



Working as a team during the entrepreneurship workshop by World Appeal



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World Appeal visit

One of MASYAP's biggest donors, World Appeal, visited in March, carrying out three workshops: a parenting workshop, and entrepreneurship workshop and a literacy workshop. They were all very well received and MASYAP is extremely grateful for World Appeal's generosity.



Literacy workshop

Trustee visit

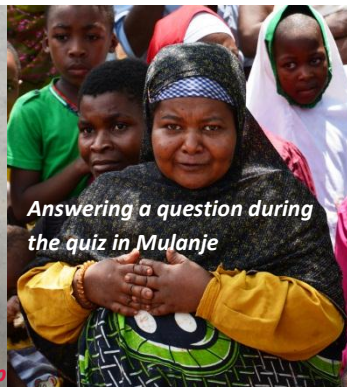
In March, MASYAP's international trustee Madiha Bakir paid a visit to MASYAP, and along with the other trustees, visited MASYAP's projects.

Youth microfinance

March saw the creation of the MASYAP youth microfinance scheme. 26 girls received two days' training before being disbursed a loan of MWK 15,000 (around \$20). MASYAP will look to roll out the scheme to other members if this pilot goes successfully.



Youth during the microfinance workshop



Answering a question during the quiz in Mulanje

Microfinance

Many women on the microfinance scheme are struggling due to the poor economic climate in Malawi at the moment. However, the scheme is still helping:

Farida Abdul from BCA says *'Things are tough at the moment but because I am doing at a little business I can help my husband with the household expenditures'*



Members' deaths

Three MASYAP members passed away: Zainab Alubi, 61, peri; Halima Mlenga, 50, Manase; and Amina Ngulina, 45, from Chigumula.

Women's support groups

Members are being trained on the 90-90-90 target, which aims to have 90% of people knowing their HIV status; 90% of HIV+ people taking ARVs, and 90% of those on medication having a low viral load.

Youth

Youth groups have been continuing their netball training, as well as practicing poems and dramas.

HTC

242 people have been tested so far this year, with 23 of these testing positive. Two follow-up visits were carried out; both women were on medication, although one had not disclosed her status. Food was distributed to one of them, who was having trouble providing for herself.

With help from the Malawian Interfaith AIDS Association, MASYAP run a successful HTC outreach day in Mulanje, where 41 people were tested. A quiz was also held, with donated prizes such as cereal and soap.