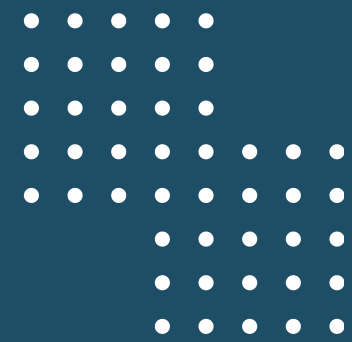




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MARCH, 2026 PROGRAMS REPORT



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MARCH, 2026 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Kasese piped water project 80% done

Attended training at Foundations for Farming (FfF)

**Selected Efficient Cookstoves Lead Community
Volunteers**

2 FEM groups trained in Digital Financial Literacy

**20 Students provided with essential
items**

112 Participants enrolled for computer lessons

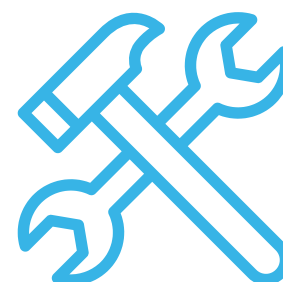
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAM

1. WATER POINT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE



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Preventive Maintenance
Sessions Conducted

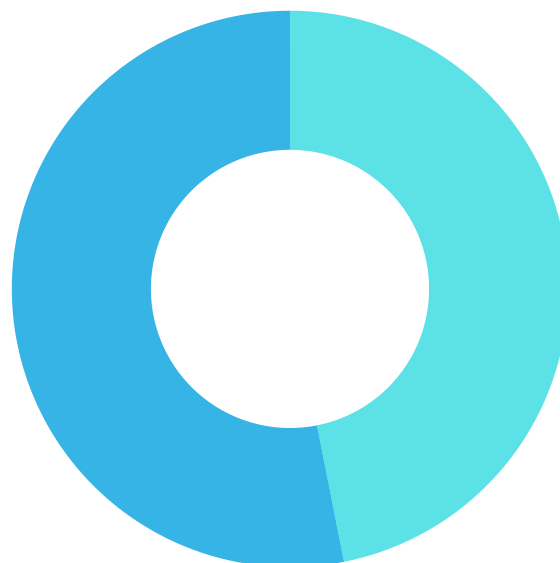


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Major Reactive
Maintenance Sessions
Conducted

WATER POINTS MAINTENANCE COSTS

OCA invested
MK921,500.00 (\$531) on
major reactive
maintenance.
53.1%



Communities invested
MK813,500 (\$469) on
preventive maintenance.
46.9%

2. WASH DISTRICT COORDINATING TEAM (DCT) MEETINGS

Attended and supported 2 DCT meetings

Stakeholders commended OCA's 2025 WASH progress and encouraged continued collaboration with the DCT to enhance sustainability.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAM



3. UPGRADING KASESE HANDPUMP BOREHOLE



In collaboration with Energy and Environment, and Facilities departments, the WASH program is converting the old hand pump borehole to a solar-powered system so that communities can easily access water through taps and closer to their homes.



- **Project 80% complete**
- **Expected completion in the second week of April 2026.**

4. BI-ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING WITH AREA MECHANICS

Five Area Mechanics attended the review meeting.

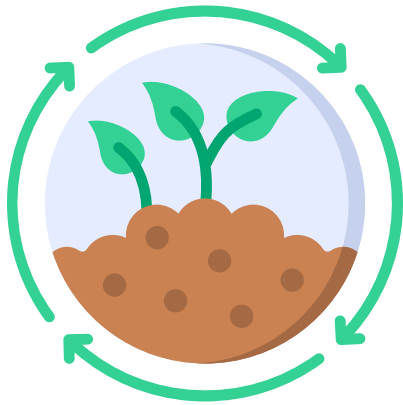
- **Project Status:** The operation and maintenance project is on track with 96% of handpumps registered in 2025.

5. WORLD WATER DAY COMMEMORATION

Attended World Water Day and engaged potential partners for follow-up with the Grants and Partnerships Office.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

1. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE TRAINING



The program attended training at Foundations for Farming (FfF) in Zimbabwe, focusing on conservation agriculture pillars such as minimum soil disturbance, mulching, and crop rotation.

2. DISTRIBUTION OF FRUIT TREES

7

Critically ill patient households received 3 banana suckers and 2 papaya seedlings each.

IMPACT →

- Improved nutrition
- Income generation
- Sustainable food source
- Environmental conservation

3. MONITORING KASESE COOPERATIVE FARMS

A field monitoring exercise was conducted. Cooperative members are producing Maize, Soya, and Groundnuts.



AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

4. MONITORING MWAYIWATHU FARM CLUB



The total acreage under cultivation is 15 acres of maize, 10 acres of soya, and 5 acres of groundnuts.

CHALLENGES FACED



- ▶ Damage to immature maize cobs by wild animals on Mwayiwathu Farm Club
- ▶ High infestation of witch weed (Striga), affecting yields on Kasese Cooperative farms

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

1. CONDUCTED COMMUNITY SENSITIZATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Conducted to enhance community awareness on climate change impacts and promote adoption of climate resilient and environmentally sustainable practices at household and community levels.

2. SELECTED EFFICIENT COOKSTOVES LEAD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Community volunteers were selected to promote adoption and maintenance of cook stoves in Group Village Head Buza and Nkhandwe.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Community sensitization is effective in promoting environmental awareness and ownership
- Engagement of traditional leaders is critical for community mobilization
- Awareness campaigns must be complemented with practical interventions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. KASESE 1 AND 2 BABY HATS PROJECT



47
Baby hats and boots
supplied to maternity
ward

Surpassed the monthly
target by over 100% and
generating
MWK 131,875(\$76)



To be invested in
other group projects

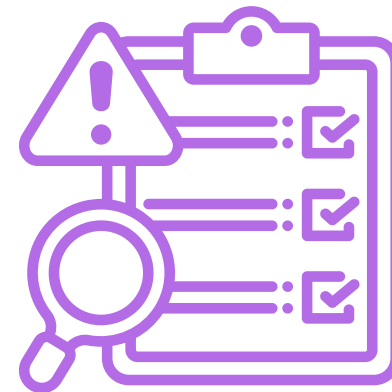
2. VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS (VSL) MEETINGS

Meetings held for each of the 8 FEM groups
(including graduated groups).

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

3. MONITORING VISITS

Mentorship and coaching visits were conducted for women entrepreneurs from Mtambalika FEM groups to check on businesses and resensitize them on the new mobile money payment procedures.



4. BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING



A four-day training was held for the Kachigamba FEM group, focusing on:

- ✔ The new Village Savings and Loans (VSL) model adopted from Opulence Malawi
- ✔ Refresher bookkeeping.

5. DIGITAL FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING

Sessions were conducted for 2 FEM groups:

 **Mtanda**
Chikwangula

EDUCATION PROGRAM

1. SCHOOL MONITORING VISITS

5

Secondary schools visited



Mentoring sessions conducted focusing on: positive behavior, and goal-setting

20

Students provided with essential items

2. BASE-LINE SURVEY

Conducted a survey across 5 schools (3 primary and 2 secondary) to collect baseline data for school solar project.

3. SCHOOL LIBRARY VISIT

Visited the Ngala Community Day Secondary School (CDSS) library to monitor the checkout system.

Since February, the Golden Centre has been piloting several activities to generate insights and inform program implementation ahead of its official launch.

1. READING FOR AGES 4 - 16



A total of 868 kids attended the reading sessions.

3. BIBLE STUDY

- This session focuses on building faith among participants.
- It is conducted in two groups (4–15 years and 16+ years).
- A total of 319 participants attended

2. COMPUTER SESSIONS

- Provides basic computer skills training for youth aged 15+ (both students and school leavers) **112** participants attended

4. KIDS PLAY TIME



277

Kids attended and played several games after school.

5. MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION (MSCE) CLASSES

- Recently introduced program
- Being held during weekends to accommodate students with late weekday schedules
- Enables participation for community day secondary school students



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