

Orant Charities Africa makes a sustainable impact in Malawi through a holistic, local, and data-driven approach to supporting women and communities.

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# Orant ANNUAL REPORT

CHARITIESAFRICA Year Ending Dec. 31, 2023

The year 2023 was another exciting year for Orant Charities Africa. As an organization well vested in data, we conducted a household survey in our catchment area of almost 50,000 people. We mapped important social service facilities such as schools and water wells.

In 2023, we finalized plans for rolling out the second Mobile Outreach Clinic (MOC), which primarily operates in the southern Kasungu District. Women, children, and the entire community will no longer have to walk long distances in search of medical services.

To mitigate the effects of climate change and malnutrition, we established an Agroecology farm on our campus where farmers are showcased best practices. With Agroecology, farmers can diversify the crops they grow and be able to harvest more per acre using organic farming methods.

Our Business Development provided women in Kasese with financially empowering microloans, business training, and crocheting classes!

Our Water program began planning for piped water systems, which we will begin to implement in 2024. These piped water systems will improve access to clean water by bringing it closer to people's homes and villages, reducing their burden even further.

Our Education program now offers the Orant Ulemu Scholarship, geared towards future University students who have passed through Orant's secondary school program.

Through your support, we renovated our Maternity Ward and we are now certified as a Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) Facility. The facelift of the Maternity Ward provides a supportive environment for our mothers to give birth.

2023 was the beginning of construction projects that will transform the outlook of Kasese. We invite you to look forward to a Library and Community Centre where everyone in our community can read and learn, children can play and study, innovators can brainstorm their next inventions, and students can have access to light after sundown, access to the internet, and computer lessons, among other services.

In January, 2023, Orant's film *Yankho*, which is our first-ever Virtual Reality (VR) film, was featured in the Denton Black Film Festival in Denton, Texas. In *Yankho*, a Malawian mother's dreams for her daughter are altered by the challenges of rural poverty. *Yankho* has since been featured in other film festivals around the world.

Lastly, a major milestone in 2023 was developing the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, which introduces the Energy and Environment program beginning in 2024 and expands Orant's idea of 'Inspiring Communities'. We seek to inspire communities to take initiative for themselves, be sustainably minded, and focus on long-term goals. We are confident that we are building a better future for Malawi.

Your continued support of Orant's mission has made this possible and more, and we are grateful. The people of Malawi are healthier, better fed, and gaining a better education because of your support. Thank you.

With blessings,  
Gabriel Kapanda, Country Director  
Kasese, Dowa, Malawi



## A Baseline Survey

In 2023, Orant Charities Africa conducted a door-to-door survey that visited over 10,000 households, representing a population of 49,667 people in the Kasese Catchment Area - Orant's official operating area in the Dowa District of Central Malawi.

A survey like this has never been conducted in our operating area. Working with the local government and professional researchers, we gathered data on everything from education level and health-seeking behavior to access to WASH services and agricultural loans. This data will help Orant plan its programming for the next five to ten years and will be valuable to the Malawian government and other stakeholders as we publish our findings.

**92%** of households live on **less than \$2 a day**.

**78%** of people live **more than 1/2 km away** from a borehole.

**87%** prefer to go to the **Kasese Health Center** than to other healthcare providers.

**82%** of households are headed by someone with **primary school education or less**.

**89%** of households **do not have a handwashing facility**.

**2/3** of households **do not have their own land** for farming.

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## HEALTHCARE

**68,031**  
**PATIENTS**  
**SERVED**

**63%** of patients seen by Orant were from Mobile Outreach Clinics. Orant's Mobile Outreach Clinic treats people in some of the most hard to reach areas of Central Malawi!

**8,256** patients were seen in Mobile Outreach Clinics in Kaseke, our immediate community in Dowa.

**379**  
*Babies Delivered*

Our Maternity Ward was renovated and we are now certified as

**Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC).**

The new facelift of the Maternity Ward has provided a supportive environment for our mothers to give birth.



## WATER & SANITATION

Orant has maintained **96%** functionality of boreholes in 2023, supplying clean water to **4,180** people, a 15% increase over 2022!

**16** **WELLS**  
**DRILLED**

**300** *Wells Maintained and Serviced*

Due to our great success in bringing water to communities through boreholes, Orant will construct its **first solar piped water project** in 2024, bringing water to previously unreachable communities!



## AGRICULTURE



**1,068** **TOTAL FARMERS**

**MWK 6,599,800**  
(\$3,816 USD)

Profits earned by Mwayiwathu Farm Club

**5,300**  
Beneficiaries of Maize Distribution

In 2023, we established an **Agroecology Farm** on campus. With Agroecology, farmers can diversify the crops they grow and be able to harvest more per acre without the use of inorganic fertilizers. Agroecology gives farmers a backup in case one crop fails.

Orant continues to invest in **local farmers' cooperatives** like BOMFA with loans and marketing support to improve farmer productivity and profits.

Additionally, Orant's Irrigation Clubs now boast **70% female enrollment** with **214 female farmers!**

## EDUCATION

With your help, Orant donated **38 MSCE prep pamphlets** for Ngala Secondary School to help them prepare for the MSCE, their final high school exam, which will also determine their eligibility for continued education like university or trade school.

Additionally, we donated lab materials to the same school to **bridge the gap** between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

The Orant Education program received letters from **93 students** from different schools, which have been forwarded on to their donors in the United States and across the world!

Chayamba Secondary School also received a Braille machine and Braille papers.

**121** **STUDENTS SPONSORED**

**100%** *MSCE Pass Rate*

**17** of 26 Students Selected for University

**94%** *JCE Pass Rate*

**5** New Female University Students



## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**MWK 42,765,700**  
(\$24,682 USD)  
Loans Disbursed

**13** *Business Classes Offered*

**33** **BANK ACCOUNTS OPENED**



The Business Development program now has **5 FEM Clubs** two new in 2023, with **67** total participants across all the clubs.

In 2023, we developed the new **Umodzi Business Manual** to teach business knowledge to local female entrepreneurs, helping them to grow their businesses.

We helped create **8** new Village Savings and Loan groups with **200 total members**. Members received training on the basics of a functional savings club and how to operate the group independently with minimal input from Orant.