



ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

The Young Women's Christian Association of Malawi (YWCA) is an affiliate association of the World YWCA, founded in Malawi in 1998 and registered with the NGO Board (**currently NGO Regulatory Authority (NGORA)**) in 2003. YWCA is a women and youth led, membership-based, non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to the empowerment of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). Our vision is a fully inclusive society where justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained by women's leadership. YWCA recognizes the value of all human beings without distinction of race, nationality, class or religion and seeks to promote understanding and co-operation between people of different ethnicities, races and cultures. Towards this end, YWCAs core values include volunteerism, diversity, tolerance, mutual respect, integrity and accountability.

VISION

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MISSION

Dedicated to the empowerment of the community, especially women, youth and children, to realize their potential as human beings and to contribute to a just society, through rights – based and sustainable interventions.

WHAT DO WE DO

YWCA is committed to advocacy work centered on uplifting the quality of life of AGYW:

- i. to empower them to appraise and articulate their needs, and thereafter to demand for services from relevant policy holders and duty-bearers through meaningful participation in decision-making processes;
- ii. to empower them to become aware of and enjoy their rights, and to perform their duties as productive citizens;
- iii. and to develop self-reliance and increase their capacity for self-development through education, skills-development and economic empowerment.

While YWCA primarily targets AGYW, the organization targets adolescent boys and young men (ABYM) in all interventions – albeit on a smaller scale – due to the absence of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the country.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS

YWCA in Malawi provides Developmental Assistance in the thematic areas of:

- HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR);
- Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (PSS);

- Child Protection (CP);
- Gender Based Violence/Ending Violence against Women and Girls (GBV/EVAWG);
- Political Empowerment of [Young] Women (PEW);
- Leadership, Governance and Active Citizenship;
- Education;
- Economic Empowerment and Self-Reliance (SR);
- and Early Childhood Development (ECD).

Humanitarian Assistance is provided through participation at the national level in:

- a. the Malawi Protection and Social Support Cluster,
- b. the Nutrition Cluster.

CATCHMENT AREA

YWCA currently offers its services in:

- **Southern Malawi** – Blantyre (*city & district*), Chikwawa and Mulanje
- **Eastern Malawi** – Machinga and Zomba (*district*).