



TEMWA

WHEN COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER

6 Month Impact Report
August 2026

Community Agriculture and Forestry

STEP-A got fully underway - supporting 'Smallholders Transition into Economic Prosperity through Agriculture'

88 Farmers joined Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to benefit from market opportunities - cash crops, livestock rearing, bee-keeping, and value-added through processing

Continued focus on sustainable agricultural practices and climate resilience, included solar irrigation to protect against erratic rains and drought

Temwa Carbon Balance continued to address climate change through tree planting - reversing land degradation, sequestering carbon, and providing forest-friendly livelihoods

TCB planted 333,765 trees across 134 hectares since the scheme began in 2020 - with 1.7 million trees planted through Temwa's Forestry Programme since 2003

**3 FPOs operational,
mobilising 88 farmers**



**5 connections made with
private sector buyers,
expanding market access for
key crops and increasing
income potential**



**Over 62,000 trees
planted in the last
6 months, with 73
community woodlots
now established**

Temwa Staff and STEP-A FPO capacity strengthened through targeted training and assessments, building core skills in business management, financial literacy, and market-oriented production

Early livelihood returns demonstrated through forest-based enterprises, including 27 kg of honey harvested and sold for MWK 270,000, alongside additional beehive colonisation in community-managed forest areas

Community Story

Before STEP-A, smallholder farmers in Kanolo were working in isolation. Being in a hard-to-reach area, they had limited access to service providers and no structured markets for their produce. Although the community possesses tracts of land suitable for both winter and rainfed production, productivity remained low.

In the first six months of the project, 23 farmers have been mobilised from two farmer groups, clustered under one Farmer Producer Organization (FPO). Through the FPO, farmers are enhancing their knowledge of sustainable agricultural practices through engagement meetings and peer learning. Important linkages have already been made, for example, the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Institute is providing training in enterprise development. The FPO has also been introduced to structured markets for their produce.

The FPO is now committed to cultivating 20 acres of land, primarily for beans and onions, for this winter season alone, demonstrating their growing confidence in collective production and market engagement.



Community Health - Improving access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



The Pa Mushunguti Project is in its second year and has made strong progress in improving young people's access to sexual and reproductive health information, youth-friendly services, psychosocial support and safe peer-led spaces across Bula, Usisya, Khondowe and Ruarwe



The Project is breaking down stigma through raising awareness, including through youth clubs where adolescents can socialise and discuss important health issues



By training Expert Clients, and engaging also with teachers, parents, and traditional leaders, the project is involving whole communities to help young people make informed decisions about their health and futures



Health workers are being supported to deliver youth friendly services, including through outreach clinics to take vital healthcare directly to remote communities



23 SRHR school clubs and 34 out-of-school clubs supported; participation increased from 54% to 87%

372 young people reached with integrated youth-friendly health services

STI cases fell from 27 to 3 and teenage pregnancies from 43 to 6

Community Story

Kaulasisi Primary School Patron, Emmanuel Msokole, has seen the challenges young people face when they do not have safe spaces to ask questions or access reliable information to guide them.

“Previously we would have a number of issues such as school drop-outs, early marriages and pregnancies, and sexually transmitted infections. These issues did not just affect health — they disrupted education, limited opportunities and made it harder for our young people to plan for the future.”

Youth-friendly health centres like the one linked to Kaulasisi are having a huge impact. “Learners are able to avoid early marriages, early pregnancies, and know how to prevent infections including HIV and AIDS. The work is also helping learners build confidence and practical life skills. Through activities such as planting sweet potatoes, bananas, mangoes and guavas, young people are also learning ways to generate income to support their daily needs and their education.”



Community Education

-  Temwa's Early Childhood Development Project has reached the end of its first phase - 30 have been established in the last 3 years, enrolling over 2,500 young children
-  In the last 6 months, Temwa focused on strengthening centre management and caregiver support, as well as ensuring resource mobilisation strategies so that communities can run the centres effectively after Temwa's involvement ends
-  Temwa has also been preparing to extend the project to 30 new ECD Centres in Nkhata Bay West, increasing Temwa's reach beyond Nkhata Bay North for the first time
-  25 Bursary Students have thrived, with 24 passing their end of term secondary school exams

**86% of the ECD
Centres fully
operational over
last 6 months**

**90% of children
from ECD centres
now transitioning
into primary school,
compared to 60%
in 2023**

**8 Bursary
Students
graduated, having
sat for MSCEs
(equivalent to
GCSEs)**

**Nearly 1,000 visits
to community
library recorded
in the last 6
months**

Community Story

When communities in Kananda and Mwendela villages struggled to access under-five clinics due to the long distance to Bula, the local Health Surveillance Assistant (HSA) worked with parents and community leaders to find a solution. Parents were encouraged to enrol their children at Chisomo ECD Centre so they could benefit from both early learning opportunities and easier access to health services.

The response was immediate, with enrolment increasing by 30% as families recognised the value of bringing education and healthcare together. The community also demonstrated strong ownership of the initiative by constructing a shed at the centre to host clinic activities, creating a dedicated space for children and caregivers. By integrating health and ECD services, access to essential healthcare improved, participation in early childhood education increased, and community engagement strengthened.

Elina Kauni, caregiver at Chisomo, has witnessed a huge improvement in parent involvement. She says "parents now recognise the importance of early intervention in education and can send their children to preschool without worrying about the cost of learning materials."



Thank You!

Temwa is so grateful for the generous support of all our donors and partners towards our work in Nkhata Bay North. It is thanks to this support that Temwa can continue helping empower these remote communities.