

Tackling Poverty Together

The Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR MALAWI

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GOAL – (What)	OBJECTIVES	STEPS TO TAKE - (How)	RESOURCES NEEDED - (With What)	RESPONSIBILITY –(Who)	TIMELINE –(When)
A. To increase active youth participation in poverty reduction processes such as MPRS and MDGs	A.1- Raise awareness among youth groups on MDGs, MPRS and National Youth Policy	A.1.1 Organize community forums to sensitize the youth groups on existing poverty reduction strategies (MPRS & MDGs) A.1.2. Identify youth groups to be equipped with the information A.1.3 Prepare documentation to be delivered to the participants A.1.4 Formulate and circulate invitation letters	-Transport - Cash (communication) - Stationary -Govt. Publications (MPRS, MDGs) - Human Resource	Ndawona North-Shupekire Centre- Ndawona South-Allan & Dumisa	By Jan 15
	A.2 - Work in collaboration with the government (National Youth Council of Malawi) and other existing youth NGOs	A.2.1 Identify youth organizations and individuals to work with A.2.2. Organize a meeting with the youth focal points to discuss issues related to collaboration A.2.3 Draw an agenda on how the collaboration shall go on	-NGOs directory -Cash (Communication)	Dumisa North –Shupekire Centre – Ndawona South – Allan & Dumisa	By Nov 28

	<p>A.3 - Evaluate the Work the youth organisations have implemented so far in relation to poverty reduction</p>	<p>A.3.1 Visit Youth Organisations that we shall collaborate with to assess their progress on poverty reduction processes. A.3.2 Analyse the collected data and establish way forward (Longterm Objective)</p>	<p>- Stationary -Govt. Publications -Cash -NGOs directory - NYCOM</p>	<p>Allan North – Shupekire Centre – Ndawona South – Allan & Dumisa</p>	<p>By Dec 10</p>
	<p>A.4- Identify gaps incapacitating the youths in poverty reduction processes (information, skills, resources and gender issues)</p>	<p>A.4.1 Carryout a survey on the subject. A.4.2 Design a methodology in carrying out the survey. A.4.3 Sampling the youth organisations to be involved in the survey. A.4.4 Draw a report of the findings that will determine way forward.</p>	<p>-Cash -Stationary -Human Resource</p>	<p>Allan North – Shupekire Centre – Ndawona South – Dumisa & Allan</p>	<p>By Dec 18</p>
	<p>A.5- Initiate the Introduction of youth parliament to facilitate active participation in development of policies concerning the youth (Long Term Objective)</p>	<p>A.5.1 Meet officials from the National Youth Council of Malawi and other existing Youth NGOs to sell out the idea to them. A.5.2 Develop strategies on how to go about establishing the youth parliament. A.5.3 Prepare a report on the campaign findings and circulate it to all stakeholders and seek funding for the same.</p>	<p>-Cash -Stationary -Transport - Human Resource</p>	<p>Ndawona North – Shupekire Centre – Ndawona South – Dumisa & Allan</p>	<p>By Jan 15</p>

<p>2 Lobby for Youth recognition as a vital tool in poverty reduction processes.</p>	<p>A.6 - Develop tools and mechanisms that promote consistent youth participation in poverty reduction</p>	<p>A.6.1 Meeting members of youth organisations and discuss the impact of consistent youth participation in poverty reduction processes. A.6.2 Draw up an agenda on the mode of operation. A.6.3 Develop assessment procedures to check the progress with the youth that shall be taking part in the implementation of the strategic plan. A.6.4 Evaluate the results from the implementation whether it has been a success or flop and bring in necessary changes for further implementation.</p>	<p>-Human Resource -Cash -Stationary</p> <p>-Human Resource</p> <p>- Stationary -Human Resource -Transport -Action Plans -Cash</p>	<p>Shupekire & Dumisa</p> <p>North – Shupekire Centre – Ndawona South – Dumisa & Allan</p>	<p>By Dec 10</p>
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SWOT ANALYSIS MALAWI

STRENGTHS

1. Government will
 2. Existing structures such as ministry of youth and the National Youth Council
 3. Existing policies such as the MPRSP and the Draft National Youth policy
 4. Willing partners such as the donor community
 5. Many active youth organisations
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OPPORTUNITIES

1. National Youth Council as an opportunity for furtherance of poverty reduction processes for the youth
 2. Draft National Youth policy
 3. MPRS review processes and reporting
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WEAKNESSES

1. Lack of proper coordination between the National Youth Council and grass roots youth organisation
 2. There is no development plan to support the National Youth Policy
 3. Lack of visionary leadership
 4. Insufficient financial and technical resources
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THREATS/CHALLENGES

1. Current political instability especially the planned impeachment of the incumbent president
2. Corruption
3. privatization
4. Donor conditionality on budgetary support
5. Lack of visionary leadership in the youth themselves