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YWCA MALAWI

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## PROJECT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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## **I. COMIC RELIEF**

### **Project name: Malawi Early Childhood Initiative for children of Adolescent Mothers (MECIAM)**

MECIAM planned to build on a YWCA & REPSSI project to enhance psychosocial wellbeing of adolescent mothers (AM) & development outcomes for their babies. MECIAM will introduce sessions for AM & babies in existing community-based child care centres (CBCCs) and enroll children of AM into early childhood care and education (ECCE) programmes in these CBCCs.

MECIAM targeted adolescent mothers, their babies and children to the age of five, alongside fathers of the children. Other disadvantaged children who attend the CBCCs will also benefit from improved health and developmental input to the CBCCs.

#### **Project location:**

- Malosa – Zomba
- Likhubula – Mulanje
- Namiyango – Blantyre

#### **Target groups**

- Children from birth to 36 months - 540 children birth to 36 months (45 children/CBCC)
- Children from 36 months to 59 months - 360 children 36 – 59 months (30 children/CBCC)
- Pregnant girls and adolescent mothers - 540 AMs (45 AMs/CBCC)

## **II. WOMEN MOVEMENT AMPLIFY (FUNDER: UN Women, Spotlight Initiative)**

- PERIOD: July 2020 - June 2020
- IMPACT AREA: Machinga
- IMPLEMENTING MEMBERS: CYECE (CR PC), YWCA (CR PC), APW (WPDM PC), CHRR (WPDM PC)

#### **Brief description of the project**

The overall objective of the project was to enhance the capacity and facilitate the networking of women's/girls' rights groups/organisations in influencing progress towards the achievement of GEWE, and elimination of VAWG and other related hazards pertaining to SRH and HPs in Malawi.

The envisaged goal hinges on achieving the following strategic outputs (outcomes):

- 1) Increased capacity of Women's rights advocates/activists in influencing, strategy planning, costing and monitoring the creation/implementation of government policies on VAWG/SGBV/HP/SRHR
- 2) Increased networking of Women's rights organisations, advocates/activists/groups/ and the media towards joint action planning and advocacy on issues pertaining to VAWG/SGBV/HP/SRHR

3) Increased technical capacity of women's rights groups/organisations and social accountability mechanisms pertaining to VAWG/SGBV/HP/SRHR

The intended impact areas of the project are Mzimba, Nkhatabay, Ntchisi, Dowa, Machinga and Nsanje and also at national level. The project's main strategies are:

- Movement building,
- Capacity building,
- Advocacy and Social Accountability
- Partnership with Media
- Community awareness and mobilization.

**The YWCA** led the team of NGOGCN members that collaborated in implementing part of NGOGC's spotlight activities in Machinga. The NGOGCN secretariat offered technical and financial support to the operations of this team.

The project started with DEC meeting on -----to briefing and get the buy in of controlling policy actors in the districts. The inception meeting also marked an initial interface with some of the key SI IPs, media and other key stakeholders with whom the project to are to achieve the following:

- Introduction of project approach, work plan and expected results  
Preliminary mapping of relevant advocates, groups/organisations/ movements and media houses across the district