

2019 Impact Summary

Thanks to your support, in 2019 we continued to empower people in rural Malawi to thrive. We helped children to flourish with increased life chances, entrepreneurs to develop profitable small businesses and households, farmers and communities to gain convenient access to reliable sources of water.

- Generating livelihoods, resilience and opportunities
- Improving sustainable access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Encouraging independence and self-reliance
- Ending aid dependency for good

In this short summary, we show the huge impact of our work providing opportunities for children, communities and entrepreneurs in Malawi to have access to water and sanitation, lift themselves out of poverty and plant seeds of hope for their futures. None of this work would be possible without the generosity of our supporters, so thank you, and here's to transforming more lives in 2020!



Programme highlights

Providing children and communities with the tools to cultivate change. Water, sanitation, hygiene and nutrition in pre-schools and surrounding rural communities.

75% of the 10,000 pre-schools for under 5s in Malawi have no water, exposing children to high rates of diarrhoea, illness and mortality. Currently, 24% of children under 5 are suffering from diarrhoea, and 40% of children under 5 are stunted. Many are frequently unable to attend school and suffer from slow learning ability, as a direct result of stunting.

Our **integrated water, sanitation, hygiene and nutrition programme** enables children to enjoy a better start in life. No longer suffering from ill health, they can regularly attend school, thrive and reach their potentials. The promotion of positive hygiene behaviour in surrounding communities further improves health and opportunities for all. Improving the development of children under 5 lays the foundations for their health, wellbeing and future economic productivity into adulthood, benefiting wider society as a whole.

- **52 pre-schools (CBCCs)**, and over **6,760 children**, now with improved access to water and sanitation
- **1,300,000 nutritious meals** provided to children using crops grown in pre-school kitchen gardens
- **Reduction in diarrhoea** and water-borne diseases, meaning higher enrolment and children who can thrive
- **9,750** community members with access to safe water
- **28,785 community members** educated in positive hygiene behaviour change



Water entrepreneurs: growing real sustainability through enterprise and ownership.

Water for consumption and production are fundamental for development, yet Malawi is woefully short of supplies for domestic and productive purposes. Unreliable water supplies, a lack of irrigation, poor access to convenient water supplies, and the lack of skills and choices all pose challenges. Our work shows that many people in rural Malawi both demand and have the resources to invest in their own affordable water supplies.

We **promote entrepreneurship and provide choices**, enabling people to move out of poverty and invest in their own future livelihoods: pride, ownership and opportunities. We train, mentor, and support entrepreneurs in business, technical and marketing skills. We also stimulate customer demand by focusing on economic benefits of self-investment, and develop supply chains to ensure spare parts and finance are accessible.

- **74 entrepreneurs** with profitable businesses providing pumps, repairs and services to rural households
- **5,840 farmers** and their families benefiting from irrigation and increased food production
- **12,056 householders** using convenient water supplies, freeing up the time of women and girls
- **52,844 people** with access to reliable community water points, improving health and productivity

Encouraging local business and jobs

Food security through a 100-300% harvest increase for farmers

Convenient access to water for households

Functioning community pumps



Case studies

WASH entrepreneur

James Banda

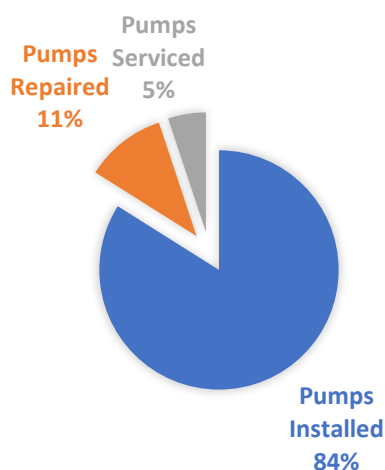


In 2018 James was selected to take part in the entrepreneur development programme. Now, with his improved technical skills, he not only repairs community pumps, but also sells and installs pumps for individual households and irrigation pumps for small-scale farmers.






He has developed a profitable small business which has a social impact, benefiting the community. James can charge more for his services and has built up a regular customer base in districts beyond his own: transforming the lives of James and his family.

“With the growth of my business, I have doubled my income, can provide for my family and make them proud”



As a result of James’ work, **5060 people** have benefited from access to clean, safe water from convenient and reliable sources

-  11 **household** pumps installed: convenience
-  23 **irrigation** pumps installed: food security
-  12 **community** pumps installed: reliability

Customer: irrigation pump




Joy, small-scale farmer



Joy lives in Mchinji District, Malawi, and was previously reliant on rainfall as a source of water for her crops. This meant that during the dry season she was unable to grow any food, and the nutrient-rich topsoil was frequently being eroded.

After investing in an irrigation pump, clean, safe water is now readily available to water plants and grow crops, generating much higher farming productivity. Joy is now able to generate up to three harvests a year, can provide enough food for her family, and sell any excess crops. Joy is acting as a role model for her children and has the means to send them all to school, where they are thriving.

“I am now able to grow enough food for me and my family to eat and can use the money from crop sales to ensure all my children have an education”

-  Increasing **food security**
-  Increasing **time** for farmers to do other things: less labour-intensive
-  Increasing **incomes** for women farmers

Investing in future generations



Mtisunge pre-school

At Kapondela, there was previously no water point and children would openly defecate due to an absence of latrines. There were no handwashing facilities, leading to up to 3 children a week falling ill with diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases. Additionally, high levels of stunting contributed to limited cognitive development, stopping children from reaching their full potentials.

In Malawi, there are nearly 10,000 pre-schools (CBCCs); 75% of which have no water and sanitation. Our **water, sanitation, hygiene and nutrition programme** challenges the high rates of diarrhoea and stunting, allowing children to thrive with improved life chances. Educating the surrounding community in positive hygiene behaviour change enables community members to also thrive with improved health.

“The pump has been a root cause of change in the community”
(Rosemary, caregiver at Mtisunge pre-school)

23% diarrhoea rate in 2018



13% diarrhoea rate in 2019

