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A self-reliant, healthy and resilient society that respects human rights and democratic values.

VISION

We are a non-governmental organization that is committed to empowering the youth, women and children; promoting good health, human rights and democracy; adaptation and mitigating effects of climate change; and conducting research for evidence-based programming and advocacy.

CORE VALUES

Integrity

Confidentiality

Respect for human dignity

Transparency and Accountability

Teamwork

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The Executive Director's Note ... *with MacBain Mkandawire*

"The year 2020 is slowly winding up. The year, started with excitement and prospects of hope to be a great year but a lot came to a standstill. For us, we had to simultaneously, face two pandemics: the rampant increase in the number of girls who got into early marriages and unintended pregnancies during the closure of schools due to COVID-19 and of course the corona virus itself. Now that schools are fully opened, businesses have started normalizing. But the key question is, what next? The comeback after every down fall is what matters. How do we recover from this atrocity? What strict measures have we put in place to make sure that girls go back and remain in school after giving birth?

As individuals, let each and every one of us reflect on the efforts we have made to render protection to young people. As a nation, where did we go wrong or missed the plot to protect young people? What could we have done differently in order to contribute positively towards the development of this country? The pandemic taught us how unprepared we were and are when it comes to disaster and child protection.

The pandemic has been a heavy breeding ground for Gender Based Violence. It is very unfortunate that despite numerous efforts of awareness to end the vice, young girls still remain prey to men who still continue to rob them of their childhood innocence. Can we go back to the drawing board and formulate laws that would ensure stiffer punishment to offenders? Recent revelations around the matter from various parts of Malawi, makes the entire child protection system seem to be in total disarray.

This month is all about voicing out and increasing awareness drive on the different kinds of abuse that young people and children continue to face. The 19 Days of Activism for the Prevention of Violence and Abuse against children rolls out on the 1st to the 19th of this month, which will be followed by 16 days of activism against Gender based violence from the 25th of November to the 10th December. We hope that this will be an opportunity to reflect on violence against children and ensure that children are continuing to be part and parcel of the protection system.

YONECO will be featuring various topics on the matter through its YFM radio station and also have a number of activities with a petition that will be presented to government on the conclusion of the 19 Days of Activities on 19th November 2020 in Lilongwe with a Children March against VAC. We will be inviting all of you to this important event so that we rally behind the children of Malawi as they engage with the leadership of the country to present the issues relating to VAC in the country. YONECO will venture into massive awareness through its programming, as well as social media platforms besides providing psychosocial support to its walk-in clients and others seeking online counselling in our call centers. The general public is also encouraged to visit YONECO offices near them to report any cases or issues of abuse/ violence.

Nobody is a whole team... we need each other. You need someone and someone needs you. We are not isolated islands. To make life work, we have to learn to support each other, as well as relate and respond meaningfully. At the same time, we ought to give and take; and confess and forgive, as we reach out and embrace and rely on each other ! Since none of us is a whole, independent, self-sufficient, super capable, all powerful hotshot; let's quit acting like we are.' John C. Maxwell, The 17 Indisputable Laws of teamwork.

Together we can achieve greater heights if we coordinate. All the best, keep on fighting in order to reach your goals

YONECO Engages Chiefs in Withdrawing Children from the Streets



Traditional leaders are key in child protection interventions

Many children in Malawi are facing a lot of challenges so much that they leave their villages in a bid to make ends meet through begging in the streets. Thus, it is a common sight to see children begging in the streets of the country.

However, life in such places is hard and not conducive for children as they are exposed to various forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

However, efforts of taking the children back to their homes are usually defeated and made futile as the children return to the streets a few

days after being repatriated back to their homes.

YONECO identified the lack of proper support systems at community level as one of the factors that lead to an increase in the number of children who are connected to the streets.

During the various repatriation exercises, YONECO officers also noted that the children have parents and guardians who simply abdicate from their responsibilities and perceive the malpractice as a way of reducing the number of mouths to feed.

Informed by this realization; YONECO through its district office in Rumphi has embarked on an operation which has taken on board traditional leaders to ensure that no child is left to earn a living by begging in the streets.

Speaking during one of the interface meetings with chiefs, YONECO's Field Officer, Licy Zimba, urged the traditional leaders to take up the responsibility of withdrawing children from the streets.

Mercy added that the chiefs should also ensure that the children are not returning to the streets after being withdrawn. During the meeting, the traditional leaders were also made aware of how the children are exposed to various forms of violence in the streets.

During the indaba, chiefs avowed to institute special committees and by-laws to deter parents and guardians from neglecting children.

In his remarks, Chief Thawati stated that traditional leaders will do their best to cooperate as they have also been concerned with the increased number of children who are seen begging around the streets of Rumphi Boma.

Kuchombe RLC Campaigns for School Block



Members of a radio listeing club

Parents in Phalombe district have hailed Kuchombe Radio Listening Club (RLC) for successfully advocating for the construction of a new classroom block at Mpambachulu Primary School.

One of the classroom blocks at the school was on the verge of collapse and plans to renovate it were underway.

However, after assessing the level of damage, Kuchombe RLC advocated for the construction of a new school block. The group recorded a radio programme in which various community members expressed their view on the matter.

All parents and community members who were interviewed indicated that the dilapidated structure should be demolished and find space for the construction of a new one instead of

renovating the old building.

After the radio programme was aired on YFM, the authorities positively responded and the dilapidated block which stood as a death trap for learners was demolished and a new one has been constructed.

Further to this, Chombe RLC also facilitated the process of fixing boreholes in four villages namely; Chombe, Chanasa, Mpamba and Chulu. The RLC's radio programme that was aired on YFM compelled the Member of Parliament (MP) for the area to address the problem.

The MP and his team acted swiftly to ensure that the boreholes were fixed. The club has also been following up on other development projects to ensure transparency and accountability.

Takondwa Radio Listening Club Gets Recognition for its Watchdog Role



Community members from the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Kaduya in Phalombe district have applauded Takondwa Radio Listening Club (RLC) for promoting transparency and accountability in the implementation of development projects in the area.

The club was established by YONECO through Citizen Led Engagement in Open Contracting project which is being funded by Hivos.

The club has been commended for demanding quality service delivery as well as taking to task key duty bearers who are responsible for community development initiatives.

The RLC made necessary follow ups on a number of development projects that were abandoned without proper reason.

Among other successes, community members have hailed the club for engaging leaders to

finish a school construction project. The construction works at the school were abruptly abandoned for some years forcing learners to walk long distances to reach a nearest school.

Further to this, the club also followed up on the construction of a school feeding block at one of the primary schools in the area. The development initiative stalled without proper reasons and it was completed after the RLC intervened on the matter.

The reports which the RLCs compiled indicate that most of the development projects stalled due to embezzlement of funds. The group also found that some delays occurred because some duty bearers did not follow proper contracting procedures.

Thus, the RLC took a step further by engaging relevant authorities at district level. The group engaged members of various Village Development Committees (VDCs), Ward Councillors and members of various school development committees who all expressed dismay over what has been happening.

Apart from following up on construction projects, Takondwa RLC has also been involved in providing mentorship sessions to learners who dropped out of school as well as conducting community campaigns against child marriages.

Currently, the club is tirelessly following up on how resources and funds for various development activities are being managed by the responsible authorities.

Angry Mother Forces Expectant Daughter into Marriage

17-year-old Falesi Moyo (not her real name) had a stint in a forced marriage after being impregnated by her 20-year-old boyfriend in March this year until YONECO came to her rescue. Falesi hails from the area of Traditional Authority (TA) Mkagula in Zomba district.

When Falesi's mother noted that her daughter was pregnant, she simply asked for the one responsible and delivered her daughter at his door step. Falesi's mother indicated that she was too poor to feed the daughter and the baby she was expecting.

YONECO Field Officers came across the young couple during a routine community visit and promptly acted on the matter. The Officers referred the case to Zomba Police Victim Support

Unit (VSU) and jointly engaged the mother as well as other community leaders. This led to the annulment of the marriage and the girl returned to her home.

Further to this, YONECO organised a village meeting to raise awareness about the dangers of child marriage as well as various legal provisions that criminalise the malpractice.

One of YONECO's Field Officers who handled the case, Dalisto Kambale, explained that a number of awareness campaigns on child rights have been lined up in order to curb the tendency of forcing young girls into marriage.



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Marriage, No Child's Play



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Widowed Mother of Three Benefits from Agribusiness Initiative



Miriam feeding her broiler chickens

Many women in Malawi are not economically empowered to ably support their families and in most cases the responsibility is sorely shouldered by their husbands. Heartrendingly, many women find it difficult to support their children after the demise of their husbands.

35 year-old Miriam Chiumia who hails from Zawangi Village, Traditional Authority (T/A) Nyaluwanga in Nkhata Bay District lost her husband four years ago and she was left with the responsibility of taking care of her three children.

As a subsistence farmer, Mary found it hard to clothe and bring food on the table. Furthermore, Mary's children also needed tuition fees and other necessities which their mother could not afford to provide.

Miriam is now telling a different tale. Thanks to an agri-business initiative which YONECO

introduced in her area. Mary's life journey took a new path when she joined a club which was established by YONECO in the area.

Thus, after some training sessions in horticulture, the knowledge and skills enabled her to venture into farming business.

With continuous technical support from YONECO's Field Officer, Andrade Tasosa, Mary cultivated tomatoes. After selling her produce, Mary made a total of MK 210,000 which she used to venture into poultry farming which has proved to be a lucrative venture as well.

"I never thought that I will ever manage to make such huge sums of money and support my family. I am very thankful to YONECO for the support," said Miriam.

One of YONECO's programmatic areas focuses on women empowerment and gender equality.

Over the years, many women have benefited from the programme and efforts are being made to scale up such interventions to reach out to more women in other parts of the country as well.



YONECO, in a Fundraising Drive for Safe Places



YONECO has launched a fundraising campaign on GO-Fund-Me Website to mobilize financial resources for the management and construction of safe houses which provide temporary accommodation to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse survivors.

Currently, YONECO is managing two safe places in Malawi. However, the safe homes are not enough as Malawi is still experiencing increased cases of GBV and child abuse. From the period between January and June this year, Malawi registered 879 cases of violence against girls.

Apart from providing accommodation and meals, safe places also act as spaces where survivors access psycho-social counselling and life skills. Further to this, YONECO also intend to ensure that survivors of various forms of abuse are able to access various life skills as

they wait for redress.

“What YONECO is doing is to accommodate as many people as it can at the same time providing protection. Leaving these people in the streets or returning to the places they fled from worsens matters and makes them more vulnerable.

“For me this is personal, women are everyday getting violated by people they are close to like relatives, work colleagues, teachers just to mention a few. You can’t go through a single day and not hear news of this kind. It is sad and frustrating,” said MacBain Mkandawire - Executive Director for YONECO.

Currently, the three safe places which YONECO is managing are in the north, central and southern regions of Malawi.

Visit; <https://www.gofundme.com/f/shelter-for-survivors-gender-based-violence> to support the cause.

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NGO-GCN Engages YFM in Promotion of Women's Voices



A group of women who attended the recording session of the interactive radio programme

The Malawi Non-Governmental Organization – Gender Coordination Network (NGOGCN) has engaged YONECO FM in a bid to enhance women's voices by providing a platform for women to tell their own stories.

The move is intended to further enhance women's positive media coverage and visibility. YONECO FM producers are currently working hand in hand with NGO-GCN teams in recording sessions that will be featured in an interactive radio programme.

The women empowerment activities are being implemented under a project called 'Deepening democracy through Increased Women Participation and Decision Making in Local Government'.

The Project which is being funded by HIVOS is aimed at reaching female Ward Councilors,

previous female Local Government Elections candidates, female Area Development Committee (ADC), and Village Development Committee (VDC) leaders, women in community leadership and decision making structures, as well as the media.

The 8-month project's overall objective is to strengthen women's leadership, decision making and participation in local governance. The project is being implemented in Balaka under the multi-country 'Women Empowered for Leadership (WE4L)' umbrella programme.

The WE4L programme is aimed at ensuring that women have equal opportunities and the capacity to fully participate in political and decision making processes, while creating more public recognition and support for women in leadership positions.

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YONECO CFM Restores Hope among Community Members in Phalombe



Community members selecting beneficiaries of Food for Asset (FFA) Programme in Phalombe district

YONECO's Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) which was commissioned by WFP in a bid to curb fraudulent practices in WFP-supported programmes has been hailed by communities in Phalombe for its effectiveness in dealing with various challenges which people face in the district.

The mechanism, which uses toll-free lines for community members to anonymously report irregularities and suspected corrupt practices, has successfully facilitated the process of curbing a number of challenges. In its operations, YONECO works in collaboration with all WFP's implementing partners as well as the Department of Social Welfare and other social protection structures.

Among other cases, YONECO managed to unearth a scam whereby a community leader enrolled 29 relatives in a beneficiary list of 33 households.

During the investigation after receiving a tip from a disappointed community member, it was also discovered that some individuals who were related to the chief and enlisted as beneficiaries of Food for

Asset (FFA) programme were from one household. A further assessment also revealed that most of the individuals did not qualify to benefit from the initiative.

The investigation found that the chief changed the criteria for selecting beneficiaries from the poorest and energetic to those whose houses had collapsed during the previous rainy season.

Heartrendingly, some beneficiaries on the list were not from the targeted village. The chief did not refute the evidence that was presented to him and accepted his wrong-doing and asked for forgiveness.

Thus, it was agreed that the list should be revised and a new one was compiled. All the beneficiaries on the new list were selected by the community members based on the standardized criteria of enrolment.

Apart from Phalombe, YONECO is also managing the CFM for WFP projects in other districts including Machinga, Mangochi and Dedza.

Youth Club Fundraises for Needy Students' PPEs



Young people engaged during a fundraising event in Zomba

of the club's members, Micah Mwalala, stated that they thought it wise to come up with the initiative as one way of supporting Satema Primary School learners whose parents or guardians cannot afford to buy face masks and sanitary pads.

"Schools have been re-opened in Malawi after an indefinite closure due to COVID-19 and every learner is required to have a mask to prevent COVID-19.

However, we noted that this was a challenge among children who come from poor families," explained Mwalala.

YONECO has supported Future Youth Club in raising funds towards the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for learners at Satema Primary School in Zomba district.

In corroboration with YONECO Field Officers, members of Future Youth Club from Nandumbo Village and

community leaders from the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Mwambo in the district organized a fund raising event at Satema Primary School Ground where well-wishers from the community contributed some funds which the club used to procure washable face masks, soap and sanitary pads for needy learners.

Speaking during the event, one

YONECO supported the youth club with some funds for organizing the event, Public Address System as well as conducting community mobilization activities.

Among other people, the activity was attended by the Ward Counsellor for the area, Ramzy Kanjosolo, teachers as well as various community and traditional leaders.

Report violence against children through our toll-free child helpline on 116

Mizu Youth Club Ready for Technological Agriculture



Some club members and YONECO staff

YONECO has trained members of Zomba-based Mizu Youth Club in usage of various agricultural technologies in order to enhance the group's efficiency and productivity in crop production.

Mizu Youth Club was established in the area of of Group Village Head (GVH) Mainuka, Traditional Authority (T/A) Chikowi in the district.

YONECO introduced agricultural activities to the youth club as one way of promoting economic empowerment among its members. The training mainly focused on usage of modern irrigation techniques so that the group should be able to increase yield and be able to cultivate crops throughout the year.

In his remarks, YONECO's Youth Development Officer, Harvey Finyani, described agribusiness as key in the process of transforming the lives of young people. Finyani added that it is unfortunate that most young people in Malawi shun agriculture and he expressed his optimism by saying that Mizu Youth Club will be a model to other youth groups.

YONECO has linked the group with various experts in agriculture to ensure that they have all the necessary technical support to achieve their goals through farming.

"This training will help in ensuring that the club is ably utilising the available modern irrigation systems as well as mobile technology to find better markets for their produce," explained Finyani.

Commenting on the matter, the chairperson of Mizu Youth Club, Meron Mendulo, said that the group has been unable to utilise modern irrigation systems during the dry season.

"We are now geared to put more effort in agriculture and this training will go a long way in guaranteeing positive results," Mendulo added.

Youth unemployment rate in Malawi is shockingly high. Currently, YONECO is supporting over 50 youth clubs across Malawi to venture into various income generating activities.



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What is “let’s chill MOBILE SITE ?”

Let’s Chill is a Youth Net and Counseling-YONECO initiative which was established in June 2019 to contribute to the organization’s strategic objective number 4 which aims at improving the health and well being of the youth. Let’s Chill provides a youth friendly mobile platform for young people to access critical SRHR information and education in Malawi. Through this platform young people will be able to evade various SRHR challenges as they will have information to enable them make informed decisions. The intervention targets young people within the age range of 10 to 25 years of age who live in urban and rural areas.

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Providing Psycho-social Healing to the Youth through DICs amidst COVID-19



Young people at Mapale DIC in Zomba

YONECO has intensified the provision of psycho-social support through its Youth Drop-in-Centres (DICs) in order to provide the

necessary support to young people who were exposed to various forms of abuse during the period in which schools were closed due to COVID-19.

The closure of schools was effected as one way of protecting students from COVID-19 which has devastated the lives of many people in Malawi and across the globe. Thus, many young people who were staying at home during the time when schools were closed faced a number of abuses both at domestic and community level.

Further to this, YONECO DICs are also providing usual life skills sessions and other youth development activities in order to nurture and groom the youth as they transition into adulthood.

YONECO Donates to Dedza Teen Mother

YONECO has donated assorted items to a 19-year-old mother, Mary Frank, who gave birth to her first child two days before sitting for her Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) in Dedza district.

During the period when schools were closed from March to September 2020 due to COVID-19, many girls including Mary fell pregnant. Unlike many girls, Mary returned to school to sit for her PSLCE barely two days after giving birth.

Her zeal and determination compelled YONECO to support her with items like soap, maize, cooking oil, clothes, and baby powder among other items.

“I know it was a mistake for me to fall pregnant

but I cannot allow that to take away my dream of becoming a doctor. I will go to any length to achieve my goal,” explained Mary.

Receiving the donation, Mary said the assistance was timely and that it will go a long way in supporting her family.

In her remarks, the Dedza District Social Welfare Officer, applauded YONECO for the gesture. The officer explained that Mary is from a very poor family hence the need for continuous support for her to properly concentrate on her education.

Due to the closure of schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic, over twenty thousand girls have fallen pregnant in Malawi and many of them have dropped out of school.

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YONECO Joins the World in Commemorating the 2020 Homeless Day



Thus, people who are homeless are deprived off and exposed to the novel Corona Virus. On the other hand, as the rainy season is fast approaching in Malawi, people who are homeless will further require proper housing structures.

The Day is commemorated to draw attention to the plights of the homelessness and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to their needs.

Speaking on the day, the Executive Director for YONECO, MacBain Mkandawire, stressed the need to secure homes and making sure that people who are homeless have access to basic human needs.

YONECO joined the rest of the world in commemorating the 2020 World Homeless Day.

This year, the Day was commemorated amidst COVID-19 pandemic which has negatively affected the entire globe. The pandemic, has reminded us the importance of having a home - as staying at home, has been one of the key preventive measures to halt its spread.

“The society has a role to play in providing shelter to people who are homeless, especially children who are connected to the streets. Just like everyone, people who are homeless need protection and support,” explained Mkandawire.

The first World Homeless Day was marked on the 10th of October, 2010.

Youth Group Cleans Mpondabwino Market in Zomba

Young people who frequent YONECO Youth Drop-In-Centres (DICs) in Zomba City organized a cleaning exercise at Mpunga Market as one way of promoting sanitation and proper waste disposal.

A representative for Zomba City Council and chairperson for Mpunga Market commended the youth for the initiative. The representative described the gesture as a wake-up call to other market users and various business owners.

“As vendors, we are grateful with what these young people have done today. The market looks clean and tidy now,” said the chairperson of Mpunga Market.

During the exercise, YONECO supported the youth with brooms, shovels, gloves and face masks.



YONECO Intensifies Awareness Campaigns on NCDs in Zomba



An awareness session in progress at Matawale Health Centre in Zomba district

YONECO has intensified efforts that are aimed at raising awareness about Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in communities around Zomba district.

The session mainly focused on NCDs that are the leading cause of death globally like diabetes as well as cancer and possible ways of reducing the risk of suffering such diseases.

Further to this, the team also emphasised on malaria prevention. Malaria is highly endemic with about 95 percent of the country's population at risk of infection and it is estimated to be responsible for 34 percent of all out patient visits

and for 40 percent of hospital deaths as well.

It has been noted that many people in Malawi are not aware that the risk of such diseases could be prevented by following some key healthy living tips. This is the reason why YONECO has embarked on this exercise.

“We would like to see community members eating healthy foods, consuming less sugar and salt as well as reducing harmful intake of fats and alcohol among other things,” explained Harvey Finyani – YONECO Field Officer.

This initiative is one of YONECO's key strategic interventions that are aimed at promoting good health and wellbeing of community members which is key to social economic development.

YONECO has been conducting the awareness campaigns using various channels and other community gatherings including village meetings. Further to this, YONECO team in Zomba district has also been reaching community members in various health facilities.

NCDs are greatly affecting many people in Malawi. As such, increased knowledge on how people can reduce the risk of suffering from them would lead to increased socio-economic welfare of many people in the country.





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DESERVES....**

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PROTECTION

AND

FREEDOM



Namasoko RLC Champions Land Conservation



A communal woodlot in the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Namasoko in Phalombe district

Members of Namasoko Radio Listening club which is based in the area of Traditional Authority (T/A) Namasoko in Phalombe have avowed to champion environmental conservation after noticing a casual approach to an afforestation programme among community members in the area.

The National Recovery Plan that

was implemented under the Malawi Re-afforestation Programme ensured that people had received tree seedlings to plant in their designated areas. Further to this, the community members who participated in the exercise were paid a total of MK 15,000 each.

However, community members were not doing much in protecting

the trees which they planted hence the club's intervention.

The group has been effectively using radio in raising awareness about the importance of community participation in environmental conservation.

The club has managed to record a number of programmes that were aired on YONECO Radio Station (YFM) in a programme called *Patsogolo ndi Chitukuko*.

The fruits of the radio programme are now being realized as most community members are now caring for the trees they planted and the survival rate seems promising as well.

Namasoko RLC was established by YONECO under Citizen Led Engagement in Open Contracting project which is being funded by Hivos.


Phalombe is one of the disaster prone areas in Malawi which suffers property damage and loss of life due to floods during the rainy season.

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YONECO Reaches 47 Households with Environmental Conservation Messages



Young people engaged in a discussion with YONECO staff in Rumphi district

YONECO reached out to a total of 47 households in the area of chief Mtangwanika, Traditional Authority (T/A) Chikulamayembe in Rumphi district with awareness messages on climate change and adaptation mechanisms.

The awareness sessions were conducted after the organization observed continued malpractices that lead to environmental degradation in the

area. Among other things, community members have been involved in wanton cutting down of trees, improper disposal of wastes and poor farming practices.

During the session, the targeted households were enlightened on the importance of environmental conservation and possible ways of dealing with the impact of climate change which the county, and the world at large, is currently experiencing.

Community members were encouraged to adopt the use of renewable energy, modern agricultural practices like planting drought resistance crops and planting more trees.

Speaking during one of the sessions, one of the community members, Mary Tembo, described the initiative as an eye opener and avowed to lead by example in her area.

“I am so thankful for the knowledge which I have gained in this session. I was among the people who used to take issues of climate change lightly, but now I have realized that I was wrong and I am determined to be an agent of change,” she said.

YONECO is among local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Malawi that are working tirelessly in facilitating the process of preserving the environment as well as mitigating the effects of climate change.

Report Gender Based Violence through our toll-free GBV Crisis-Line on 116

GBV CRISIS LINE

You can report GBV through
a Toll-free line

CALL

5600

WHO WE ARE: The GBV Crisis Line -5600 is a Toll-free Line that was established in 2014 to respond to issues pertaining to Gender Based Violence. The GBV Crisis Line is one of YONECO's innovative approaches that are used to enhance the rights and welfare of the youth, women and children. The GBV Crisis Line came into operation as a direct response to the needs of communities and reducing traffic from child helpline.

Our Services

Through our GBV Crisis Line, we provide the following services:

- ➔ Free telephone counselling on GBV issues
- ➔ Making GBV Case referrals
- ➔ GBV Case Management and follow ups
- ➔ Provision of places of safety to survivors of GBV
- ➔ Face-to-face counselling on GBV Issues
- ➔ Providing GBV response mechanisms in emergency situations
- ➔ Raising awareness on prevention of GBV

Our Partners and Key Stakeholders

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