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Executive Director's Note...



with MacBain Mkandawire

Dear Readers

We are already in March 2025 and so far a lot has already happened in Malawi, particularly with the increasing silent devaluation of the Malawi kwacha. Vendors have taken to the streets to engage members of parliament regarding the prices of Kaunjika business. This movement ultimately led to the Minister of Trade's dismissal, as we saw the next day that he was fired. One fundamental question arises: Did the Minister of Trade cause the changes in commodity prices? We have witnessed numerous cases related to foreign exchange scarcity and fuel, as well as court battles where the government controls prices while companies struggle to survive.

We have seen Police and other government officials invading Lilongwe in search of foreign exchange, as intelligence indicates that some business persons are holding forex in their homes. We observe all these issues but we seem to have no clear understanding of the problem. We believe it's important for those involved in monetary policies to seriously advise the government on what the issue is. We likely need serious think tanks at the Reserve Bank and the Ministry of Finance to revisit our monetary policies. Quick-fix solutions will not help this country.

As we approach the 2025 General Elections, we are increasingly concerned about the disturbing scenes unfolding in our country, particularly those involving our men in uniform. The incident in Machinga must be unequivocally condemned. We cannot condone violence in any form. The video footage from Machinga reveals that children and young people heavily participated in these actions, which exposes them to a life of violence and conflict. The images they witness will have lasting effects in their minds, and we do not want this cycle of violence to continue. We must take decisive action to put a stop to it.

Stakeholders, Gender activists, Civil Society Organization (CSO) leaders, and Government representatives are meeting in New York for the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. This year's event is particularly significant as it coincides with the 30 years anniversary of the Beijing Conference and Plan of Action. The meeting will review progress towards the plan of action. As a country, we need to assess our progress with the plan.

We wish you happy reading

THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

By Davie Msumba

In the shades of survival, we flee,
The whistle of bullets and cries of the
weak,

Yet YONECO's voice sets us free,
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That dignity and justice are worth
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YONECO Conducts Life Skills Session at Mponda Primary School in Zomba



Insert: Field Officer for Tithandizane Helpline Services engaging with the learners during the session.

The Tithandizane National Helpline officers organized a life skills session at Mponda Primary School in Zomba district, focusing on self-awareness, confidence-building, and decision-making.

During the session, students learnt about self-awareness, which involves understanding one's thoughts, emotions, motivation, strengths and

weaknesses. They also explored how these factors influence behavior and interactions with others. Through interactive discussions and activities, the learners discovered practical ways to improve self-awareness, boost confidence, and make better decisions in their daily lives.

A total of 344 learners (222 boys and 122 girls) participated.

YONECO Reaches Mulunguzi Primary School Learners with Life Skills Session



Insert: Mulunguzi Primary School learners captured here during the life skills session in Zomba district.

On 29th January 2025, YONECO conducted a life skills session at Mulunguzi Primary School in the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Mwambo in Zomba district.

The session aimed to promote positive behaviors and relationships among learners. The facilitators focused on how young people can avoid negative peer pressure, respecting other people's rights, the dangers of drug and substance

abuse and how to establish strong and positive relationships.

The Deputy Head Teacher of the school requested YONECO continue to conduct regular sessions to reinforce positive behaviors and life skills, as well as to provide ongoing support for learners in reaching their goals.

A total of 654 learners (301 males and 353 females) participated.



YONECO in collaboration with Community Focus Organization (COFO) collaborated to conduct a session on Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP) with members of Chikwawa Police Youth Club.

The session was organized to empower the young participants to actively engage in discussions and decision-making processes that impact them.

During the session, participants were equipped with essential leadership skills, including effective communication, decision-making, conflict resolution, and team building.

The training empowered the participants to take a proactive role in community activities, ensuring their perspectives are included in all development initiatives.

The youth expressed their gratitude for the timely engagement, stating they learned valuable information previously unknown to them, which would enhance their capabilities and potential.

YONECO, COFO TRAINS CHIKWAWA YOUTH IN MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Empowering Futures in Phalombe Through Role Modelling and Career Guidance



Insert: Students at Mpatsa Secondary School captured here during one of the role modelling and counselling sessions in the district.

On February 14th and 16th, YONECO partnered with CAVWOC (Centre for Alternatives for Victimized Women and Children) to conduct role modelling and career guidance sessions for children receiving bursaries from CAVWOC. The goal of these sessions was to inspire students and provide them with the knowledge and motivation to navigate their educational paths and future careers.

The initiative targeted three schools: Mpatsa CDSS, Holy Family CDSS, and Michesi Secondary School, reaching a total of 123 students, including 81 females and 42 males.

During the sessions, students were encouraged to work hard in their studies and set clear, achievable goals. Role models, including a nurse, a police

officer, and representatives from YONECO and Cavwoc, shared their personal stories and career journeys. They emphasized the importance of perseverance, hard work, and education as keys to unlocking opportunities. Hearing these firsthand accounts inspired students to envision their own potential.

The sessions also featured interactive discussions, allowing students to ask questions and engage directly with the role models.

In addition to career guidance, YONECO took the opportunity to promote its Tithandizane toll-free lines during the sessions.

YONECO Conducts Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness Session at Islamic High School



Insert: Tithandizane Helpline Services field officer engaging with the students during the awareness session.

The Tithandizane National Helpline Services officers organized a drug and substance abuse awareness session at Islamic High School in Zomba District. The session aimed to educate students about the types, effects, and risks of drug abuse, as well as coping mechanisms. It also sought to raise awareness about the consequences of drug abuse on health, academics, and future prospects, while equipping students with skills to resist peer pressure and make informed decisions.

A total of 328 students (142 male, 186 female) participated in the session. Using interactive methods such as presentations and group discussions, the officers engaged the students and encouraged them to ask questions and share their experiences related to drugs.

The session was well-received, with students expressing gratitude for the

knowledge gained and feeling more confident about making healthy choices. They particularly appreciated the interactive and engaging approach used during the session.

YONECO officers believe the session will have a positive impact on students and plan to conduct follow-up sessions in collaboration with teachers and students to promote healthy decision-making.

In conclusion, a teacher who attended the session commended YONECO for the timely intervention, noting that many students engage in such malpractices, which negatively affects their behavior and academic performance. The teacher emphasized the importance of such initiatives in supporting students and creating a healthier school environment.



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YONECO Educates Mayembe Primary School Learners on Drug Abuse



Insert: Edward Nyirenda (Standing) Field Officer for YONECO in Rumphi district interacting with the learners during the session.

A total of 93 standard 5 to 7 learners participated in an interactive drug and substance abuse awareness session which YONECO organized at Mayembe Primary School in Rumphi district.

The session aimed to empower young people with information to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing in relation to drug and substance abuse.

Among others, the learners identified various issues that lead them to fall into the trap of drug and substance abuse. They mentioned negative peer pressure, the influence of celebrity lifestyles portrayed on television and social media, and the need to cope with various socioeconomic challenges they face.

YONECO Field Officers conducted a group counselling session focusing on the key push factors for young people towards drug use. The learners who participated in the session were encouraged to concentrate on their studies, resist negative peer pressure, and seek help when facing challenges.

In a similar vein, YONECO also conducted a similar activity at Namilango Primary School in the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Mchinjiri in Blantyre.

In the two sessions, facilitators shared YONECO's toll-free Youth Helpline (393) and the Drug and Substance Abuse Helpline (6600). The students were also made aware of various institutions and spaces where they can get help on mental health as well as drug and substance abuse.

Raising Awareness on Child Exploitation and Illegal Mining in Zomba

YONECO, through YFM's *Lekeleni Mwanayu* radio program, held an awareness session with the Destiny Women Group in T/A Chikowi, Zomba, to educate the community about Child Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism.

During the session, it was revealed that illegal mining activities in the area have increased, putting children and young girls at risk of abuse.

To help protect children, the women promised to spread awareness and suggested forming groups for children and youth. These groups would teach them about their rights and keep them engaged in positive activities, reducing their involvement in harmful behaviors.

So far, local authorities have not commented on the illegal mining issue.

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Shaping Future Generations

YONECO conducted awareness sessions on life skills for development at Isharikira and Kasyololo primary schools in Chitipa district. These sessions were aimed at helping children develop the tools and abilities they need to face life's challenges confidently and resiliently.

During the sessions, students learned important skills that will help them succeed in the future, even when facing difficult situations. The focus was on practical life skills, and the sessions included interactive activities that created a supportive environment for learning. This approach aims to empower children to become capable and confident individuals.

A total of 301 learners participated in the sessions, with 69 boys and 242 girls attending.

Through these sessions, YONECO believes that these learners will be equipped with essential life skills that will help them navigate life's challenges more effectively.



Insert: Field Officer for Chitipa district Chancy Kumwenda engaging with the learners at Kasyololo Primary School in the district.

YONECO Strengthens Capacity of Helpline Counsellors in AAP



Insert: YONECO staff together with the Executive Director posing for a group photo. Bottom: Counsellors during breakaway group sessions

YONECO conducted a comprehensive capacity strengthening exercise for the Tithandizane Helpline Services staff in humanitarian response with a particular focus on the component of Accountability to Affected Population (AAP).

YONECO’s Tithandizane Helpline Services Department provides crucial support to individuals in crisis, ensuring that the assistance offered to individuals and communities is effective and responsive.

During the training exercise, counselors participated in activities that were designed to deepen their understanding of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), which is a critical component of humanitarian response.

YONECO conducted a comprehensive capacity strengthening exercise for the Tithandizane Helpline Services staff in humanitarian response with a particular focus on the component of Accountability to Affected Population (AAP).

The session was conducted under the Malawi Drought Response Project which is being implemented with financial support from the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO). This project is being implemented by a consortium of eight partners: Care Malawi, Act Alliance, CADECOM, Eagle’s Relief and Development Programme International, FOCCAD, Save the Children, Self Help Africa, and YONECO.



Tithandizane Helpline Raises GBV Awareness in Njonjo Village



Insert: Tithandizane Helpline Services officers seen here posing for a group photo with members of Destiny Women after the session.

On February 18, 2025, YONECO's Tithandizane National Helpline Services held a meeting in Njonjo Village, Zomba District, to teach people about gender-based violence (GBV). The meeting, which was attended by 11 women, was in the area led by Traditional Authority Malemia.

The goal of the meeting was to make people more aware of GBV and to help women gain the strength to promote equality between men and women. During the meeting, those attending talked about what GBV is, what causes it, and how it hurts people, families, and communities. They spoke about how it affects health, mental well-being, and development.

The discussion focused on different kinds of GBV, like physical, emotional, and financial abuse. When talking about sexual violence, the women asked if it is abuse when a husband forces his wife to have sex, even if she is sick. They were told that it is indeed a form of abuse and were encouraged to report such

incidents to marriage counselors, the police, or YONECO for help.

Other problems that came up during the meeting included the issue of children misbehaving, which can lead to GBV. The women said that husbands often don't support the family and blame the mother for the children's behavior. The participants were told they could seek advice from YONECO and the Social Welfare office on how to raise their children better.

The women who attended the meeting said they found it very helpful and that it opened their eyes to the issue. They asked YONECO to continue holding these GBV awareness sessions regularly.

YONECO officers also shared the national toll-free numbers people can call to report different types of abuse and get counseling and guidance: 5600 (GBV), 116, 6600, and 393.

YONECO Applauds Khama Lipindula SLV for Outstanding Achievements



Insert: Members from YONECO and DCDO engaging with members of Khama Lipindula Savings and Loans Group during the monitoring exercise.

YONECO in collaboration with the Chikwawa District Community Development Office (DCDO), conducted a monitoring visit to the Khama Lipindula Savings and Loans Group (SLG) on 6 February, 2025.

Established in January 2024 under the SP-GEAR project, the group has made remarkable strides in promoting financial inclusivity and empowerment among its members, who are also beneficiaries of the Social Cash Transfer Programme (SCTP).

The SLG, comprising 25 members—18 females and 7 males—has demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination. By the end of their 2024 sharing cycle, the group managed to accumulate MK 1,500,000 in shares and profits. This notable achievement has inspired members to invest in various individual businesses, including vegetable farming and livestock rearing.

During the monitoring visit, members enthusiastically shared their short-term and long-term plans, which include purchasing essential items like bicycles and paying school fees for their children. Notably, the group has also incorporated four young people, ensuring inclusiveness and equal opportunities for all.

The YONECO team commended the group for their outstanding achievements and encouraged them to continue aiming high. They also urged members to explore bigger business ideas to foster further economic growth and development.

The success of the Khama Lipindula SLG serves as a testament to how the UNICEF-funded program is influencing community-driven initiatives and the impact of collaborative efforts in promoting financial empowerment and sustainable development for the social cash transfer beneficiaries in the district.

Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment among SCTP Beneficiaries



Insert: Some of the young people who have registered for the new skills development project in the district.

On 20 February 2025, YONECO, in collaboration with the Chikwawa District Council, held an awareness meeting with beneficiaries of the Social Cash Transfer Programme (SCTP) in Traditional Authority (T/A) Makhuwira's area in a bid to promote gender equality and empower the targeted community members.

A total of 756 beneficiaries from Tsapa, Chikuse and Chiliza clusters attended the meeting which aimed to address discriminatory norms and promote gender-transformative approaches at community level. The beneficiaries were engaged on issues about human rights and the importance of gender-sensitive decision-making at community and household levels. Additionally, participants were introduced to a new system for receiving SCTP funds, transitioning from cash-based transactions to mobile money, which enhances security and accessibility.

A key highlight of the meeting was the registration of young people aged 18 to 35—either SCTP beneficiaries or children of beneficiaries—for a new skills development project facilitated by UNICEF and TEVETA. This initiative aims to equip youth with vocational skills to improve their economic prospects.

Furthermore, the session emphasized the importance of reporting abuse at both the household and community levels. Beneficiaries were encouraged to use the Tithandizane Helpline Services toll-free helplines: 116, 5600, 6600, and 393.

This awareness initiative is expected to empower beneficiaries to challenge harmful norms, make informed decisions, and seek support when needed.

YONECO Partners with COFO to Promote Adult Literacy and GBV Awareness



Insert: Part of the group of women that participated in one of the adult literacy and GBV sessions in Chikwawa district.

YONECO, in collaboration with COFO, a Chikwawa-based nongovernmental organisation (NGO) organized a successful adult literacy session at Namalindi Primary School, attended by 20 participants (19 women and 1 man). This initiative aims to improve education and raise awareness about important social issues in the community.

The session focused on basic Chichewa studies, teaching skills like letter writing and numeracy. These skills help adults manage daily tasks more effectively, boost their confidence, and encourage community involvement. Improved literacy and numeracy also open doors for better financial management and business opportunities.

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Promoting Transparency and Accountability in ECHO Project Cash Disbursement



Insert: YONECO and Self Help Africa staff disbursing cash to beneficiaries in Machinga district.

In Machinga district, YONECO, in partnership with Self Help Africa, began the long-awaited cash disbursement for beneficiaries under the ECHO project in TA Mchinguza and Mizinga. A total of 470 beneficiaries received K185,000 each, covering payments for January and February, with a final payment planned for March. This initiative aims to provide food support to families impacted by drought and poor harvests.

Miriam Amidu, one of the beneficiaries, expressed her gratitude, stating that the funds would help her buy food for her family, as she had nothing at home.

To ensure transparency and accountability, suggestion boxes were placed at the disbursement centers, allowing beneficiaries to share their concerns or feedback. YONECO also made its toll-free helpline numbers—116, 5600, 6600, and 393—available for additional support or reporting issues.

While the process was smooth for most, a few challenges arose. Five beneficiaries did not receive their payments due to issues with mobile alert messages, and nine others needed SIM card swaps to access their funds. FDH agents on-site provided assistance, ensuring all beneficiaries could receive their payments.

YONECO Joins Regional Efforts to Improve GBV Reporting and Data Use in SADC



Insert: Some of the participants captured here during the 4-day regional workshop in South Africa.

The SADC Strategy and Framework of Action for Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) emphasizes the need for better GBV data and information to support evidence-based policies and programs. The strategy focuses on generating and managing accurate, timely, and reliable data to effectively combat GBV.

For the past three years, SADC member states have been reporting on GBV annually using a set of specific indicators. To strengthen these efforts, the SADC Secretariat, with financial support from GIZ and UN Women, hosted a 4-day regional workshop at Capital Hotel in South Africa. The workshop, which was aimed at enhancing the capacity of member states in GBV reporting and improve the annual GBV reporting framework.

During the workshop, UN Women Deputy Country Representative Hazel Gooding highlighted the importance of collaboration across sectors to address gaps in GBV data reporting.

Key challenges include issues with data accuracy, segregation, duplication, the use of different data collection tools, and the failure of some sectors to submit their reports.

The workshop also provided a platform to discuss and share findings from an assessment of the current SADC GBV reporting framework, review proposed changes, and explore metadata associated with the framework. Additionally, participants also discussed the Africa Shared Research Agenda and priorities, focusing on how research can strengthen GBV advocacy and prevention efforts.

The event brought together 60 participants from various sectors, including gender departments, police, health, National Statistics Offices, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Malawi is represented by officials from YONECO, the Police, and the Ministry of Gender.

This workshop highlighted the region's commitment to improving GBV data collection and reporting, ultimately contributing to more effective policies and programs to address gender-based violence.

YONECO and South Lunzu Police VSU Strengthen Collaboration for Community Safety

YONECO officers from Blantyre held a crucial meeting with the Victim Support Unit (VSU) at South Lunzu Police Station. The meeting aimed to enhance collaboration and coordination between the two institutions to address critical issues affecting Machinjiri and surrounding communities.

During the discussions, both parties explored ways to work together to tackle community challenges and promote a safer environment. A key outcome of the meeting was the agreement to establish a strong working relationship between YONECO and the VSU. To facilitate this, a WhatsApp group will be created for regular updates and information sharing.

This partnership will allow both organizations to leverage their strengths, expertise, and resources to better serve the community. By working together, YONECO and the South Lunzu Police VSU aim to improve support for victims, address safety concerns, and foster a more secure and supportive environment for all.



Insert: YONECO field officers and South Lunzu Police station staff during the interface meeting.



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YONECO Conducts SRHR Awareness Session for Destiny Women in Zomba



Insert: Tithandizane Helpline Services officers seen here engaging with the women on SRHR issues.

YONECO, through the Tithandizane National Helpline Services, organized an awareness session on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for members of the Destiny Women group at GVH Mainuka in TA Chikowi, Zomba. The session aimed to provide the women with essential knowledge about SRHR and encourage them to actively engage in and advocate for their rights.

During the discussions, the women learned about their rights, including access to sexual health services, the right to give informed consent for medical treatments, and the right to privacy regarding their health information. The session also focused on empowering the women to make informed decisions about their bodies,

which can help reduce maternal deaths, prevent sexually transmitted infections (STIs), fight discrimination, and promote gender equality. Additionally, SRHR enables individuals to plan their families, continue their education, and improve their economic stability.

A total of 16 women participated in the session. To ensure ongoing support, the toll-free helpline numbers—116, 5600, 6600, and 393—were shared with the participants for access to confidential assistance and resources.

The initiative highlighted YONECO's commitment to empowering women through education and advocacy on critical health and rights issues.

Joining Forces for Environmental Management



Insert: Some of the district stakeholders sweeping the streets during the clean-Up campaign in the district.

The Environmental Management Act of Malawi (2017) aims to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. The Act establishes environmental standards and outlines how to manage and control pollution and other environmental issues.

One key provision encourages public participation, emphasizing that the roles and responsibilities for environmental management lie in the hands of every individual. To ensure adherence to this provision, YONECO in Ntcheu collaborated with other stakeholders in the district during a Clean-Up campaign organized by the District Council.

The campaign aimed to clean specific areas in the district and addressed

various types of pollution, including litter, plastic waste, and other refuse. It has been noted with regret that users of public spaces often litter indiscriminately, contributing to pollution that can lead to disease outbreaks. This initiative has raised awareness about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in homes, institutions, and public places.

YONECO is committed to contributing to the district's aspirations for a clean and healthy environment.

FAO and YONECO Promote Forest and Landscape Restoration in Ntcheu Schools



Insert: Members of Gumbu Primary School Environmental Club posing with FAO, YONECO and Department of Forest staff after the visit.

FAO, in collaboration with the Department of Forest, visited Gumbu Primary School’s environmental club, one of the 14 schools under the Mpira Dam catchment area in Ntcheu. YONECO is implementing the Forest and Landscape Restoration project in these schools, with funding from FAO. The visit aimed to assess the project’s impact and progress.

During the interaction, learners from the environmental club demonstrated their commitment and knowledge of forest and landscape restoration. They confidently answered questions about the project and its interventions, showcasing their understanding and dedication.

With support from the school management, the club purchased and planted 34 umbrella trees as a starting point. Each club member is responsible for nurturing

their own tree, promoting the "Me and My Tree" initiative.

The learners proudly used the slogan, "Gumbu Primary School! Me and my tree will grow together," which impressed the visitors and highlighted the students’ commitment to environmental conservation.

FAO and the Department of Forest commended the tree-planting efforts and pledged continued support to achieve the project’s goals of restoring forests and landscapes in the area.

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40-YEAR-OLD MAN OVERCOMES ADVERSITY WITH THE SP-GEAR PROJECT



Insert: Jeffrey Stephano (In white shirt) talking to YONECO Field Officer for Chikwawa while, his wife watches on.

Jeffrey Stephano is a 40-year-old father of four from Magalasi in the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Ngabu, Chikwa district whose story showcases resilience and the transformative impact of the Social Protection for Gender Equality and Resilience (SP-GEAR) Project.

Before the interventions of the SP-GEAR Project, Jeffrey and his family faced significant challenges. With limited resources, they struggled daily to meet basic needs and ensure their children received an education. However, things began to change when Jeffrey became a beneficiary of the SP-GEAR Project.

With the project's support, Jeffrey received cash transfers that provided the financial assistance necessary to improve his family's life. Through careful planning and determination, he invested the funds in livestock, proudly purchasing four chickens and a large goat worth K95,000. This investment not only ensured a steady source of food but also became a valuable asset for future income generation.

Jeffrey's commitment to enhancing his family's living conditions did not stop there. Upon receiving his third cash transfer, he took a significant step toward improving their home. He used the funds to construct a sturdy floor in their house, creating a safer and more comfortable environment for his family.

Stephano's journey is an outstanding example of resilience, hard work, and the transformative power of social support programs. His success story inspires hope and demonstrates that with the right assistance, it is possible to overcome challenges and achieve lasting progress.

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