

SUMMARY

With support from faithful donors like you, Malawi THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) surpassed its goal of reaching 80,000 people with economic empowerment activities last fiscal year. Since then, we have continued to have great success helping communities on their journey toward self-reliance. Highlights from the first half of FY22 include:

Savings for transformation (S4T)

Through March, 16,415 savings group members had a cumulative savings of \$1,489,958, enabling them to provide food and pay school fees for their families, purchase assets like livestock, or expand their businesses. To help strengthen the sustainability of savings groups, the project held a workshop for 1,218 S4T leaders and 194 community promoters. To prepare for a transition to the next

phase of the project, we reviewed the roles and responsibilities of leaders, celebrated past achievements, and confirmed future plans for each group.

Increased incomes and resilience

Crop sales for 1,872 farmers totaled more than \$195,000, despite the continuing impact of COVID-19, cyclones, and a fall armyworm infestation. Also, when producer groups combined their harvests, they were able to command a higher price for maize and peanuts, representing a 62% increase compared with last year.

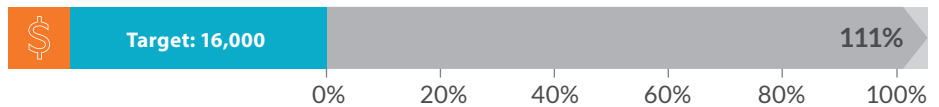
The project held 16 field schools to teach farmers to cope with environmental challenges. Farmers (like Jeremiah, featured on the next page) learned about pest and disease management, using improved seed varieties, and soil conservation techniques.



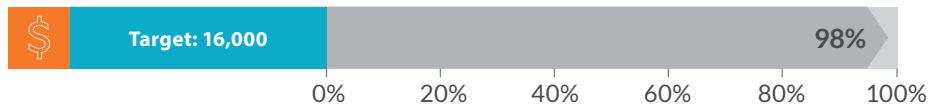
Savings groups are vital economic engines that fuel progress for people living in extreme poverty, especially rural women. The savings group pictured above, in Nkhoma, voted to purchase items that would improve their homes and crops, including mattresses, fertilizer, maize, ginger, and rice seeds. The group held a celebration and distributed the items just before Christmas.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY23)

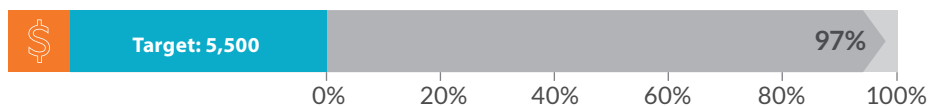
17,737 participants trained in Biblical Empowered Worldview



15,617 farmers using improved seeds for agriculture



5,352 people have accessed loans from VisionFund



14,243 producer group members selling value chain crops



CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

When Tropical Storm Ana hit Malawi in January, some project areas were flooded, affecting crop production. With extreme weather events increasing, a continual emphasis on disaster preparedness is crucial. Through farmer field schools, participants learn to protect their crops from severe flooding by using technologies such as infiltration trenches, which help channel and drain excess water. We also encourage communities to take a leading role in repairing and maintaining village roads and engaging local governments to prioritize infrastructure projects.

The foundation of our work is the Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) curriculum, which builds confidence, shifts mindsets, and promotes a biblically based view of identity and accountability. When people apply BEWV principles to their lives, they are more likely to take ownership of their future and have greater confidence to adapt to shocks and stresses.



Jeremiah Banda, a farmer in the Nthondo area program, proudly displays his maize crops. The quality and quantity of Jeremiah's crops has increased and he is better able to provide for his family, thanks to the training he received through THRIVE. [Watch Jeremiah tell his story.](#)

A recent [external study](#) of THRIVE in Tanzania revealed game-changing results for participating farmers, including a dramatic increase in incomes as well as improved food security, access to financial services, gender equality, resilience, and child well-being.

LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE



Goal*
80,000 people targeted for household economic empowerment, including 16,000 smallholder farmers.

Actual
82,207 people have benefited from economic empowerment activities since the project began in FY17, surpassing the goal and accomplishing a completion rate of 103%.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

We will continue to provide support for community-driven construction projects, including an aggregation center in Nkhoma and two processing units in Nthondo and Chikwina-Mpamba, which are expected to be completed in September 2022. Plans are in place to build more aggregation centers, which farmers use to combine their produce and sell it in bulk, or to securely store their goods until market conditions are favorable. And, through our partnership with Farm Concern International, we will keep working to improve access to markets for farmers, helping them more easily find buyers for their produce.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your commitment to children and families in Malawi. With your help, farming households are moving toward the future God intended for them, from poverty and vulnerability to prosperity and resilience.

**Project goal through fiscal year 2023*



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FINANCIALS

THRIVE project-to-date spending by activity (October 2016 through March 2022)

Summary	Project-to-Date Funding Released to Project	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Spending Rate
Increased household incomes and productive assets	\$ 3,225,981	\$ 3,008,198	93%
Improved management of natural resources for resilience to climate change	3,547,231	3,196,612	90%
Increased resilience of livelihoods to shocks and disasters	723,857	497,052	69%
Smallholder farmers and their families transformed from dependence to a biblically empowered worldview	1,694,289	1,606,498	95%
Management and fundraising	3,063,786	2,769,453	90%
TOTAL	\$ 12,255,144	\$ 11,077,813	90%