



## Community and Project Updates

As we reflect on January and the past year we've had, Kawjo is proud of the meaningful work we have done to create sustainable change for vulnerable communities across Malawi. Over the past several weeks, our team and partners have collaborated to execute our vision, advance ongoing projects, and position ourselves for success in the year ahead.

The achievements we have reached in January 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 drive 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 lives around Malawi.

## A Message from our Project Officer



Reflecting on the work completed in January and over the past year, I am proud of the progress Kawjo Foundation has made in supporting fish farmers and hatchery operators. In January, we trained several hatchery operators, while refresher trainings and coaching sessions held throughout last year and this year have reinforced skills, improved production practices, and built confidence among farmers. We have also trained fish farmers on climate-smart technologies and climate-smart aquaculture, and engaged with fishers on climate-smart fish production and processing, including the use of efficient technologies such as Frismo smoking kilns. These activities show how our hands-on, practical approach is helping farmers and fishers adopt more sustainable, resilient, and productive practices. Overall, Kawjo's continued growth and impact demonstrate that our approach is effective, and I am excited to see Kawjo Foundation expand its reach and support even more communities in the coming year.

## Project Updates

### Green-Profish Project: Nkhatabay District

[Learn More about this Project Here](#)

- ✓ Conducted training sessions on fish pond management skills for all participants
- ✓ Oversaw fish feed process from start to finish using natural resources
- ✓ Integrated new fingerlings into ponds for fish stocking
- ✓ Continued educating participants about sustainable maintenance methods and best practices

This Project is funded by [Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program UNDP](#)



Participants



Fish Feed Session



Fish Stocking

### Smart-Aqua Project (PIF)

[Learn More about this Project Here](#)

- ✓ Improved participants skills in climate-smart aquaculture through trainings at Kawjo Field School
- ✓ Delivered greenhouse-based pond management training for 50 participants on pond maintenance, feed use and integrated greenhouse systems
- ✓ Equipped youth with practical and applicable skills to improve productivity, food security, and livelihood opportunities in their communities
- ✓ Amplified community voice by capturing participants and local leaders reflection on how the trainings went

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



Greenhouse Fish Pond



Training in Progress



Participants

### Sustainable Aquatic Food (WE4D)

[Learn More about this Project Here](#)

- ✓ Conducted a five-day raining session on greenhouse management and efficient hatchery practices
- ✓ Participants gain experience in fingerlings handling, egg collection and hygiene practices
- ✓ Strengthened skills in record keeping, breeding management and profitable operations
- ✓ Participants were equipped with knowledge for certification requirements to ensure professionalism

This Project is Funded by [GIZ](#)



Training Ponds



Chisomo Kumwenda Conducting Training Session



Participants

## Check out our updates from this month



[Kawjo Foundation – Nkhatabay Green-Profish Project](#)

Back in November, the Green-Profish team had the opportunity to support a hands on three-day workshop with all 30 participants in Sanga Beach on sustainable briquette making and improved kiln maintenance. Check out this informational video to learn more about the entire process.



[2025 Annual Project Recap](#)

The Kawjo Foundation is extremely proud of the accomplishments achieved in 2025. Our Project Officers worked tirelessly to support communities across Malawi, advancing sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and aquaculture initiatives that empower vulnerable communities. Learn more about our progress in our 2025 Annual Project Recap.



[WE4D Project: Hatchery Operator Refresher Training](#)

Earlier this month, the Kawjo team conducted a 5-day refresher sessions for participating Hatchery Operators across Malawi. Under our WE4D project, we were able to educate and train participants on pond maintenance, ideal greenhouse conditions and optimal breeding conditions. Check out this blog post to learn more about the project.



[Smart-Aqua Project: Capacity-Building Training Session](#)

The PIF team at Kawjo also conducted a one-day capacity-building training session focused on greenhouse-based pond management. Learn more about this project by clicking out our blog post about the session.

## Community Impact

In January, we continued supporting our community members in gaining employable skills through our development initiatives.

Malawi, with a population of over 21 million people, faces significant economic challenges—70% of citizens live in extreme poverty, earning less than \$1.99 a day. Most communities rely on agriculture and aquaculture for their livelihoods, yet small-scale farmers continue to face low productivity, climate shocks, and structural barriers.

The Kawjo Foundation is committed to addressing these long-term challenges by providing development skills and sustainable opportunities that ease pressure on an agriculture-dependent economy and strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities across Malawi.



As we celebrate the accomplishments our team has made during November, 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 get involved and support us in expanding our efforts to transform more 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. Help us continue improving vulnerable lives across Malawi by [Donating Here](#)

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