

GROWING HOPE AFTER CYCLONE IDAI

COUNTRY: MALAWI

AREA OF IMPACT: DISASTER RESPONSE



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Cyclone Idai devastated communities in the southern part of Malawi. Houses collapsed, people lost their lives, fields and household items washed away. World Renew's partnership with Help a Child helped the most vulnerable households to not only rebuild their lives and be better prepared for future natural disasters, but also encouraged communities to work together to address their long-term challenges.

Most community members are subsistence farmers and due to poor soil, erosion, and changing weather patterns, people harvest less and less. We trained the community on basic watershed management and sustainable agriculture. They experimented growing more indigenous edible plants that were more suitable for the hotter climate and by planting more diverse crops, families now have access to fresh vegetables year round.

Loveness Chibisa of Saindi village is one of those farmers. She and her husband plant vegetable seeds provided by the project. Loveness says, "Through this project, I have learned a lot of things. I used to have a garden but never harvested all year round. Now, I sell a minimum of K4,000 (\$5 USD) of vegetables per day and manage to pay school fees for my 3 children." The Chibisa family also bought a treadle pump to irrigate their garden. This year, they managed to harvest thirty 50kg bags of maize. They plan to sell the maize during lean season to have money during the hunger season.

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COUNTRY UPDATES

COVID-19 infection rates are increasing at alarming rates. Malawi has closed its borders to foreigners, but there haven't been many new messages in the country to alert people about how their behaviors need to change.

Masks are required in stores, but occasionally, you will see people with the mask underneath their chin. We are at the beginning of the third wave. If we look at what is happening to our neighboring countries (Zambia, Namibia, and Zimbabwe), we have cause to be concerned.

We have been working hard on planning and budgeting for this fiscal year. We are excited that more pastors are being trained in the Church and Community Mobilization Process.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we will stay healthy. Pray that the third wave of COVID-19 will not be as serious. Pray for the hospitals that they would be able to manage the COVID cases and that there will be enough oxygen and other needed supplies for treatment. Pray that more vaccines will be available in the country.

All of the World Renew Malawi staff have received their first vaccine. They were supposed to receive the second shot this week, but the appointment was canceled because they ran out of the vaccine. Pray that all of us and our loved ones will stay healthy.

Rejoice with us as we continue to move forward despite the pandemic. Our team is thankful that Sarah Padoko has joined us as Justice and Gender Coordinator.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

This is a challenging time for World Renew Malawi, yet we know whom we are serving! God is good.

"He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth;
he saves them from the clutches of the powerful.
So the poor have hope,
and injustice shuts its mouth." - Job 5:15-16

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE!

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