

2020

Annual Performance Report



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Message from the Board



We are pleased to share you our performance results for the year 2020. We understand it was a tough and challenging year owing to the uncertainty brought by Covid-19. The impact this uncertainty had on our program activities, our staff and the communities we serve cannot go unnoticed. However, the optimism and resilience we noticed in the people we serve inspired us to carry on our mission of work with more determination and confidence.

Thus, we continued to expand access to safe water for drinking, building sustainable local food systems and income for women, and promoting use of clean energy technologies for cooking. Our observations and reasoning concluded that marginalized women in Malawi now need more effective delivery of our mission of work than before owing to the social and economic restrictions brought by COVID-19 on their daily lives and communities.

In the context of Covid-19, we delivered 9 boreholes that enabled 8330 to access safe water not only for drinking but also for promoting hand-washing and personal hygiene. We are also happy to have enabled 307 families to produce their own home-grown nutritious food through the Gardens for Food and Income for Women. At the same time, we empowered 20 women to manufacture smokeless stoves, 15 women to start making a very affordable soap for personal hygiene. Not least, we partnered with the local health center extension workers, village clinics to train and share critical messages for preventing the spread of Covid-19 that reached out to 20 villages with a population of 7560.

We owe our 2020 achievements to the time, efforts and resources that our partners and stakeholders shared and entrusted in us. We would like to thank our funders for the year: Vibrant Village Foundation, Roddenberry Foundation, Rockflower Inc., NGO Kwasa-Kwasa and ViiV Health Care. Not least, we would also like to thank our local partners; traditional leaders, the people we serve(women and men) , the Government of Malawi, FOCOLD and our dedicated staff.

On behalf of the board of Footsteps Africa, I wish you all the best success in the coming year of 2021.

Board Chairperson;

Olive Mwenifumbo



Our Mission of Work

To empower women to access and control clean water resources for building their health and productive lives



The Incremental Value of Community Water

Who are we and Where We Operate

Footsteps Africa is a local organization in Malawi incorporated in the year of 2016 and registered under the NGO Board Act as a not-for profit local organization in Malawi with a registration number: NGO/L/017/021

We are in Panthunzi Sustainability Centre in Kabula Blantyre district. We operate across Malawi focusing our work to transform women's lives in dryland communities with limited access to safe drinking water, income, food and clean energy.

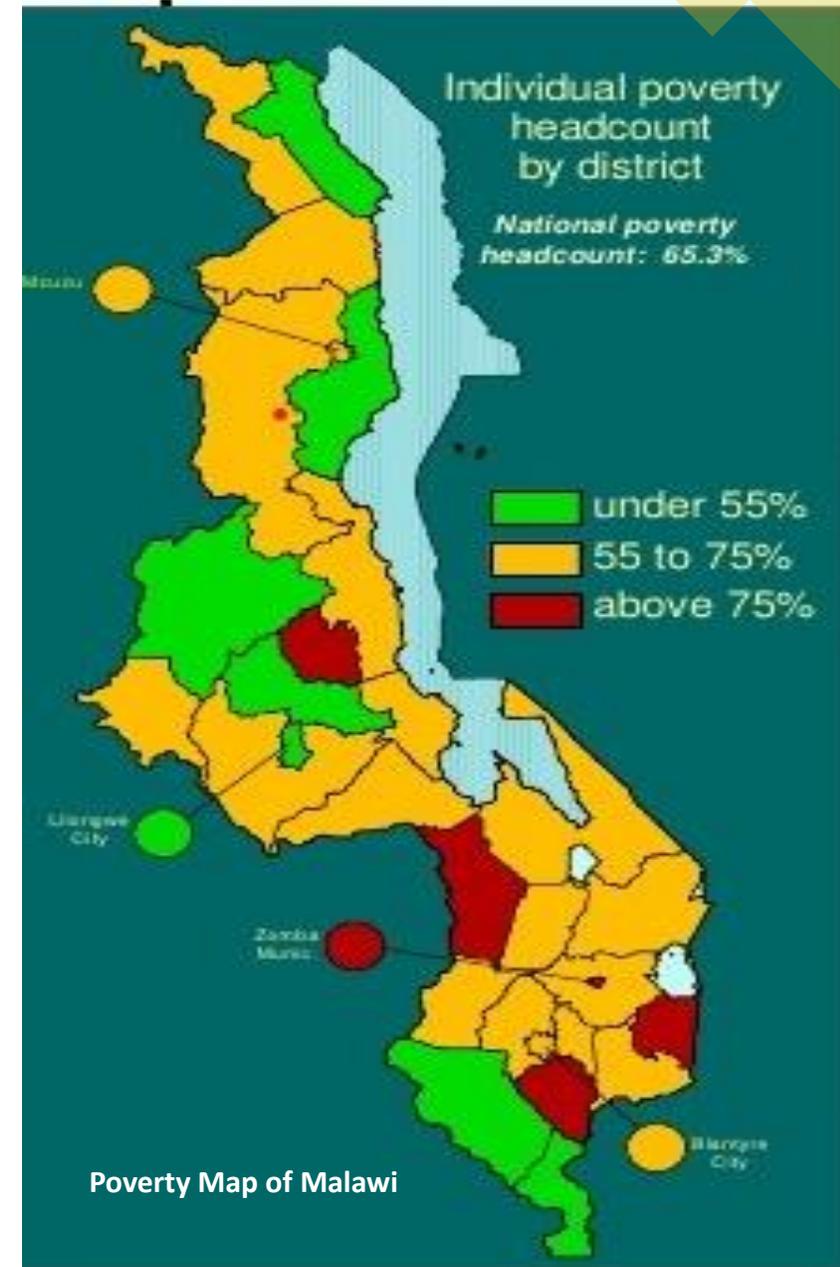
We are an innovative and accountable organization, and we are continuously improving to share more evidence of our work to our partners and audiences.

We are led by a strong team of qualified and accountable sustainable development practitioners. Our organization Director, Mr. Twisiwile Tim-Wise Mwaighogha (Team and Strategy Lead) is a former World Bank Global Scholar with an MA in Sustainable Development studies.

Learn more about Footsteps Africa at:

<https://footstepsafricamw.org>

<https://www.instagram.com/footsteps.africa/>



Community Impact 2020

Water for Community Health

Drilled **9** Boreholes

8330 FAMILY MEMBERS

are now accessing safe and clean drinking water in Maseya, Jombo and Jalawe villages

Trained **8** local water mechanics to sustainably maintain the boreholes

Reduced women's walking distance to collect water by

70%



Gardens for Food and Income for Women



175 women trained in regenerative agriculture; bio-fertilizer, manure making, zero tillage, crop diversification, mulching and borehole garden design that conserve run off water.

Distributed hybrid seed to 175 women that included; lettuce, eggplants, Okra, Spinach, Pepper, onions, and Tomatoes and Cabbage

75 Home Gardens for Food and Income for Women established

5 Borehole Gardens for Food and Income increases income for 56 women members

307 families provided high-yielding corn-seed

307 families Increased food production capacities



Community Impact

Building Financial Assets, & Income for Women

- **307** unbanked women organized and trained in village banking
- **MK 5,338,000** savings mobilized and shared by 31st December 2020 across 20 Village Banks
- **MK7,300,000**, value of loans was repaid by 307 village banks members
- **15** women increased income through making of soap as a business
- **80** small-scale businesses created/strengthened with village bank loans
- Organized **2** Farmers Market days that empowered women to access organized city markets for farm produces



Clean Cooking for Off-Grid Households

Trained **20** off-grid women to start producing Rocket Stoves as a clean energy business for women

Shared messages on the benefits of clean cooking to **1230** off-grid families



Preventing Gender Based Violence among vulnerable girls and teenage mothers (AGEPEM)

- We are working with vulnerable girls and teenage mothers to challenge GBV and its negative impact on the economic, social and health lives of girls and teenage mothers
- We have educated 3780 vulnerable girls in positive sexuality, and dangers and risks of early marriages
- Organized vulnerable girls into 5 safe spaces where they are engaging in grassroot soccer for positive sexuality, SRHR education, counselling and peer mentoring.
- We engaged and supported 7 teenage mothers to return to school.



To prevent the spread of Covid-19, Footsteps Africa partnered with 2 local health centers to deliver the following activities:

Trained 40 COVID-19 Awareness Promoters in Covid-19 prevention messaging, correct hand washing with soap and installation of Hand-Washing Facilities

Distributed face-masks. Soap, food, and hand-washing faucet buckets to most vulnerable families at most risk of catching COVID-19.

Distributed COVID-19 prevention posters and brochures that reached out to 7560 households with correct information on Covid-19 prevention

Translated and printed key COVID-19 prevention messages into local languages and distributed them to most vulnerable populations

Trained 12 Women in village level manufacturing and marketing of affordable soap for hand washing and body hygiene

Covid-19 Response

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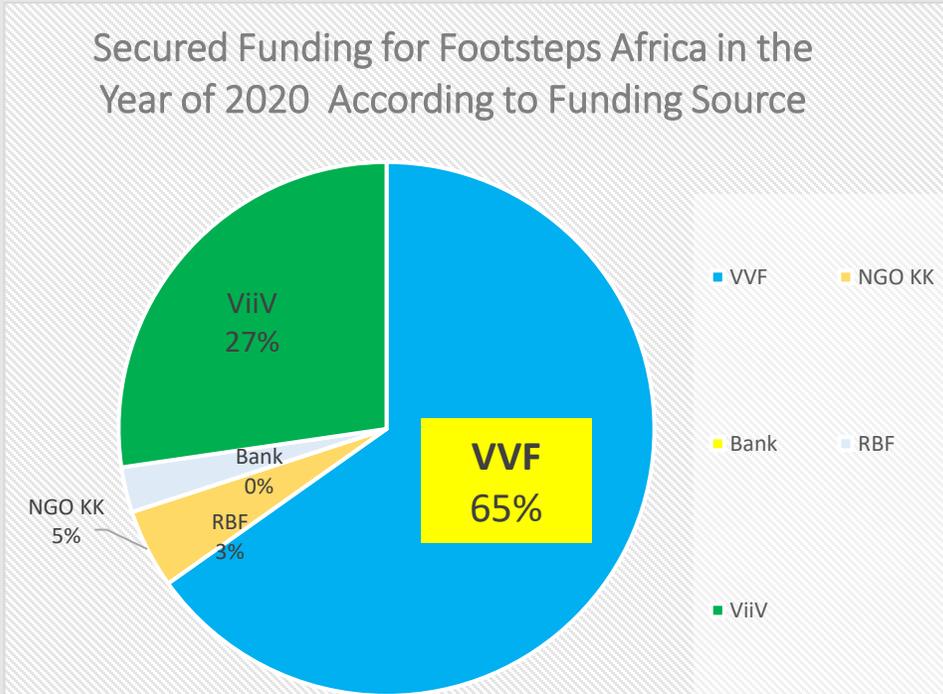
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<p>5) Tikhale panyumba ngati kuli kotheka tipewe kuyendayenda</p>	<p>Zizindikilo: Kutenthathupa – Kupweteka kwa mutu – Chifuwa chopanda makhololo komanso kubanika popuma – thupi kuphwanya</p>		



2020 Financial Report

MK56,000,000 (USD 76500) was our secured funding for the year 2020



Our Financial Year ends in December and our Auditor for the year 2020, Mak Grant and Company, will begin the independent audit of our expenditures, assets and banks statements from February 2021.

Our donors Sources for the year are:
Vibrant Village Foundation(VVF)
ViiV Health Care(ViiV)
Rodenberry Foundation (RBF)
Rockflower Foundation
NGO Kwasā Kwasā (NGOKK)

Year 2021 Planning Message from the Team and Strategy Lead

As we visualize the year ahead of us; we plan to directly impact 10000 marginalized families with our mission of work and deliver this impact innovatively and accountably. We will continue to explore the most cost effective and sustainable ways for delivering our mission to promote access to safe water for drinking, food, clean energy and income for marginalized women in the context of COVID-19, Gender inequality, Women Rights and Income poverty in Malawi

Internally we will focus our time and resources to build more transparent and efficient internal organizations systems and policies that empower our staff with greater responsibility, accountability and ownership.

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