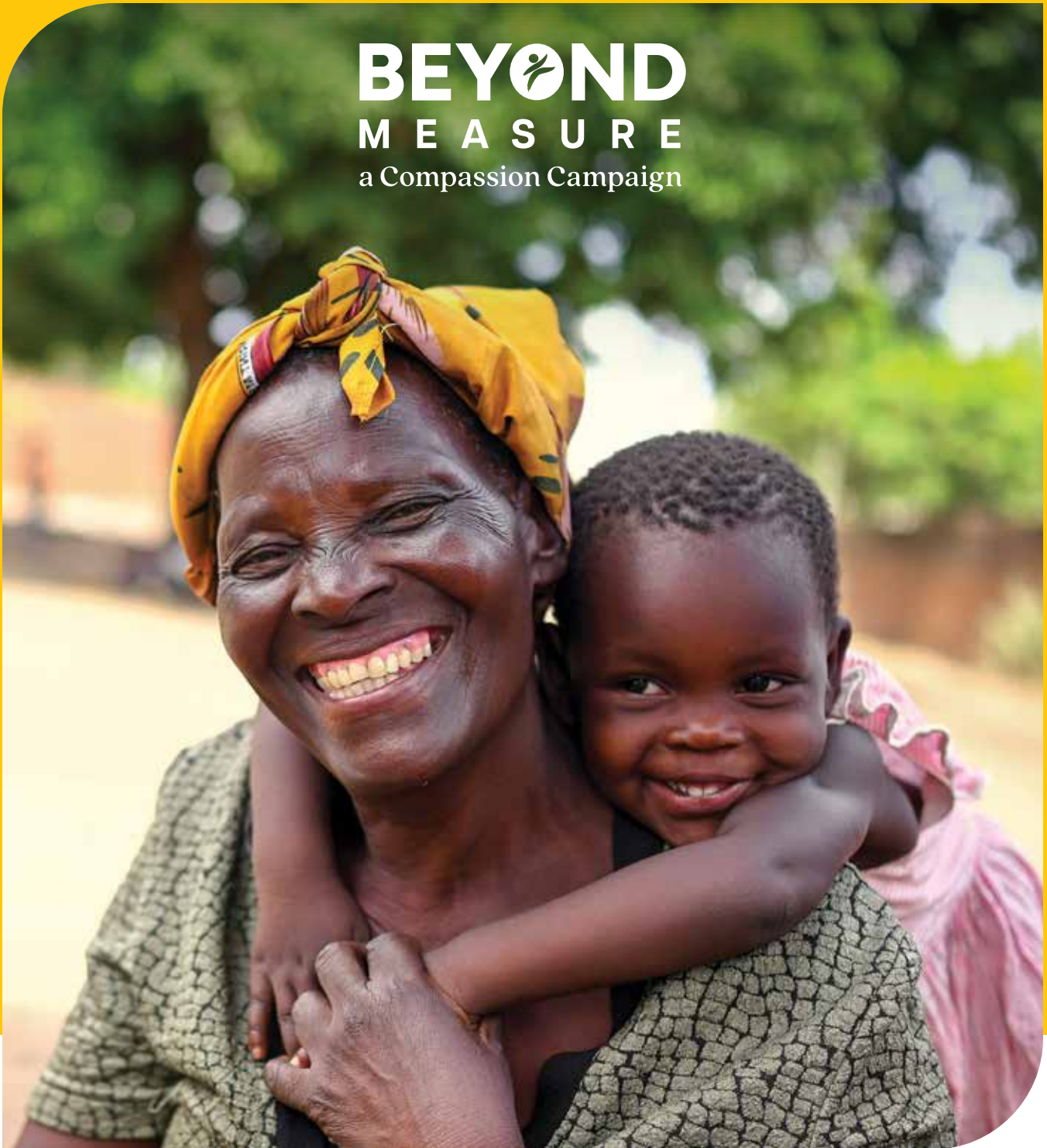


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Your Impact on Children in Malawi & Zambia

Fall 2025 Report

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“This past year was a time of resilience and progress. The collective impact of various interventions helped shift families from vulnerability toward self-sufficiency, restore dignity and strengthen the role of the local church in holistic child development. We are grateful to have witnessed these positive developments.”

JOEL MACHARIA, SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMPASSION AFRICA

From Statistics to Stories of Hope

Life in the areas of Malawi and Zambia where Compassion works is marked by extraordinary hardship. Poverty rates in these neighborhoods far surpass the national averages, with estimates rising as high as 99% of participant households living on less than \$3.65 per day. For children, this often means hunger, lack of adequate schooling and vulnerability to preventable diseases are part of daily life. Families do their best to provide, but the weight of poverty leaves many with few options.

Yet amidst this hardship, God is writing a new story through the local church – and through your faithful support.

- **In Malawi, 81 Frontline Church Partners are caring for more than 18,000 children**, ensuring they have access to vital support like education, nutrition and spiritual growth. Additionally, **nearly 1,000 babies and their mothers are receiving early health interventions through the Survival program**, giving little ones a stronger start to life.
- **In Zambia, 70 Frontline Church Partners are now serving over 11,700 children** with holistic development opportunities. **The Survival program is supporting nearly 1,000 babies and their caregivers**, offering essential care, community and hope in those fragile first years.

These ministries are more than programs – they are lifelines. A mother who once feared for her newborn's life now has a safe place to turn. A child who once walked hungry to school now has nourishment for body and mind. A community once defined by scarcity is beginning to glimpse a future filled with possibility.

Your generosity is fueling this transformation. Thank you for standing with children in Malawi and Zambia and for choosing to be part of God's work of renewal in some of the most vulnerable places on earth.

Confronting HIV with Compassion

In Malawi, a longstanding HIV epidemic has been impacting children and families for more than 30 years. With an estimated 10% prevalence rate across the country today, far too many caregivers and children are affected – not only by the illness itself, but also by the stigma, isolation and barriers to care that surround it.

Families living with HIV often face painful discrimination in their schools, churches and communities. Many caregivers walk long distances to reach overwhelmed public health centers, only to wait hours for inconsistent treatment. And without enough food at home, the effectiveness of antiretroviral therapy (ART) is often undermined, leaving children and parents more vulnerable to other illnesses.

Despite this painful reality, your generosity is making it possible for local churches to shine a light of hope. All across Malawi, Frontline Church Partners have embarked on a campaign to raise awareness, educate families about treatments and reducing the stigma of voluntary testing. To date, 1,636 participants and family members have been tested, with 189 individuals found to be positive now receiving life-saving ART treatment.

The care provided goes beyond medicine. Families are receiving transport support to reach clinics, home-based care kits and special programs to prevent mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy. Local churches are also working tirelessly to break down the stigma, creating spaces where caregivers and children living with HIV are welcomed, loved and supported.

Together, we are confronting HIV with the love of Christ – and offering children and families in Malawi the opportunity to flourish, even in the face of great challenges.



Yamikani's Story:

When Purpose Comes Knocking

Yamikani's childhood was fractured from the start. He lost his parents at age 3, his siblings scattered and his life became a daily battle to survive. In this heaviness of the struggle, no one noticed him.

"My life has been a terrible journey of hunger, rejection and darkness. I would sleep and wake up knowing another day of pain awaited, and I had to accept it," recalls Yamikani, a now 17-year-old.

That was the genesis of a life spent hopping from one place to the other, in search of a home. Hunger, anger and fear followed him like shadows. "I was just living – no purpose, no vision or dream. Just waiting for the day I would die," he says.

But everything changed when a Compassion center staff member, Alinafe, heard of a quiet boy living alone in desperate conditions and came to see him. "I shed tears when I saw him: thin, alone, sickly, but with a spark of strength in his eyes," she said.

Alinafe began regularly bringing him food and milk, encouraging him with the Word of God, and praying with him. She assured him that his life mattered and that God was going to change his life. She also connected him to the church's new Not Educated, Employed or Trained (NEET) Program, where Yamikani could receive vocational training.

"Hearing about the program was like a flashlight chasing away the dark side of my life. For the first time, I felt my life was worth living. I imagined I was a man with a future to look forward to," shares Yamikani.

Through the NEET Program, Yamikani trained to become a plumber. And while he studied, the church built Yamikani a permanent house through the Highly Vulnerable Children fund. At last, he had a home and a purpose that he had always prayed and hoped for.

Today, Yamikani is one of 250 youths empowered through NEET to become skilled workers across Malawi and finding hope for a brighter future.

"Thanks to Compassion and the many invisible hands supporting this mission, our young people are finding purpose, faith and responsibility," reflected Lasford, Yamikani's pastor. "You're not just changing lives! You're shaping a stronger future for our communities."

Expanding Hope in Zambia

Provision in a Season of Scarcity

The drought that has swept across southern Africa the past few years has left Zambia reeling. With massive crop failures, historically low water levels on the Zambezi River and even the turbines at Kariba Dam (which supply approximately 50% of Zambia's power) forced to shut down, the ripple effects touched every household. Families who already struggled with poverty now faced severe hunger, loss of income and a future clouded with uncertainty.

Yet even in such devastation, God was at work through His people. Together with local churches, your support enabled Compassion to provide emergency food assistance that reached more than 6,000 households – nearly double the initial target. These provisions helped stabilize families during the crisis and gave them strength to begin looking beyond survival.

To build long-term resilience, over 6,000 caregivers joined savings groups, receiving training in entrepreneurship and backyard gardening. 2,679 caregivers also learned improved farming techniques that reduce food loss and strengthen household food security. Through interventions like these, families are not only surviving the drought but beginning to find new pathways toward sustainability.

Thank you for making this transformational, life-saving work possible!



Gracious' Story: Finding Healing in Community

When Gracious and her husband gave birth to a healthy daughter after tragic experiences with stillbirth in the past, they named her Mayamiko, meaning “thank you to God.” But raising a child in a crowded urban neighborhood filled with substance abuse and harmful influences was overwhelming. Gracious longed to give her daughter safety and stability.

Hope arrived in the most ordinary way, through a conversation while Gracious was selling goods by the roadside. Some neighbors told her about a new program at the local church for young kids and their caregivers, and something stirred within her to sign up.

When Mayamiko got connected to Compassion's new early childhood program at the church, the impact was instant for her and her family. “The church gives us food; we don't go hungry. We can afford a meal! We eat three times a day, because of the food relief that we receive,” says Gracious.

But the deeper transformation was spiritual and emotional. Through workshops and community

support, Gracious gained confidence as a mother and found her spiritual footing. She quickly learned many practical skills and lessons about parenting and child development.

“I have learned a lot in how to take care of Mayamiko and the way she should grow. I have also learned how to cook and feed her,” Gracious shares.

To this day, Gracious belongs to a group of caregivers who educate one another on how to take care of their children – a group that has helped cure many of her worries. Through faith, practical education and community support, this mother who once felt helpless has now become a mentor and leader to others who are walking in her footsteps.

“I want to say thank you to all of the supporters of the Compassion program because our lives have been transformed. We have learned a lot about feeding, spiritual growth and just a good way of life. All parents in this program have been transformed. We are very grateful, and we say thank you,” Gracious shares.



Please Join Us in Prayer

- That God will continue renewing hope for our program participants and grant them resilience as they work towards their God-given potential.
- For protection from natural disasters and weather patterns that could reverse some of the gains being made in releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.
- For the wisdom of the national staff in both countries as they establish partnerships with more churches and serve more children in need.

Thank You for Expanding Hope in Malawi and Zambia

Because of your generosity, families in Malawi and Zambia are experiencing the love of Christ today in tangible ways – food on their tables, clean water in their communities, education for their children and hope for their futures. Your partnership is not only changing lives today, but it is helping transform generations to come in Jesus' name. On behalf of all the children in our care, thank you!