

Habitat for Humanity Malawi's Disaster Risk, Reduction and Response (DRRR) Interventions in Chikwawa

A. Introduction

Habitat for Humanity Malawi (HFHM) is a registered non-profit Christian housing organization affiliated to Habitat for Humanity International which originated in Georgia, United States of America in 1976. HFHM was established in 1986 and is one of more than 70 international Habitat offices. Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that safe and affordable housing provides a path out of poverty, Habitat Malawi has helped over 75,000 families to access decent housing. We emphasize housing for vulnerable groups; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Disaster Risk Reduction and Response; informal vocation training; and security of land tenure.

B. HFHM Programs

HFHM runs the following programs:

- Vulnerable Group Housing (VGH):** This program is aimed at improving the living conditions of orphans, other vulnerable children (OVC) and other vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities in rural communities through the construction of decent houses and improved latrines.
- Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):** This program is aimed at improving access to inclusive and sustainable WASH both at community as well as institutional levels.
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Response (DRRR):** This program is aimed at increasing the resilience of households living in flood-prone areas by supporting and enabling them to have permanent, durable and flood resistant shelters. HFHM works with disaster affected communities to respond, prepare and adapt to disasters and empowering local communities on how they can Build Back Better and safer.
- Informal Vocational Skills Training:** which aims at contributing to increased inclusive access to equitable, sustainable informal and formal Technical, entrepreneurial, and vocational education training.
- Advocacy:** where HFHM advocates for increasing access to land and housing and promote policies and systems that increase access to decent homes by vulnerable and low-income groups in Malawi.

C. HFHM Achievements

Since 2014, HFHM achieved the following.

Strategic Focus	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Total
Vulnerable Group Housing (Houses Constructed in Dowa, Lilongwe, Salima, Mulanje, and Chikwawa)	111	89	89	180	111	127	90	34	21	852
DRRR (Houses Constructed in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Zomba and Phalombe)				1	35	25	28	285	430	804
WASH (Boreholes Constructed and HH Reached)	5	10		4	14	6	60	26		125 boreholes Reaching out to 31110 HH

D. HFHM DRRR Interventions in Chikwawa

HFHM started implementing DRRR projects in Chikwawa in 2012. Since then, HFHM has achieved the following.

- Constructed 70 disaster resilient houses in – JTIF and Kostal, 2017-2020.



Houses constructed under the JTIF funded project in Chikwawa

- Constructed 20 disaster Resilient Houses at Mphimbi in TA Makhwira with funding from UNDP (2019 – 2020).



Houses constructed in Mphimbi, TA Makhwira in Chikwawa with funding from UNDP.

- Trained more than 800 local artisans in safer house construction.
- Trained 1500 community members and VCPCS in Participatory Approach to Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) methodology.

E. HFHM Current DRRR Interventions in Chikwawa

Recently HFHM has just completed implementation of 3 different projects in Chikwawa as follows:

- Enhancing resilience of flood-prone communities in Chikwawa district, June 2020 – March 2022.
- Reconstructing communities following the devastating floods in Chikwawa district, Lloyds Charities Trust, June 2020- Dec 2021.
- Supporting flood affected communities in their recovery in Chikwawa district – Hope & Healing Canada, July 2020 – Dec 2021

F. Key ACHIEVEMENTS – ADH Project: Tomali, Frank, Samu, Maide, Chagambatuka & Jana

With funding from consortium of ADH, U.S. Habitat Affiliates, Lions Deutschland, FEG Catastrophenhilfe, Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat for Humanity Germany, HFHM Supporting flood affected target communities to access safe, improved hygiene practices, improved disaster readiness, as well as 300 extremely vulnerable households living in flood-prone areas of Chikwawa district by enabling them to have durable and flood resistant shelter and improved sanitation facilities.

Under this project, HFHM has constructed 300 disaster resilient houses for disaster affected families; Installed 4 new water points and rehabilitated 10 malfunctioning ones; Trained 600 local artisans; conducted hygiene promotions; trained 100 members of Area Civil Protection Committees (ACPC) and Village Civil Protection Committee (VCPC) in Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) methodologies.

The project was implemented from June 2020 – March 2022 in 5 communities of GVH Tomali, Frank, Samu, Maide, Chagambatuka and Jana in TA Maseya and TA Lundu.



Some of the houses constructed in GVH Frank in TA Maseya and GVH Chagambatuka in TA Makhwira in Chikwawa

Some of the house constructed in GVH Chagambatuka in TA Makhwira in Chikwawa



One of the borehole constructed in GVH Maide in TA Maseya

G. Key ACHIEVEMENTS – Lloyds Project: Bester & Nkhwazi

With funding from Lloyd's Charities Trust, HFHM constructed rescue centers for families to seek refuge during emergencies.

The project has constructed 2 Rescue Community Hubs, one at Bester and another at Nkhwazi in TA Lundu and TA Ngabu respectively. The project also reached out to 55,735 households with Build Back Better (BBB) messages.



Rescue Centre constructed in GVH Bester in TA Lundu



Nkhwazi Rescue Center in TA Ngabu

H. Key ACHIEVEMENTS – Hope & Healing Project: Mafale, Bester, Sekeni, Bangula

With funding from Hope and Healing, HFHM enhanced resilience of 14 households living in flood-prone areas of Chikwawa district by enabling them to have durable and flood resistant shelter using disaster resilient techniques.

The project constructed 14 disaster resilient houses and reached out to 604 households with BBB messages.



One of the houses constructed for one of the families with people with disabilities in GVH Sekeni in TA Lundu.



One of the households reached with BBB messages in GVH Mafale in TA Lundu



One of the households reached with BBB messages in GVH Mafale in TA Lundu

I. DEC Briefing

On 26th and 29th April, 2022, HFHM briefed Service Committee on Public Works Service Committee and District Executive Committee (DEC) on the current HFHM DRRR projects. The following are the highlights in pictures:



HFHM staff making a presentation during DEC meeting in Chikwawa.



HFHM staff making a presentation during DEC meeting in Chikwawa



Chikwawa District Council Members of Public Works Service Committee visiting HFHM DRRR project



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National Director of HFHM briefing the media after the DEC meeting in Chikwawa.

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