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Embassy of Ireland supports youth empowerment in intergrated Agriculture and Aquaculture (IAA)for climate change adaptation in T/A Mbwatalika in Lilongwe

Youths in Malawi continue to be highly vulnerable to the high unemployment rate, exposure to climate change impacts, food insecurity and increased gender inequality emanating from limited economic opportunities. Limited access to technical expertise in aquaculture and resources has a crippling effect on youth involvement in fish farming in Malawi and this has contributed to their present high vulnerability yet aquaculture provides an alternative solution to combat the youth vulnerability.

In Lilongwe district, Traditional Authority Mbwatalika, youths account for 62% of the population and most of them face serious challenges of poverty despite living in an area which has good topographical and hydrological characteristics that make it suitable for aquaculture. In order to enhance economic opportunities and improve livelihoods for the youths in Mbwatalika, Kawjo Foundation with support from Irish aid decided to come to the youths rescue by empowering them with technical expertise to establish and manage IAA farm. Engaging 50 youths of which 15 are young girls, the youths were mobilised from 10 villages under Traditional Authority Mbwatalika. They were trained on how they can establish farm starting from pond construction, management and harvesting.



All the youths took part in the construction of the 469sqm demonstration pond and 28sqm nursery pond in November 2023. The fish pond has been stocked with 12000 fingerlings which shall be raised to produce fingerlings that will be distributed to the youths that will construct own fish pond in the year 2024. Aside pond construction, the fish pond is being intergrated with crops such as banana, tomatoes and other green vegetables. The youths have since been trained on the same.





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The youths have already started reaping the fruits of the technical expertise Kawjo Foundation is giving to them with support from Irish Aid. Five (5) youths from the group were hired in December to construct a pond for a client in Mzuzu and managed to earn Mk1 500 000. Just 2 weeks after the trainings, one youth has constructed his own nursery pond of 50sqm which he plans to expand during the coming season. The pond has since been stocked with 350 fingerlings sources from the demonstration pond.



In addition to fish farming, the youths are being trained on organic farming which includes trainings on compost and Mbeya manure making for the vegetables being farmed around the ponds.

ABOUT KAWJO FOUNDATION

Kawjo Foundation is a youth and female led non-profit organization which was established in 2008. The foundation targets the vulnerable (the poor, the sick, people living with disabilities, women and youths) communities at the household level or individuals and needy students in schools in urban, peri-urban and rural areas. Its vision is to see the lives of marginalized, vulnerable and low-income communities and households in Malawi being transformed and its mission is to become a vehicle for transformation in the lives of the marginalized, vulnerable and low-cost communities and households in Malawi by offering advisory services, facilitation of training and skills development, community and resource mobilization, research and outreach, innovation, mentorship and humanitarian services. Its vision is to see the lives of the marginalised, vulnerable and low income communities and households in Malawi being transformed for the better and its mission is to become a vehicle for transformation in the lives of the marginalised, vulnerable and low income communities and households in Malawi by offering services in Education, humanitarian work and sustainable livelihoods.

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