

November to January Progress Report 2026.

Average number of children fed (in hundreds):

800

Average number of feeding days per week:

We continue our feeding program **5 days per week**. Currently, we have enough food supplies to last **one to two weeks**. This February, we anticipate an increase in the average number of children attending the feeding program, as it is traditionally one of the more difficult months.

Several factors are contributing to this challenge: There has been significant political influence around maize, resulting in **scarcity and rising prices** although the government claims the prices have gone down, the reality on the ground is different. The cost of other feeding-related supplies remains high and continues to fluctuate. Recently, increased fuel prices and tax increase from 16.5 to 17.5% have further driven up overall costs. We are deeply grateful for your donations toward the feeding program, a vital part of our ministry.

Number of high school students:

88

Number of boarding school students:

All 12 girls are in school and are doing well.

Status of High School attendees:

All students are still in school. We would like to report that the new government as a fulfilment to their campaign promise has removed starting from the new school year of September 2026, High School tuition fees for day secondary school students. As of the Night secondary school students and boarding school, nothing has changed. Please note that other related costs such as work books, pens, pencils, instruments, text books, development fees and examinations fees are still there only tuition is what has been removed. This means that

1. Instead of \$150, we will need \$100 for 56-day school students.
2. \$150 still applies to our 22 Night secondary school students.

University students

Leonard is doing his final teaching practices at Matola Secondary School in Dowa district. He just shared that the supervisors visited to monitor his work and all went well. Blessings is also completing his final attachments in Mangochi District hospital before final examinations. Then the dates for graduation will be communicated to us. We are so grateful to God for growing this ministry through these young men. Dickson, Hastings and Gomani are also doing well in school.

Symon qualified for college and sat for the qualification exams. The selection is not yet out; we will let you all know as soon as this happens.

Kanyenyeva Wala:

The team is still working hard. We are still having the challenge of outsourcing materials especially flannel and PUL. Our chapter leader Melani Wilson who is based in South Africa just communicated to us that she is working at organizing for materials from Kenya to Malawi but there is need to make a payment to Days For Girls International for the shipment. As of now, we do not have the funds for this. Our savings have been used to buy materials for making shields, string bags, carry pouches, buying more sewing supplies and paying the women for the past 4 month

Status of the farm:

We have planted Soy Beans at the farm. This year we have more rain at the farm than expected, so the field is currently waterlogged and planting maize cannot work. We have worked on the drainage but the rains are just too much. We are hoping that this will not persist as the rainy season continues. Right now, the roads are impassable but we have the farm manager and the assistants monitoring all the work and giving us feedback as needed.

While we have too much rain in Mchinji, several districts of Malawi do not have rains at all for the past 3 weeks and crops are wilting badly. Keep us in your prayers.

In October, we received a surprise generous donation from our Canadian partners to buy new rear tires for the tractor. With this donation, we managed to buy brand new tires and do fitting service. We also managed to service the tractor fully with new spare parts.



Irrigation

The work to finalize the mounting of tanks, distribution of pipes into the farm for the selected land has halted because of the rains. The vehicles were unable to travel to and from the farm and we will wait until the rains have subsided. We know that this is a key project for the farm and we look forward to seeing everything done.

Other:

Women volunteers and the committee

Kanyenyeva area received poor rains and many farms failed. This means that our women have no food in their homes. Please keep them in your prayers. We distributed maize to our volunteers in January

The maize mill

The Maize Mill is working well and is serving the community really well. The Kanyenyeva Committee as of now is still strictly operating it and we are just monitoring the progress.

