

Making Communities Resilient to Climate-Induced Health Challenges Project

Introduction

YONECO entered into a partnership with Foundation-The Sanofi Collective to address the impacts of climate change among the citizenry in Machinga and Zomba districts through a project called ***Making Communities Resilient to Climate-Induced Health Challenges***

Project Goal

The goal of the project is to strengthen the climate resilience of communities in Machinga and Zomba districts by enabling people to better prepare for, cope with, and manage the health risks posed by climate variability and change.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the project include: (i) to enhance the capacity of the community systems and structures for effective management of water and sanitation to prevent water-borne diseases and reduce infant mortality in Machinga and Zomba by November 2026; (ii) to strengthen community support systems in the provision of SRHR, mental health and family planning services for survivors of climate-induced shocks and impacts in Zomba and Machinga by November 2026; and (iii) to improve the food security, nutrition and livelihoods of 2500 households affected by climate change for better health outcomes in Machinga and Zomba districts by November 2026.

Key Activities

1. Strengthening the local community disaster preparedness groups and structures such as VHC, VCPC, ACPC, SMC, VCAC, water point committees and AEC
2. Conducting quarterly review meetings with trained health workers and CBDAs
3. Supporting District Health Management Team meetings
4. Training of Health Workers and CBDAs on climate induced health challenges with 40 participants
5. Conducting awareness campaigns on climate induced health challenges