



Community and Project Updates

As we reflect on October, Kawjo is proud to look back on the impactful progress we have made to train and support vulnerable communities across Malawi. Over the past several weeks, our team and partners have collaborated to implement our vision, advance ongoing projects, and position ourselves for success in the months ahead.

The achievements we have reached in October demonstrate what is possible through collaboration and commitment from our stakeholders and surrounding communities. From important project milestones to on-the-ground initiatives, we thrive on the power of local engagement and inclusive partnerships that create sustainable change.

We encourage you to explore the latest updates on our current projects and invite you to get involved and support us in expanding our efforts to transform more communities around Malawi.

A Message from our Executive Director



"A thriving community is an engine of inclusive economic growth and improved livelihoods. At Kawjo, we promote sustainable food systems by collaborating with and building strong relationships among communities and partners, and developing innovations and interventions informed by research, evidence, and best practices. While generating jobs, raising incomes, and driving environmentally conscious innovation, our focus remains on delivering sustainable and scalable impact that we are proud to be a part of. In October, the Kawjo Foundation achieved remarkable milestones in promoting climate-smart aquaculture and fisheries management. We look forward to continued progress towards transforming the lives of people, especially the vulnerable, in Malawi for the better. We appreciate all our partners and stakeholders, and we look forward to a continued fruitful collaboration." – **Zione Makawa**

Project Updates

Smart-Aqua: Climate-Smart Food Project

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- ✓ Completed greenhouse structure integrated with a sustainable Pond that provides ventilation and shade.
- ✓ Final conditioning efforts on the pond, including lining and water-quality treatments, were complete.
- ✓ Completed fish stocking efforts in Senior Chief M'bwatalika
- ✓ Completed training on sustainable greenhouse based fish pond management for young women and men farmers.

This Project is funded by [Global Affairs Canada](#) through [WUSC-Canada](#)



Participants after Sustainable Greenhouse Practice Training.



Greenhouse Installation process.

Green-Profish Project in Nkhatabay District

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- ✓ Fabrication and installation of fish smoking kiln to reduce post harvest losses and improve quality of livestock.
- ✓ Constructed metal drying racks that will replace the previous wood-based racks.
- ✓ Initiated construction of a climate-smart pond to enhance sustainable aquaculture.
- ✓ Continued monitoring development and overseeing construction efforts.

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Metal drying racks in Nkhatabay District.



Smoking kiln production.

Sustainable Aquatic Food (SAF) Malawi

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- ✓ Visited Salima and Dowa farming sites to collect data on current Fish Production rates.
- ✓ Hosted our last Decentralized Executive Committee (DEC) meeting in Ntchisi.
- ✓ Conducting refresher courses in all target districts and monitoring the farmers progress.
- ✓ Continued site visits to monitor Fish Ponds to confirm they are still operational.

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Refresher course participants.



Training Fish Farmers on best practices.

Building Resilience for Women in Fisheries and Aquaculture

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- ✓ Completed pond maintenance in Dedza.
- ✓ Had participants attended a Trainer for Trainer (ToT) course on Gender Makes Business Sense (GMBS).
- ✓ Final pond fertilization, piping and lining were completed.
- ✓ Preparing financial reports for the upcoming DAEC update meeting in November.

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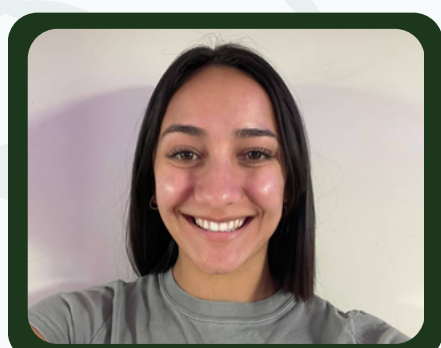


Outlining pipe installation for pond maintenance.



Completing Pond maintenance.

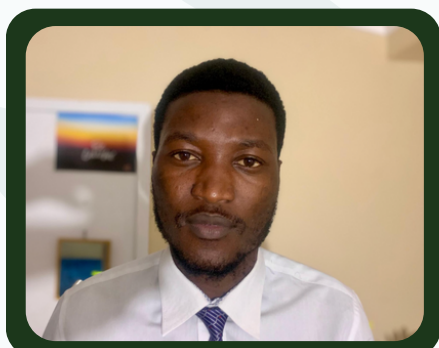
What is New at Kawjo?



Amber Farrell
Communication & Visibility Officer-
WUSC Malawi Volunteer



Chisomo Chunga
Accounts Intern



Yamikani Muha
Resource Mobilization and
Partnership Officer

This month, we also welcomed three new members to the Kawjo Foundation family. Amber, our *Communication & Visibility Officer* through the WUSC Academic Volunteer Program, will help us strengthen how we share our impacts with the communities and our partners. Chisomo Chunga, joining as our *Accounts Intern*, will support our financial management team to ensure smooth project delivery. We also welcome Yamikani Muha, our new *Resource Mobilization and Partnership Officer*, whose leadership will help build strategic partnerships and expand funding opportunities as we continue growing our initiatives across Malawi.

Community Impact

This month alone, we have helped over 100 community members learn employable skills through each of our development initiatives.

With a population of over 21 million people, 70% of these people are living in extreme poverty, earning less than \$1.99 a day. Communities heavily rely on the agriculture and aquaculture sector for their livelihood. Yet, small-scale farming is disadvantaged, productivity is low, and the industry is vulnerable to climate shocks and structural constraints.

The Kawjo Foundation is taking a long-term approach to addressing these structural challenges. These initiatives help reduce pressure on a highly agriculture-dependent economy and support vulnerable communities across Malawi.



As we celebrate the accomplishments our team has made during October, we continue to look ahead and work to advance our ongoing projects, preparing for future opportunities and partnerships that will strengthen sustainable development practices across Malawi. We encourage you to stay connected, get involved and continue supporting Kawjo's efforts to transform lives and create meaningful change.

For more information, follow our social pages or get in touch with our team. Click [here](#) to subscribe to our monthly newsletter and community updates.

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