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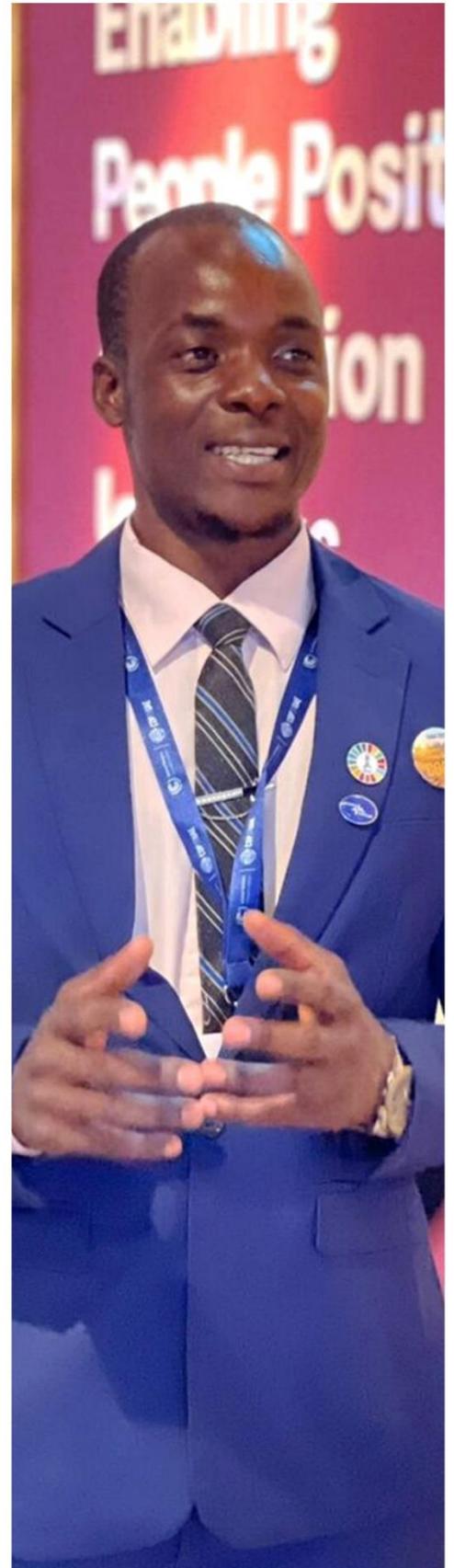


Executive Director's Note

Over the past quarter, YASD has consolidated its role as a leading youth-led development actor in Malawi. We have not only implemented projects with tangible impact at the grassroots level but also reshaped the national policy discourse on youth, climate justice, and poverty alleviation. Through our work, we are breaking socio-economic barriers, strengthening women's empowerment, and creating sustainable livelihoods that align with **Malawi 2063** and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our partners. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to **IM Swedish Development Partners** whose unwavering financial and technical support has made the LOGIC Project a reality, and to other partners who continue to stand with us in our mission to create sustainable, youth-led change. -

Edward Chidombe Msiska
Executive Director - YASD



Programmatic Milestones

June: Rights-Based Partnerships and Adaptability

On June 17, YASD engaged with IM Swedish Development Partners to deepen institutional resilience through the Adapter-Meter framework. This process strengthened our capacity to adapt to complex challenges while maintaining a rights-based focus.



Andreas Ulfsax leading im malawi team during the session

On June 20, the **National Youth Council of Malawi (NYCOM)** visited Fundo Youth Club, witnessing first-hand how LOGIC rightsholders are pioneering agroecological farming with organic fertilizers. Their recognition underscored the transformative impact of youth-led farming in securing food systems and green jobs.



Members of the Fundo Club with NYCOM team at the field

On June 23, YASD hosted a high-level delegation led by **Gabriella Fredriksson**, Secretary General of IM, who praised the LOGIC Project for delivering innovative, scalable solutions to poverty and climate change.



YASD Team and IM delegation pose for a youthful Group photo

Between June 25–26, refresher trainings for LOGIC champions demonstrated that sustainable livelihoods are achievable, champions reported planting 2,000 trees, earning income from organic products, and applying eco-friendly farming methods that reduce dependency on harmful chemical inputs.



Rightsholders (LOGIC champions 2024) during one of the sessions .

July: Youth Voice and Women's Agency

On July 14, YASD played an active role in the 2025 National Youth Summit, advocating for youth-inclusive climate policy and financing.



YASD team with NYCOM team pose for a photo

From July 23–31, New training under the Gender Action Learning System (GALS) equipped women with leadership skills, enabling them to influence household and community decision-making. These interventions address structural gender inequalities by ensuring women are recognized as economic actors and rights-holders.



Vision Journey Session in Progress

August: Scaling Green Enterprises

In August, LOGIC champions (from other areas TAs) also received advanced training on business management, leadership, and advocacy. The focus on record keeping, facilitated by experts from NYCOM, reinforced financial accountability and sustainability.

August 25 - 26 , YASD launched the **Greening the Future (GTF) Project**, funded with support from **Hlanganisa Community Fund (RSA)** . one-hundred rightsholders from GVH Mlezi and Chigonthi received training in crystallised human urine fertiliser production, composting, and agroecological practices. This initiative addresses structural drivers of poverty by reducing household dependence on costly chemical fertilisers, restoring soil fertility, and building resilience against climate shocks.



Project Officer for the GTF Project Ellah Tambalaweko Facilitating a Session .

September: Closure and Continuity

From September 21–29, YASD distributed essential protective gear and tools to LOGIC champions across Dedza and Lilongwe. These inputs ensure safe, dignified, and sustained engagement in green livelihood activities.



On September 30, the LOGIC Project, funded by IM Swedish Development Partners (2024–2025), officially closed. Activities concluded with tool distribution in TA Kachere, following successful sessions in Chauma, Tsabango, and Chitukula. While LOGIC formally ends, its legacy remains: thousands of households now rely on

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Impact Stories: Poverty Alleviation in Action

Trizza: Once burdened by limited resources, Trizza now earns a steady income through farming enhanced with crystallised human urine fertiliser. Her journey illustrates women's right to economic agency, breaking gender barriers in farming and entrepreneurship.



Lawrent Tiferanji: By producing organic fertilisers and fire briquettes, Lawrent transitioned from dependency to diversified income streams, investing profits in pig rearing for manure supply. His enterprise is a circular economy model that directly alleviates poverty while sustaining the environment.



Impact Stories: Poverty Alleviation in Action

Chauma Community: Formerly dependent on expensive chemical fertilisers, rightsholders in Chauma now practice organic methods and agroecology. With support from LOGIC, they trained local leaders and peers, embedding climate-smart farming into the fabric of their community. This collective shift demonstrates community rights to sustainable livelihoods and environmental health.



Chauma community leaders and rightsholders

Organizational Growth and Strategic Positionings

Internally, YASD has invested in finance, communications, monitoring & evaluation, and leadership systems, ensuring accountability and evidence-based programming. Our human resources base has expanded, reflecting our transition from a youth-led initiative into a professional development organization. Materially, our office space and infrastructure have grown, creating a strong foundation for delivery.

Externally, YASD has consolidated its footprint in policy and governance spaces. Our Executive Director was appointed to the Board of the National Youth Council of Malawi, and YASD now sits on the Technical Working Group of the Lilongwe City Council, bridging grassroots practice with municipal policy. At the global stage, YASD's participation in the Conference of Parties (COP) positioned us as a credible youth voice in climate justice advocacy, linking local realities to international decision-making.

Strategically, our partnership base has expanded regionally, with the addition of Hlanganisa Community Fund for Social and Gender Justice. This not only reflects growing confidence in YASD's capacity but also demonstrates our rising role as a regional actor driving youth-led, climate-smart, and rights-based development.



Looking Ahead



As LOGIC concludes and GTF expands, YASD recommits itself to dismantling barriers of poverty, gender inequality, and climate vulnerability. Our model proves that when youth and women are equipped with skills, resources, and agency, they become leaders of systemic change.

We extend our deepest appreciation to IM Swedish Development Partners for funding the LOGIC Project, and to all regional partners whose solidarity allows us to continue planting seeds of transformation. Together, we are nurturing a generation that is not just surviving, but thriving.

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