, Director for Department of Disaster Management Affairs in the Ministry of Homeland and Security**

*“The donation will go a long way to provide decent clothing and cheer the victims that have been psychologically affected after losing their homes and property including clothes through the cyclone Idai.”*



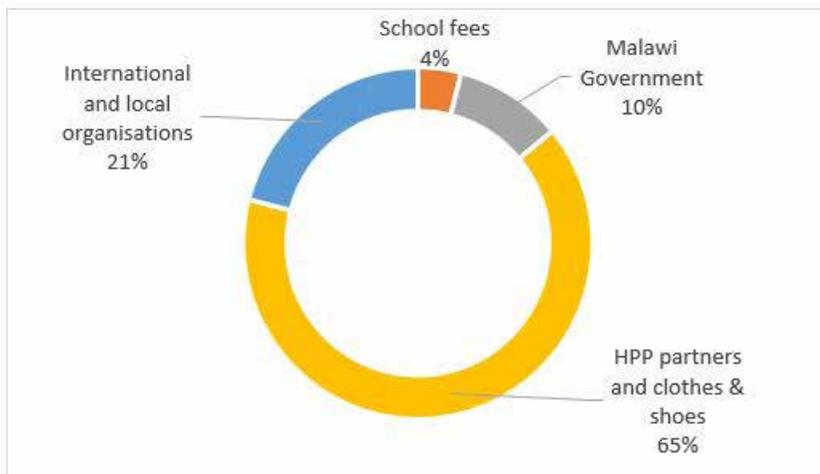
**Honourable Mary Navitcha, Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare**

*“We cherish this timely assistance because some people lost clothes due to floods of cyclone Idai earlier in the year. This is a wonderful move that will provide them peace of mind because they now have clothes.”*

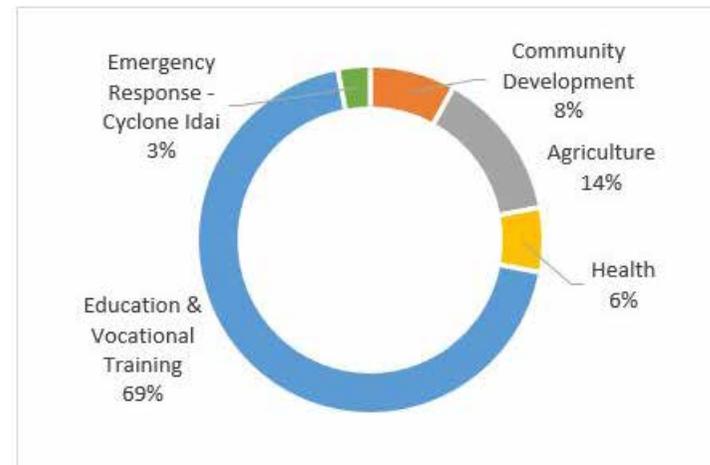
# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In 2019, DAPP Malawi spent approximately USD 5 million on implementing its projects. The organisation enters into agreements with governments, foundations, companies, organisations and multilateral grant mechanisms for specific programmes, projects and activities of common interest. Fundraising is another important tool used to raise income for the organization — particularly through the sale of second-hand clothing and shoes. This makes it possible for the organisation to implement its projects effectively.

## DAPP MALAWI'S INCOME IN 2019



## DAPP MALAWI'S EXPENSES IN 2019



# DAPP MALAWI PARTNERS IN 2019

## **The Government of Malawi**

- The Government of Malawi
- National TB Control Program
- Government officials from all districts in which DAPP is working in
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture
- Ministry of Health and Population Services
- Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare
- Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development
- Ministry of Trade and Industry

## **Partners in Education & Vocational Training & Early Childhood Development**

- Malawi Government
- Technical, Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Training Authority of Malawi
- Sympany of Netherlands
- Swiss Foundation for Solidarity in Tourism via Humana Italy
- Britam Insurance Company

## **Partners in Health**

- USAID via KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

## **Partners in Agriculture**

- Miljoe og Bistandsforeningen Sweden
- U-landshjelp fra Folk til Folk, Norge
- Malawi Government
- Dutch Government via Sympany Netherlands
- Sympany Netherlands
- GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
- Sable Farming Company
- The Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD) via TEVETA

## **Partners in Community Development**

- Malawi Government

## **Humana People to People Members**

- HPP Sorteerimiskeskus OÜ
- UFF Finland
- Humana People to People Italia, O.N.L.U.S
- Humana People to People Baltic
- HPP Eastern Holdings
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