





TEMWA

WHEN COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER

6 Month Impact Report July 2023

Community Agriculture and Forestry

-  We hosted the official Farming Futures project launch events which involved demonstrations of sustainable farming techniques and discussions on business development.
-  A borehole has been dug at Temwa's Usisya demonstration garden, enabling more consistent water access for watering the vegetables and plants grown there.






33,542 seedlings have been out-planted so far this year, with 75,000 new seeds ready to be planted and raised in our tree nurseries.



The Dube Farmer Group were supported to build a greenhouse to expand their banana production.



Community members are building 75 beehives to protect their forests and supply honey for income and nutrition.

-  1,000 community members were trained in making organic manure fertilisers to use for winter cropping to combat increasingly unpredictable harvests.
-  A demonstration plot has been designed at Chilembe Village to develop and learn the Farmer Field School curriculum, including using marker ridges and mixed cropping.
-  Fruit tree orchards have been established at Kaulasisi Primary School and Mzgola Primary School with 1,250 trees each including mangos, avocados, and guavas.

Community Story

Stanley used to struggle to grow enough food to support his wife and three children. He could not afford fertiliser, and the forests which used to protect the farmland had been felled.

Temwa trained Stanley in sustainable agricultural practices such as organic fertiliser making, and protecting and regenerating natural forests. Using his organic fertiliser, Stanley increased his maize crop yields during winter cropping nearly four times over! Stanley is now a member of a farmer group growing bananas to generate income. Temwa supported the group with 300 banana shoots which the group have turned into 500 banana plants. Stanley is looking to grow his banana production and venture into beekeeping and livestock farming in the future.





Community Health

We delivered 300 vital water filters so far to two remote villages, Joloti and Yepe, while facilitating training on how to use and look after the filters.

Cases of waterborne diseases are already falling in these two new villages according to recent reports - since the delivery of the water filters, no new cholera cases have been reported.

Temwa has continued to support outreach clinics, offering HIV testing and counselling, as well as other services including TB screening and antenatal services.

In March, approximately 1,500 people attended awareness events on Temwa's health programme, including HIV testing and cholera prevention.

Drama performances aimed at destigmatising HIV information were attended by over 6,000 people. They informed community members about HIV control and prevention.

Community Story

Nepiya was born and raised in Joloti, where he now lives with his wife (pictured here) and four children. The family used to drink contaminated water and had no proper sanitation facilities.

Now, following advice from the WASH committee, they have a water filter, a rubbish pit and practise good food and personal hygiene. Nepiya has noticed a decrease in waterborne illness in the community. He says community members used to have to carry people suffering from diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera to the health centre on a stretcher, but they have not had to do this since the project began. He would like to "continue following all the WASH best practices that Temwa is promoting and continue drinking water from the water filters so that we prevent suffering from waterborne diseases".



Community Education



5 schools performed brilliantly at our Literacy Fair in March, with 85% of the children correctly responding to their given tasks.



Community members have been developing sustainable action plans to continue running the successful Reading Camps after Temwa's Community Literacy project comes to an end in September.



Boarding school support and sanitary pads have been provided for the female bursary students to ensure they are not missing school days due to walking long distances to school or lack of menstrual hygiene provision.

Chipunga Community Day Secondary School graduated the first 60 students from the school since it was established in 2019. The three bursary students won awards for their academic achievements, including Veronica who won best student!



Our Spelling Bees in May were attended by over 900 people, with 80% of participants able to confidently express themselves in public and demonstrate great familiarity with spellings in the local language.



We delivered 25 water filters to Temwa bursary beneficiaries in secondary schools, resulting in a significant reduction in students missing school due to waterborne illnesses.



Community Story

Nolia, aged 9, attends school in Chikwina. Her parents have always understood the importance of education, especially for girls, but did not always have the time to help her practise her learning after school. They encouraged Nolia to attend a Reading Camp where she is now able to practise her literacy skills in English and Chichewa. Since attending, she is one of the top learners in her class and has big plans for her future: "I would like to keep on practising my literacy skills until I am able to read and spell even the hard words. In the future when I finish my school, I want to be a doctor." Nolia's parents are part of the ever-growing community who are getting involved in Temwa's education work and encouraging their children to attend Reading Camps after seeing their benefit.



Thank You!

Temwa is very grateful for the generous support of our donors and partners towards our work in Nkhata Bay North during the first half of 2023. Their support has made it possible for Temwa to continue and scale up our work this year. With the climate crisis, emerging cost of living crisis, and the long-lasting impacts of Covid-19, building resilient, equal and empowered communities, also in the remotest parts of the world, is more important than ever.

On behalf of the Temwa UK and Malawi Teams – THANK YOU again for your continued commitment to helping remote communities transform their own futures!