



# Malawi

**Population:**  
19.1 million

**Primary languages:**  
English, Chichewa  
(both official)

**Capital:**  
Lilongwe

**Primary religions:**  
Christianity, Islam



charity: water

## THE NEED

Malawi is one of Africa's most densely populated and least developed countries with 70% of the population living below the income poverty line. To date, they rank 169 out of 191 countries on the 2021/22 Human Development Index. Recent droughts and floods have destroyed already under-developed water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure, and approximately 33% of the rural population continues to lack access to clean drinking water.

## THAT'S COOL

Lake Malawi is 365 miles long, 52 miles across (at its widest point), and has 12 main rivers flowing into it, earning it the nickname "Calendar Lake."





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Implementing Partner:  
**World Vision**

charity: water and World Vision Malawi began working together in 2012.

**\$12,128,395**

**INVESTED**

**632,737**

**PEOPLE WILL BE SERVED**

**1,681**

**PROJECTS FUNDED**

## THE PROGRAMMING

charity: water supports World Vision Malawi’s water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programming, which is currently focused in Ntcheu District. Community members and the District Council are working alongside World Vision Malawi to achieve full WASH coverage in this district by 2026. Overall, World Vision Malawi’s goal is for each household to have year-round access to at least 5 gallons (20 liters) of clean water per person, per day. The water point also needs to be within a 30-minute round-trip walk of the home.

- **Sustainability Highlight:** To create an early sense of ownership, the location of each new water point is carefully considered and selected based on community input.
- Communities are encouraged to donate a portion of the construction materials and establish funds for each new water point. This is also intended to build a sense of ownership and responsibility.
- World Vision Malawi’s programming promotes behavioral change by educating communities on the importance of handwashing and consistent use of latrines.
- World Vision Malawi also hosts Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) trainings and works to certify communities as Open Defecation Free (ODF).



## SOLUTION

# SCHOOL WATER POINT & SANITATION FACILITY

*\$16,000*

If a school is lacking both a clean water source and safe sanitation facilities, our partners construct separate, gender-specific latrines and handwashing stations in addition to a water point. Hygiene and sanitation training is also implemented with the goal of instilling healthy behaviors at school and at home. While the details may differ slightly from partner to partner, this programming typically engages student leaders and staff in education and promotion of key water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) themes. Often, this also includes training on menstrual hygiene management, allowing more girls to regularly attend school.

Serves approximately

**248 people**

