











# OUR STORIES OF CHANGE DECEMBER 2023



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## OUR MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into love action, Habitat brings people together to build Homes, Communities and Hope.

## OUR VISION

A Malawi where everyone has decent place to live.

## MISSION PRINCIPLES

- Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.
- Focus on Shelter.
- Advocate for affordable housing.
- Promote dignity and hope.
- Support sustainable and transformational development.

## CORE THEMES



### STRENGTH

A Habitat home provides a strong foundation for a family, an opportunity on which they can build for life.



### STABILITY

A Habitat home is a stabilizing force for a family and for the communities that surround them.



### SELF-RELIANCE

Habitat homeowners help themselves through sweat equity, financial, education and an affordable mortgage.



### SHELTER

Habitat knows that a safe and decent shelter provides everyone the chance to meet their potential and thrive.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (DRRR)

HFHM works in disaster affected communities to prepare, respond, and empower local communities on how they can build back safer and better structures after disasters. Through this program, HFHM provides disaster resilient houses to the affected families and equips the local masons with knowledge and skills on how they can build houses that can withstand the disasters.

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The program seeks to improve the sanitation status and wellbeing of rural communities. Key program interventions include construction of sustainable and user- friendly WASH facilities, hygiene and sanitation campaigns for communities and capacity building of WASH management structures.

## Vulnerable Group Housing (VGH)

Habitat for humanity Malawi provides fully subsidized houses and sanitation facilities to orphans and other vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities in rural communities. The program also provides complementary services to the targeted households such as malaria, HIV, property, and inheritance rights training.

## Volunteer Engagement

We serve as a leading voice in growing awareness of housing as a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty by mobilizing volunteers as hearts, hands, and voices for the cause of adequate, affordable housing. Volunteers have the privilege to be part of the ongoing program of work, which has a clearer vision to achieve long-term, sustainable development and build capacity of a community, as opposed to dependency.


## Promoting use of Sustainable Construction Materials in Malawi

We strive to achieve to contribute to the accessibility and uptake of durable, affordable, and environmentally friendly construction materials in Malawi. We have established a social enterprise in Blantyre that produces and sells sustainable construction materials such as Stabilized Soil Bricks (SSBs) and Cement Blocks that can be used in construction activities. We also provide skills training to disadvantaged youths and other vulnerable groups in vocational skills that relate to the housing industry as part of improving their livelihood.

## Advocacy

HFHM advocates for increasing access to land and housing. Through advocacy, HFHM also promotes policies and systems that increase access to decent housing for vulnerable and low-income groups in Malawi.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



### 1 Law on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Bill advocated and successfully enacted.

The DRM bill will potentially support about 659,278 people frequently affected by the disasters in the country. The policy influence was funded by HomeEquals Campaign from Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI).



### Constructed 27 new houses.

We constructed 10 houses for 10 household which comprised of 30 children and 10 elderly individuals under Lilongwe OVC in Lilongwe funded by Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley. Constructed 13 houses under the Abwezi Athu II project funded by GALE family in T/A Njema, Mulanje. We also constructed 4 houses for households affected by cyclone Freddy in T/A Njema, Mulanje District with funding from JTIF, ADH, and HFH Germany.



### Over one million people engaged in WASH, housing, and land issues.

Under the JTIF project, HFHM trained 19 artisans in safe construction and educated 15 participants on property rights as part of Cyclone Freddy recovery Project. Additionally, through the ADH project, we also provided CBM training to 14 Water Point committees, benefiting 140 community members and 17 leaders. Furthermore, under the Lions' project in Thyolo, we rehabilitated 10 boreholes, providing clean water access to 2,500 people.

HFH Malawi wraps up a Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project. From the year 2020 to 2023 HFHM has successfully completed a #WASH project in TA Masumbankhunda in Lilongwe district. With funding from Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ) and HFH Germany.

Here are some of incredible highlights for the BMZ project titled: *“Empowering Rural Communities in Lilongwe District to Improve Health and Quality of life through Sustainable WASH practices.”*



- Drilled 16 new boreholes.
- Constructed 210 improved latrines for the most vulnerable,
- Rehabilitated 15 boreholes,
- Trained 7 areas mechanics and 10 local masons.
- Trained 300 water point committee members in Community Based Management
- Reached 72 villages with CLTS and declared all 72 villages ODF.
- Reached over 1,996,445 people with sanitation and hygiene messages.
- Facilitated the use of borehole wastewater through permaculture.
- Supported borehole sustainability through use of mobile banking for borehole savings.



Patrick Chilemba, aged 29, from Futi Village in T/A Karonga, Salima is becoming a shining example of the positive impact vocational skills can have on individuals and communities.

Patrick's journey began with the realization that formal education is not the only path to success. He embarked on a transformative journey, immersing himself in a vocational skills training that was being run by HFHM using the franchising model at its Salima Resource Centre in the district where he discovered his passion for brick laying. The program not only equipped him with technical skills but also instilled in him a sense of purpose and self-belief.

“**Today, I cannot narrate my success story without mentioning Habitat for Humanity Malawi because it was from the organization’s training program that my colleagues and I are now able to indulge ourselves in these vocational skills like brick laying.**”

He further narrated that under the guidance of experienced instructors, he perfected his brick laying skills through hands-on learning experiences



From mastering the use of tools to understanding the intricacies of construction techniques, he eagerly embraced every opportunity to learn. The mentorship provided by HFHM, and the local industry experts further enriched his knowledge and helped him navigate the challenges of trade. Through his craftsmanship and commitment to excellence, he quickly gained a reputation for delivering high-quality work. The earnings that he gets enable him to contribute to the local economy and provide for his family.

Frank Mayerayera from Matuwale village, T/A Kabudula, who is passionate and committed individual, has become an invaluable village volunteer, dedicating his time and efforts in uplifting his community. Through his selfless and unwavering commitment, Frank has become a catalyst for transformation and a source of inspiration to others.

As we were celebrating Volunteer’s Day globally, under the theme: "If everyone did", Frank, like other volunteers; is playing a vital role in advocating for social welfare within his community.

Frank encourages others in his community to embrace volunteerism as one way to help those who are marginalized and vulnerable.



**“ As we are commemorating the work of volunteers, I believe that if everyone took part in volunteerism in Malawi even globally, we could be dancing to new tune by now. I believe everything could change positively because we could timely reach those in need. Working as a volunteer is a blessing because we are serving God’s creatures, and God honors those who do his work wholeheartedly. ”**



Frank has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity since 2020 but he was also volunteering with other organizations within his community before HFH Malawi started implementing projects in his area. Among other notable things, he helps with beneficiary selection process as he is also a leader of the village development committee on volunteer basis, and he helps with construction works as well as monitoring of projects when they are being implemented in his area.





**Thank you very much for your support!!**



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