

AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

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OUR PURPOSE





The purpose of African Vision Malawi is to work with local communities to develop long-term, sustainable solutions to the issues affecting orphans and vulnerable people in Malawi.

We achieve this through four key strategic pillars:

Education

Healthcare

Self-sufficiency

Environment



OUR VISION

TO SEE A HEALTHY, EDUCATED, AND SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY IN MALAWI

WHERE WE WORK





We operate 35km from Malawi's capital, Lilongwe, in an area spanning 400km² with a population exceeding 60,000. Within this region, we deliver transformative support through education, sustainable agriculture, vocational skills, and vital healthcare initiatives.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK











PILLAR 1

EDUCATION

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Our education programme accounts for approximately 65% of our overall work and follows a life-cycle approach, supporting children from pre-school through to tertiary education and employment.

Malawi has a population of approximately 21 million with 85% living in rural areas as subsistence farmers. Only 38% of girls complete primary school. Currently, only 36% of learners progress to secondary school. In response, we have placed female empowerment at the heart of our mission, ensuring our initiatives actively remove the barriers to girls' education.

We currently have six education projects:

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD):

We support 13 centres, nurturing 1,035 children with the help of 43 dedicated caregivers and 4 teachers.

In partnership with the Gandys Foundation and Bobby Wyeth (UK), we maintained a year-round feeding programme across seven centres, with a critical focus on the 'hungry months' of November to March. By implementing sustainable agricultural practices at the local level, we have enabled these communities to grow their own food, transitioning from emergency support to self-sustaining nutrition.

We provided nutritious meals to an average of 280 learners three days per week. This initiative was essential in combating seasonal food insecurity, significantly improving attendance and ensuring the physical wellbeing of children.





EDUCATION

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We maintain a vibrant network of 23 UK schools partnered with 20 Malawian schools. This year's theme, "Growing," facilitated a rich cultural and resource exchange. UK representatives visited Malawi and delivered resource packs from their schools.

Thanks to substantial funding from The Mall School, we completed a dedicated administrative block and staff facilities. Twickenham Prep School addressed the regional teacher shortage by funding three staff houses, ensuring long-term educational stability. These efforts, combined with resource packs provided to all our partner schools in Malawi, ensure that both teachers and students have the environment they need to succeed.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME:

We currently support 68 students across primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. In 2024, nine of our scholars were selected for public universities, and six successfully graduated from tertiary education.





EDUCATION

HER EDUCATION MATTERS

This initiative focuses on keeping girls in school by providing essential hygiene kits and mentorship. This year, 274 girls received sanitary packs. 1,086 washable sanitary pads were made locally.

ADULT LITERACY

Operating in two centres, we provided 112 adults with literacy and life-skills training. The programme successfully facilitated the formation of three economic cooperatives. Specialising in soap production, these groups allow our adult learners to apply their new skills to generate a consistent household income.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training takes place at Sam's Village, a purpose-built training centre. We have currently trained up over 300 beneficiaries in subjects such as basic electronics, tailoring, and carpentry to name a few. The graduates leave to set up a business in their community and become self-sufficient.



SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- Feeding 500 children in ECD centres
- 304 children successfully transitioned from ECD centres into primary school.
- Over £6,000 raised by UK partner schools to fund teachers' offices, desks, and essential stationery.
- Launch of three business cooperatives (e.g., soap making) by adult literacy graduates.



PILLAR 2

HEALTH

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In a region with limited resources, our health programme accounts for a vital portion of our community support.

SEND & SAFE MOTHERHOOD:

A major milestone was reached on May 8, 2025, with the official launch of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Assessment unit at M'bang'ombe. Three interconnected centres in M'bang'ombe will make a significant difference for people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Two parent support groups were formed and 86 children with disabilities supported. This comprehensive programme provides essential support, fostering greater independence and inclusion within the community. Our thanks to Debi Peppin for funding setting up of the SEND Assessment parent support groups and to our partners Sandi Thandiza for implementing the set up of the unit.

We have significantly expanded our maternal health infrastructure with the completion of a new Safe Motherhood Unit (SMU). This facility provides a dedicated environment for antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and 'Under-5' clinics, while substantially increasing our capacity to accommodate new mothers.





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In partnership with SCOPE Malawi, we have integrated permaculture gardens into the unit, where trained local facilitators provide hands-on nutritional education. To ensure these skills translate into long-term health, The Halcrow Foundation has funded 'Nutritional Starter Packs' (including seeds and equipment) for mothers to establish home vegetable gardens.

We extend our sincere professional thanks to Aoife Donnelly for her extensive architectural design of both the SEND and SMU facilities, and to Love Support Unite and Noel Hayes for their critical funding support.







HEALTH

MOBILE OUTREACH CLINICS:

Our 10 mobile outreach clinics remain a lifeline for remote areas. This year, we saw a record-breaking 121% increase in patient attendance, providing outpatient services to over 60,000 people.

DISABILITY OUTREACH:

We hold a disability outreach each month along with the SEND assessment unit 5 days a week. In partnership with 500 Miles and MAP, we provided specialized rehabilitation and devices to 125 clients. Referrals are made to Kamuzu Central Hospital, Beit Cure, 500 Miles, MAP-Bwaila and St John of God. We thank our partners 500 Miles who support this programme. We would also like to acknowledge The London Orthotic Consultancy who regularly fund prosthetic devices and The Foundry International.

SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 62,221 patients reached through mobile clinics— nearly doubling our previous year's impact.
- Completion and launch of the Safe Motherhood Unit extension and SEND Assessment unit with specialized therapy rooms.













PILLAR 3

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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Sam's Village serves as our central eco-training hub, designed to empower the community through vocational excellence. Sam's Village is a 17-acre, self-sustaining eco-training village located in the Northwest Lilongwe District and can accommodate up to 50 trainees. Built in collaboration with the community, it has provided vocational skills in carpentry, tailoring, motorcycle repairs, tin-smithing and earth building, to name but a few, and has enabled graduates to set up their own businesses and provide for their families.

The facility serves as a hub for the local community, accommodating both a pre-school and library. AVM utilises the space for internal meetings and training workshops, while also making it available for rental to ensure the organisation's long-term sustainability.

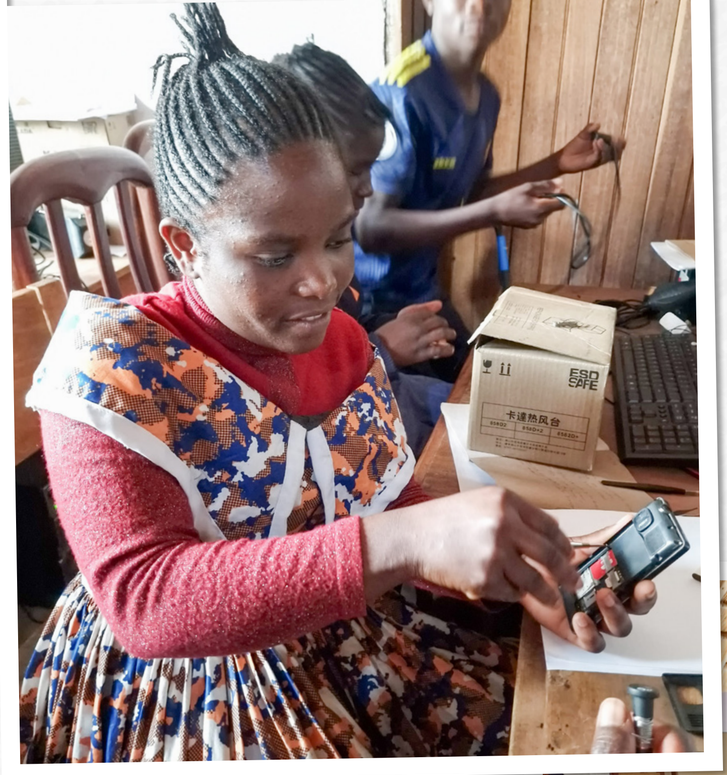
The permaculture gardens, tended by vocational training students, not only beautify the facility but also provide hands-on learning opportunities in organic agroforestry techniques. Additionally, the rear fields produce staple foods to nourish staff and trainees most of the year.

Vocational Training:

Funded by the Bloom Foundation, we successfully trained 100 students in high-demand fields: Motorbike Mechanics, Basic Electronics, and Baking.

Entrepreneurship:

Graduates received start-up toolkits, enabling them to immediately establish small businesses within their communities.





SELF-SUFFICIENCY

SUSTAINABLE NUTRITION & COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Our long-term strategy is to transition communities toward independent food production. In the 2024–2025 period, we successfully advanced this "Sustainable Feeding" model through two distinct phases:

Phase 1 (Expansion):

We expanded the initiative to four additional centres—Chipasula, M'kunkhu, Mseteza, and Funsani ECD centres. Supported by Bobby Wyeth (UK), LSU, and The Gandys Foundation.

Phase 2 (Consolidation):

The M'teza, Kafutwe, and M'gwizi ECD centres have successfully implemented their independent feeding programmes.

Empowerment through Agriculture:

these communities utilised organic farming methods to cultivate maize and soya. These harvests directly supply the porridge for the ECD centres, fostering a sense of community ownership and ensuring a reliable, long-term source of nutrition despite the challenges of irregular rainfall.

SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 98% graduation rate for our 2024-25 vocational cohort.
- Graduates are already generating consistent monthly incomes to support their families.
- Community taking ownership of ECD feeding programmes.









PILLAR 4

ENVIRONMENT

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REFORESTATION:

People in our area rely on wood for cooking and building. It is a profitable income generator, and many trees are cut down to sell. Subsistence farmers have been negatively impacted with climate change and deforestation contributes to this. Our strategic plan is to plant 10,000 trees per year with the support of Love Support Unite who fund 50% of the programme.

This year we successfully planted 10,000 trees and 1,000 bamboos across the catchment area in cemeteries (where they won't get chopped down!), villages and schools.

SUSTAINABLE FAMILY FARMS (SFF) PROGRAMME:

Our Sustainable Family Farms programme is a cornerstone of our effort to empower the most vulnerable households in our catchment area. By providing comprehensive agricultural support to families supporting multiple dependents—including orphans and the elderly—we are breaking the cycle of food insecurity.

Supported by Love Support Unite (LSU), the programme equips families with the inputs and training required to manage one hectare of land productively.
Over a two-year cycle, beneficiaries receive intensive coaching in sustainable agriculture and business management, ensuring they can not only feed their households but also generate a surplus.





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The Multiplier Effect:

The programme operates on a unique “pay-it-forward” model. The value of the initial farming inputs is repaid by the family over two years at 0% interest. These funds are then immediately reinvested to provide inputs for a new family within the same community.

Impact & Self-Sufficiency:

This initiative has enabled many families to cultivate their land successfully for the first time. The resulting income from surplus crops allows families to achieve true independence—covering essential costs such as school fees, mosquito nets, and future farming inputs without further external aid.

Food Security:

The SFF loan repayment scheme saw high success, with 110 bags of maize contributed back to the community revolving fund.

SUCCESSFUL IMPACTS:

- 11,000 trees and bamboo plants established to protect the local ecosystem.
- 85% loan repayment rate from our Sustainable Family Farm beneficiaries.





LOOKING AHEAD

STRATEGIC EVOLUTION

African Vision Malawi (AVM) is transitioning its work and partnerships to the **gold youth Development Agency (gold-youth)**, ensuring that AVM's rich legacy continues to flourish while expanding its vision for impact. Both organisations celebrate 20 years of impact this year, making the transition of AVM's work to **gold-youth** a natural and timely step.

This is not a takeover but a strengthening of AVM's legacy, building on two decades of social and relational capital to ensure long-term sustainability, wider reach, and deeper outcomes in social behaviour change, education, and job creation for young people in Malawi and beyond.

By becoming part of **gold-youth's** Africa-rooted movement, AVM's work will be amplified through a proven model that equips young people with skills, mentoring, and opportunities to become leaders who shift social norms, complete their education, and grow in economic independence. This evolution honours the past while unlocking fresh opportunities for Malawi's youth within a continental vision where all young Africans discover and live out the gold inside them. Learn more at **www.goldyouth.org.**

AVM's established health programmes will not be part of this transition. They will continue to serve the community and will now be run through our long-term partner **Love Support Unite**, in association with a local NGO in Malawi called **Unite Support Malawi (www.unitesupport.org)**

Their mission is to deliver accessible, sustainable, and compassionate healthcare to people across their catchment area – reaching over 60,000 people, including 35,000 served by M'bang'ombe Clinic.



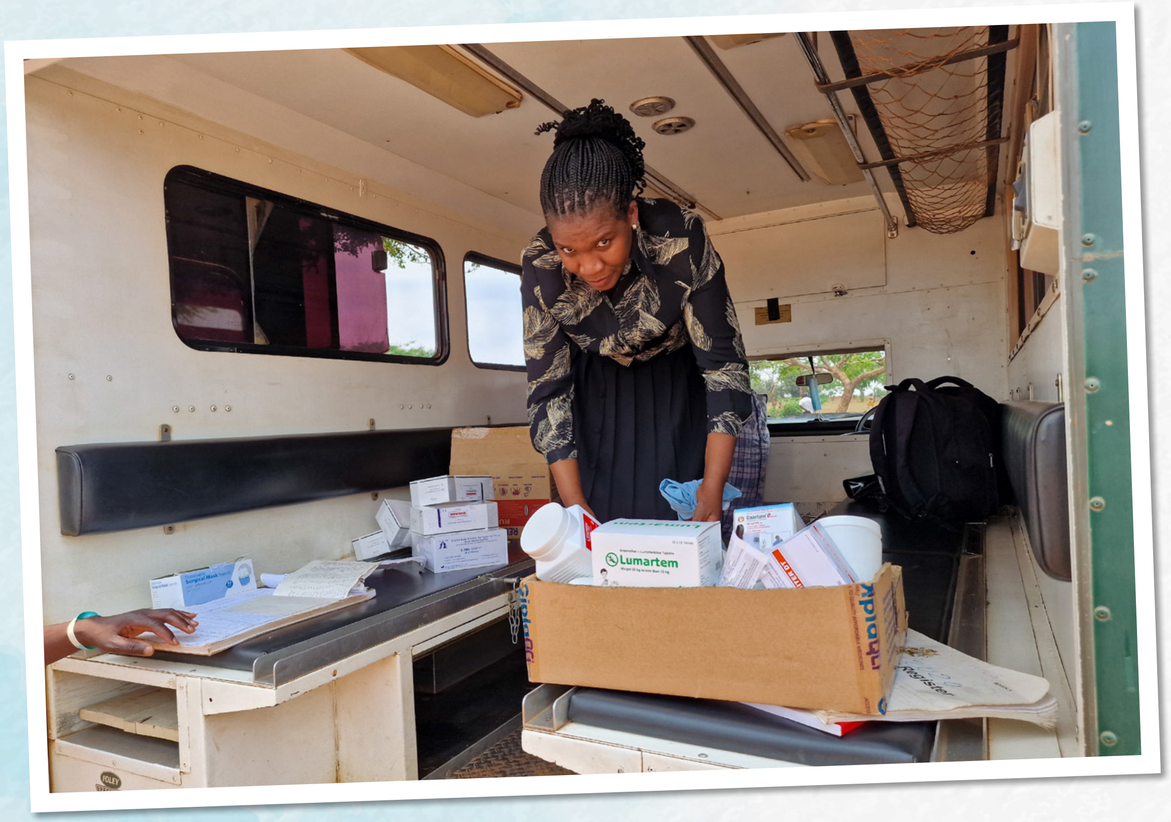


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EMPLOYEE STRUCTURE

African Vision Malawi relies on volunteers in the UK and employs 31 Malawian nationals through its local office.





THE LOCAL BASED COMMITTEES (LBCs)

In addition to our central team in Malawi, we collaborate with 14 Local Based Committees (LBCs) strategically located throughout our support area. Each LBC represents multiple villages and schools, acting as a vital link between our organization and the communities we serve.

Our 84 dedicated LBC volunteers play a crucial role in advocating for the needs and priorities of their communities. They actively participate in decision-making processes and help ensure that our projects are implemented effectively and transparently.

Each LBC is comprised of six members, including a secretary and representatives from various sectors. The secretary is typically a teacher who is fluent in both Chichewa and English. The other members represent education, healthcare, self-sufficiency, water and sanitation, and orphans & vulnerable people. A chair is appointed among these representatives to oversee the LBC's activities.

Monthly meetings are held within each LBC, where members report on their specific areas of focus. This enables us to stay informed about the challenges and opportunities facing the communities we serve and to respond accordingly.

Every 6 months we hold a 'Cluster meeting' which involves all LBC members and will have a training focus, reporting and sharing good practice.

To further strengthen our connection with the LBCs, we have four coordinators who monitor multiple centres. These coordinators facilitate regular bi-monthly meetings at Sam's Village, where AVM staff and LBC representatives discuss new initiatives and share information. This collaborative approach ensures that our efforts are aligned with the needs and priorities of the communities we serve.

MATTHEWS NELSON – Supporting Kafutwe, Chamcholo, Masiye, Lombwa centres.
SAIKOLO JIMU – Supporting Kaninga, Chibwata, Chimbalu, Mundundu centres.
ANNES BANDA – Supporting M'khalapadzuwa, Chitsime, Namanyanga centres.
BONIFACE MALEMA – Supporting M'bang'ombe, Lumbadzi, M'lumbwira centres.



THANKS

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As we look toward 2025 and beyond, African Vision Malawi is entering its most significant chapter yet. This year marks a natural and timely transition as we transfer our core operations to **gold-youth**.

While our youth and education pillars evolve with **gold-youth**, our established healthcare programmes will continue to serve the community without interruption.

We invite you to join us in this bold new direction as we scale our impact across Malawi and beyond.

Learn more at: goldyouth.org

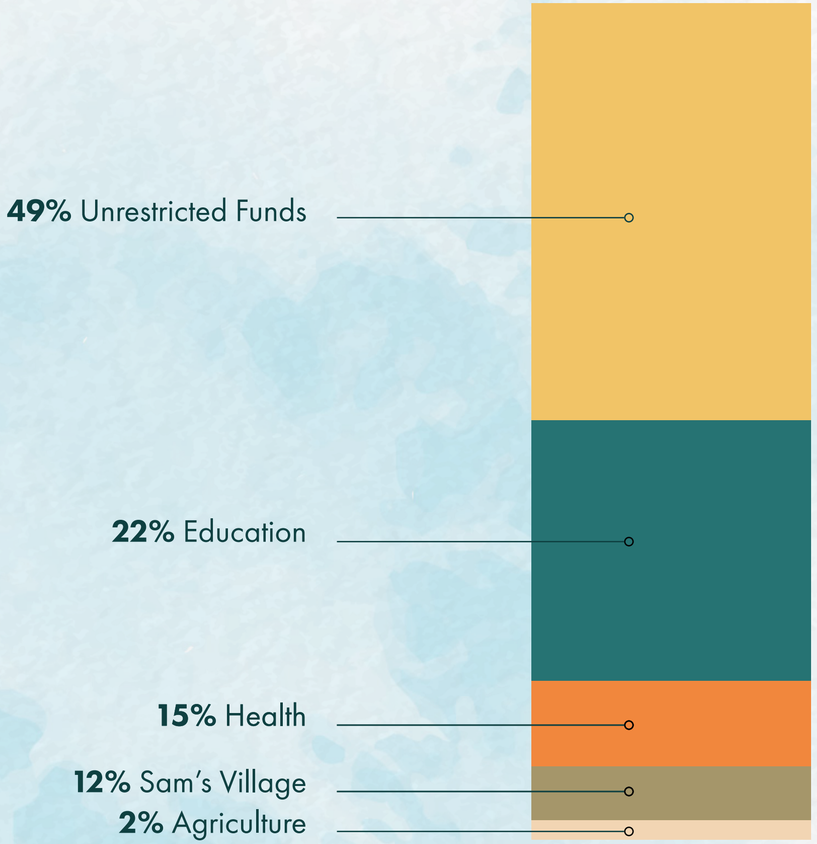
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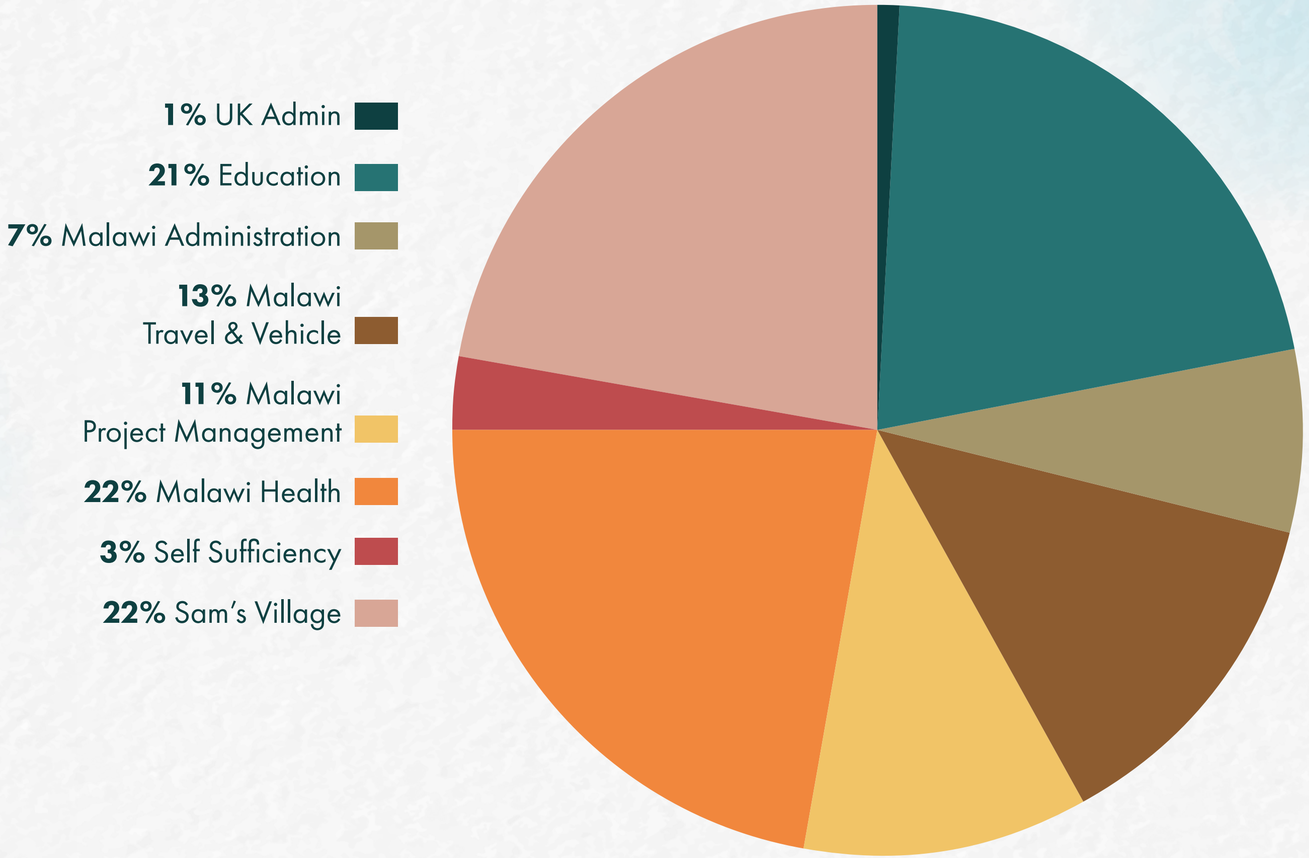
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