

# Weathering the Storm.

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from Cyclone Victims

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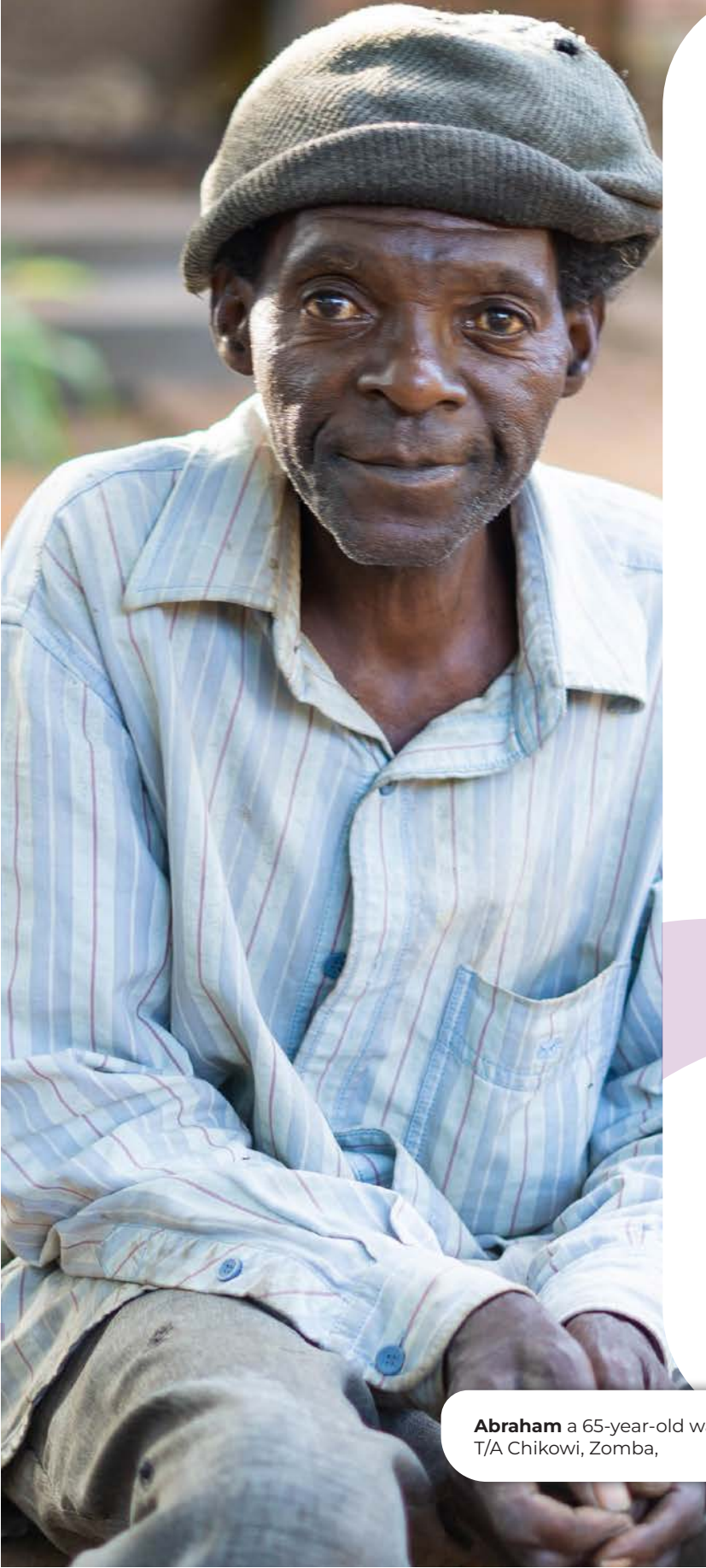
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# Guarding the Storm.



**A**braham Hassan, a 65-year-old watchman, of Maluwa Village T/A Chikowi, Zomba, in the early hours of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was coming from his watchman duties when the disaster struck. The previous night he had left to attend to his duties with nothing to worry about but during the night heavy rains poured and caused extensive damage to his house. Upon his return home he found his house had partially collapsed on one side. Worrying for his ageing wife and three children he was frightened and overwhelmed. To his relief his family was safe but there were still in danger as the side of the house they were hiding in was in danger of collapsing as well.

During the night of the same day 13<sup>th</sup> March as Hassan and his family were still contemplating on what to do next the whole house collapsed whilst they were still in it. Although no one was harmed in the collapse all the household items were extensively damaged. With nothing else to do Hassan and his family braved the storm at night and went to the Chuluchosema Camp.

Upon receiving relief items from Lydia Action Hassan had only a few words to say

**“I am thankful for the donation especially the food items as me and my family haven’t eaten anything in the past two days”**

**Abraham** a 65-year-old watchman, of Maluwa Village T/A Chikowi, Zomba,



# The Winds of Fate.

**Atupele** a 14-year-old student at Namilambe Primary school of Binali Village, T/A Chikowi, Zomba

Atupele Laston a 14-year-old standard six student at Namilambe Primary school of Binali Village, T/A Chikowi, Zomba was living with her grandmother when her grandmother's house collapsed on 13th March 2023 due to the heavy rains caused by cyclone Freddy. Upon the house collapsing Atupele and her grandmother took shelter at Atupele mother's house. Unfortunately, on 14th March Atupele mother's house also collapsed leaving Atupele and her family homeless, hence, during the night of

the 14th they took refuge at Tigwilane Manja CBCC Camp.

Like many school children in the affected areas, Atupele's future has been thrown into turmoil due to suspension of classes "with all I have gone through I am no longer looking forward to third term of school. I am mostly just sad nowadays" she lamented. Upon receiving the relief items from Lydia Action Atupele expressed her gratitude saying "Thank You Lydia Action for being the first organization to visit us and for the food stuffs we have received"



# Battling the Elements.



**Rhoda** a 42-years-old of Mwanyali Village, T/A Chikowi, Zomba

42-year-old Rhoda Kamwendo of Mwanyali Village, T/A Chikowi, Zomba is one of the Cyclone Freddy survivors camping at Mwanyali Camp. The mother of 7 whose house collapsed on the evening of 12th March 2023 lamented of the horrific ordeal she has gone through “munthune ndine wamkulu koma malodza awa sindinawoneko [I am a fully grown woman but I can honestly say I have never seen this type of horror]”

Furthermore, Rhoda expressed how living at the camp has negatively affected

her marriage “my husband is not sleeping at the camp saying as a man he cannot be sleeping at this place, so I don’t know where he sleeps at night which has led to quarrels between me and my husband”.

She received the items from Lydia with gratitude but also worry for the future “Thank you for the food. You have given us food for today and tomorrow, what will haen after this food is finished only God knows”



*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

*-John 1:16-17*

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