

# **BRINGING LIGHT TO DARKNESS**

QUARTERLY REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> Quoter **2023** 



# **EXECUTIVE** SUMMARY

uring the first quarter of 2023, Lydia Action saw itself in an unprecedented situation responding to the Tropical Cyclone; named Freddy.

Several women, children, and men were displaced from their homes due to heavy flooding and loss of homes. The most affected populations fled to camps, that were mostly schools and churches to weather the heavy storms. In response, the European Baptist Mission International (EBMI) funded Lydia Action to alleviate the suffering caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy. Lydia Action between January to March reached 28 Camps, 5,227 beneficiaries in Traditional Authorities of Nkagula, Malemia, Ngwelero, Chikowi, Mwambo, in Zomba District of Malawi.



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The major challenge that most camps faced was the lack of food. Lydia Action provided food items in the form of Maize Flour, Soya Pieces, Cooking Oil, Sugar, cooking oil, and salt.

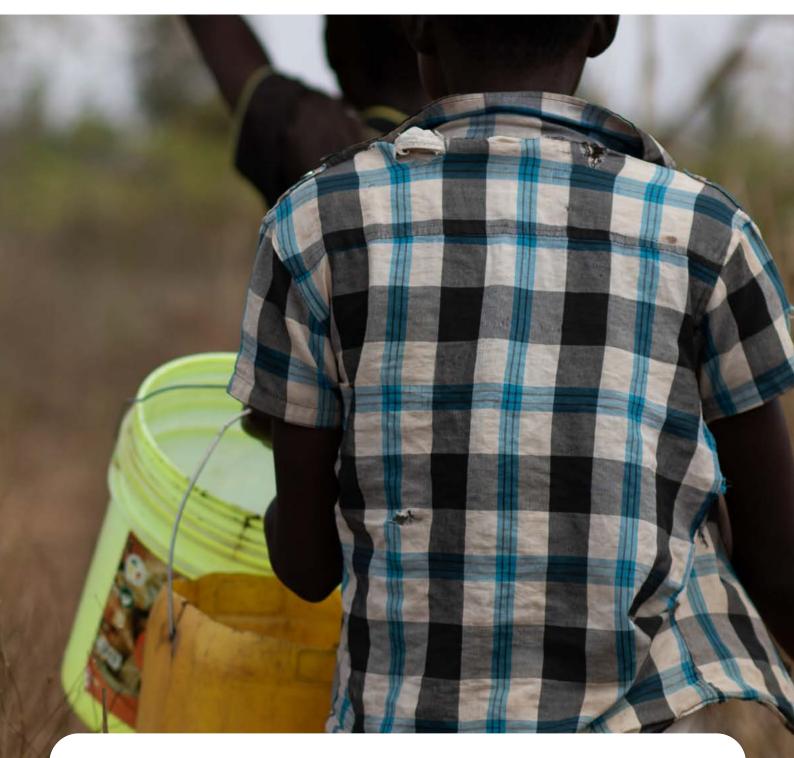
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# KITCHEN FACILITIES

Most camps do not have adequate cooking facilities. They lack enough space, pots, cups, plates and eating utensils.



# WATER, HEALTH AND SANITATION



It was observed that due to the large numbers of affected populations, the water and sanitation facilities are inadequate.

Apart from the status of the infrastruc-

tures, disaggregation between women and men has been a challenge. Lydia Action has supported with soup provision to mitigate adverse effects of unsanitary conditions faced by the affected populations.

# **CHALLENGES**

#### Shortage of food:

The food items distributed by Lydia Action were estimated that they will last for only one to two days.

#### **Overcrowding:**

8 of the 19 camps are overpopulated

#### Shortage of beddings:

Most people at the camps are sleeping on an empty floor with little or no body covering.

#### **Bedbugs Outbreak:**

There is an outbreak of bedbugs at Namisonga CBCC Camp which has been attributed to poor sanitation and overcrowding at the camp.

#### **Poor Sanitation:**

11 of the 19 camps do not have bathrooms and the toilets are in poor conditions



# WAY FORWARD

Lydia action calls for support from government and civil servant organizations to continue supporting the affected populations in the promise of leaving no one behind



# **VOTE OF THANKS**

Lydia Action continues to be grateful for the unrelenting support provided by its donors, particularly The European Baptist Mission International (EBMI)

# Hebrews 13:5 I will never leave you or forsake you.

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