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Titukulane

Program brief:

Development & Humanitarian Nexus



294,837

Direct Participants



Zomba & Mangochi

Geographic Coverage



103,193

Youth (age 15–29)

Titukulane is a \$75M five-year (2019–2024) USAID-funded Resilience Food Security Activity. Titukulane, meaning “let’s develop together” in Chichewa, is being implemented by CARE with its partners. The Activity supports implementation and learning of the Malawi National Resilience Strategy (NRS).

Purpose 1 : Increased stable and equitable incomes from agricultural and non-agricultural livelihoods for ultra-poor and chronically vulnerable households, women and youth.

- On-farm livelihoods: improved seeds and practices, irrigation, livestock
- Marketing: agri-input loans and market linkages
- Non-farm Livelihoods: VSLA, Youth vocational training, micro-enterprise

Purpose 2 : Improve nutritional status of children under five, adolescent girls & women of reproductive age.

- Health and Nutrition: CARE Groups, nutrition cash transfer for PLW
- Rehabilitation and constriction of boreholes

Purpose 3 : Increased institutional and local capacities to reduce risk and increase resilience among ultra-poor and chronically vulnerable households.

- Disaster Risk Management: local DRM plans and resource mobilization, early warning systems; cash for work for flood protection
- Natural Resource Management: Watershed restoration, forest recovery and management:
- Local capacity: support implementation of National Resilience Strategy with district government and communities

Cross-cutting: Integrated throughout Titukulane are domains of change that are fundamental to the elimination of poverty and inequality:

- Greater **gender equality, women’s empowerment and youth opportunities** at the household, community and systems levels.
- The principles of **good governance** are practiced across the systems receiving support and duty bearers at all levels are held accountable for their decisions.
- Activities across the program increase household, community and systems **resilience capacities**.



Goal:

Sustainable, equitable, and resilient food and nutrition security for ultra-poor and chronically vulnerable households in Mangochi and Zomba Districts

Crises affecting Malawi

Global Food Crisis

Communities in Southern Malawi are facing increased risk of food insecurity this lean season (Nov – March) due to rising food prices, inflation of non-food items including fertilizer, fuel shortages and challenges with government's Agricultural Input Program.

Climate

Tropical cyclones and variable weather in 2022 directly affected communities with flooding and resulted in below-average crop production in the last growing season.

Cholera

The largest cholera outbreak in more than 10 years is currently underway, affecting both Mangochi and Zomba Districts.

COVID 19

The COVID-19 epidemic greatly affected the vulnerable communities that Titukulane serves both directly as a health risk as well as by limiting mobility and access to employment and livelihood opportunities, reduced access to social services and increases in gender-based violence.

Adapting

Titukulane has adapted its approach in FY23 in response to the anticipated impact of the global food crisis.

- **Increased access to improved seeds** via new smart subsidy to 15,600 farmers and via agricultural loan to 1500 farmers via COFI
- **Climate smart agriculture** key component of farmer training via Farmer Field Business Schools
- **Investing in irrigation** – 25 schemes planned to improve year-round access to food
- **Youth businesses:** Supporting 2000 youth with technical skills; 700 have received business start-up capital
- **Including small livestock and chicken** support for 9500 vulnerable HHs this year to improve income and nutrition
- **Increased value** of nutrition cash transfers for 22,000 pregnant and lactating women
- **Cash for Work** supporting HH incomes and access to food and agricultural inputs while reducing impact of flash floods
- **VSLAs** increasing women's savings and access to loans to support income generating activities
- **Local disaster preparedness and response plans** in place and community resources mobilized

Responding

Titukulane has activated its **crisis modifier** to respond to both the Covid-19 pandemic and a current response to the cholera outbreak.

Cholera

- Community awareness campaigns have reached 11,500 people, material and capacity support (427 health workers trained) to health facilities and improved coordination at district level
- Constructed & rehabilitated 89 boreholes in FY23 reaching 17,800 people with access to safe water, which supports cholera prevention and control

COVID-19

- Conducted COVID rapid gender analysis
- Trained health workers on case management
- Provided protective equipment and hygiene materials to health facilities & social institutions
- Supported awareness campaigns for the public

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142,558

Participants (95,575 F; 46,983M)
reached across all purpose areas



8,849

Accessed quality farm inputs through
loans



20,808

Received Nutrition Cash Transfers



27,825

With access to safe water from 53
rehabilitated boreholes



6,374

Reached with cash-for-work under
watershed management and dyke
construction