

A note from our Finance and Administration Manager

Passion and team work has assisted the institutions to grow stronger.

I would like to appreciate the passion and team work which our team has shown throughout the period we have worked this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic that has distorted the normal way of operating.

My thanks also go to members of staff for continuing to follow COVID-19 guidelines seriously. My plea is that we should continue taking precautionary measures because *COVID-19 is real so lets stay safe.*

I also encourage our team to continue with networking and collaborations with other stakeholders so that we achieve our intended goals.

Take time to visit our website and get an insight of what we do on www.chrrmw.org



Mr Hieronimo Mkhwimba

Partnership Activities Stephen Lewis Foundation

With support from Stephen Lewis Foundation, our project team distributed Personal Protective Equipment to support groups of women living with HIV and AIDS for use within their communities as they fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

PPE beneficiaries are from Salima and Lilongwe District under:

- T/A Kalolo of Namitete
- T/A Chiseka of Mitundu
- T/A Kombeza of Salima
- T/A Kalonga of Salima



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OXFAM in Malawi

COVID-19 is still a pandemic and we should continue to carry out all preventive measures to contain the spread of the virus. Under our Universal Health Coverage Project our team trained the Health Advisory Management committees and Accountability Committees on health related issues and COVID-19 in T/A Kyungu's community of Karonga.

Our project team collected data from various health centres in Karonga district under the Health Governance Project investigating drug availability in these key health centres.



Both Ends Foundation

The community under T/A Kalonga of Salima share their grievances over the Salima Solar project impact to their community during an interface meeting with our project team and International Accountability Project (IAP) with support from Both Ends . Addressing the community is Elias Jika from International Accountability Project. The project is funded by Both Ends Foundation.

With continued dialogue with the project sponsors and implementing partners, a representative from World Bank was tasked to investigate, intervene and resolve matters arising between the community and implementing partners.



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Power to Youth

Consortium partners Amref Health Malawi, CHRR, CYECE, MHRRC, Youth Wave and Malawi SRHR Alliance who are implementing Power to Youth project officially launched the project within the district of Machinga and Dedza. The launch events were graced by our industry support partners, Plan Malawi, FAWEMA and Southern Africa Aids Trust, District Executive Committee members in both districts. The project is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Part of our staff received training on Advocacy conducted by Sonke Gender Justice. The extensive training stretched over three days, equipping our project officers with the necessary tools to conduct their work as Power to Youth project commences.



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Commonwealth Foundation

Our project team introducing a Commonwealth Foundation funded project to the District Executive Committee and Health Management technical working groups. The project title is Strengthening Community Involvement and Access to Relevant COVID-19 Information in Malawi.



The primary target group for this project are vulnerable groups that is People Living With Disability (visual and hearing impairment) and People Living With HIV and AIDS. The project will be implemented in Salima District and Lilongwe District.



William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Our project team in conjunction with Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC), organized a virtual review meeting under the project title from: Disclosure to Impact: Deepening and Broadening Open Contracting, to learn what has been done to-date, including successes and challenges following a training that was held on April 28 and 29, 2021 that aimed at building capacity of CSO members on information requesting and contract monitoring.

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Royal Norwegian Embassy

One of our key objectives is to support the rights of all minority groups. With support from RNE, our project team has been working in 10 districts of Malawi where they have been exercising Protection of Minority Rights.



Our project is being implemented within the districts highlighted below:

- Chitipa
- Karonga
- Nkhatabay
- Salima
- Dedza
- Machinga
- Mangochi
- Blantyre
- Chikwawa
- Mulanje



Local Authorities procurement transparency and accountability

Our project officer's have been intensively involved in the planning sessions for a project titled: 'Engaging citizens to improve transparency and accountability in local authority procurement', an initiative that will be led, owned and implemented by a coalition of interested stakeholders with support from a program called Traction.

Traction is a new type of donor-funded project, being politically-smart, locally-led and adaptive. Traction tackles solvable elements of problems that constrain economic growth and public service delivery. Traction does this by enabling the stakeholders in each Issue Based Project to form coalitions that collectively are able to find resources and implement agreed activities.

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SRHR Alliance

#SRHRforWomenIsaMust: we took part in the SADC Africa Gender Protocol Alliance and National SRHR Partners summit.

Our project team took time to review SRHR issues within Malawi and also review commitments that Malawi made with regards to SRHR issues that feed into the UPR reporting process.



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August–September Press Releases *(full details available on our website www.chrrmw.org)*

- ⇒ CHRR calls for a forensic probe into the ‘mysterious’ Bill scandal
- ⇒ Concerns over impunity for witchcraft accusations based killings
- ⇒ Urgent call for removal of National ID requirement for people to access COVID-19 vaccines *(Key achievement as National ID's are no longer a requirement for COVID-19 vaccination access)*
- ⇒ An urgent call to repeal laws that contradict the Access to Information Act in Malawi

Newspaper article links and Panel discussions

- ◆ <https://www.nyasatimes.com/chrr-calls-for-a-forensic-probe-into-the-mysterious-bill-scandal/>
- ◆ <https://www.nyasatimes.com/public-officers-tactically-shunning-ati-implementation/>
- ◆ https://malawi24.com/2021/08/18/chrr-calls-for-removal-of-national-id-requirement-for-people-to-access-covid-19-vaccines/?_e_pi_=7%2CPAGE_ID10%2C1845871232
- ◆ <https://www.nyasatimes.com/chrr-calls-for-removal-of-national-id-mandatory-requirement-to-access-covid-19-vaccines/>
- ◆ <https://allafrica.com/stories/202108190294.html> (Public Officers Tactically Shunning Ati Implementation)
- ◆ <https://www.nyasatimes.com/chrr-accuses-mdas-of-frustrating-implementation-of-ati-act/>
- ◆ <https://africabrief.substack.com/p/chrr-engages-salimalilongwe-health?justPublished=true>
- ◆ <https://www.maravipost.com/malawis-renowned-human-rights-activist-undule-mwakasungula-swiftly-calls-for-action-on-mob-justice-cases/>
- ◆ <https://www.zodiakmalawi.com/nw/national-news/65-news-in-central-region/3885-lgbtis-laments-over-chakwera-s-silence-on-same-sex-marriages>
- ◆ <https://investigativeplatform-mw.org/2021/09/20/beaten-to-the-underground/>

