



Community Development Footprints (CDF)

Organisation Profile



"Engendering dignity in development."

1.0 **PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOOTPRINTS (CDF):**

From Lilongwe Kaunda Filling Station/Roundabout, you are heading to Mchinji, (just before Chitipi Trading Centre), take the dust road to Chitipi Police that goes all the way to Likuni Mission Hospital: Follow CDF signs: And our offices are located mid-way between Chitipi Police Unit and Likuni Mission Hospital on Plot No 57/MTP/199A. Our Postal address is Box 100 Likuni and our phones are +265 881 074 644 or +265 999 585 814.



Figure 1: CDF Office.

2.0 **BRIEF BACKGROUND ABOUT THE CDF**

2.1 Composition of CDF: Community Development Footprints (CDF) is a local NGO and fully registered with Government of Malawi and CONGOMA: Its offices are situated in the peripheral settings of Likuni and Chitipi areas of Lilongwe District. At governance and operational levels, CDF, is composed of representatives from Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW); The Elderly; The Youth; Persons with Albinism; PLWHIV; The LGBTI Community and Persons with Disabilities. It is against this background that our thematic areas and related project interventions address inequality issues faced by these sections of society (described above), who face multiple layers of vulnerability, disadvantage and marginalization. CDF aims at promoting social inclusion and empowering people with knowledge of their rights in accessing essential social services and on-farm and off-farm sustainable economic livelihoods.

2.2 Rationale for our formation: The genesis of CDF is deep rooted in the helplessness and lack of hope amongst disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable sections of our local communities as described in section 2.1 above. This is the rationale for the formation of CDF in order to address the challenges they face. We are very passionate and keen to promoting social inclusion by working with all such sections of society described above. It is against this background that a few pioneers got together to form CDF: Representatives of the various sections of the society described above were invited into the organization – A social “space” where members, staff and volunteers articulate their own personal stories, challenges of life and begin the process of identifying local solutions for themselves and engaging and empowering others experiencing similar situations in the wider community.

3.0 **Our Mission Statement**

To empower marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of society to exercise their full rights in accessing essential services-health, social and economic livelihoods- by engaging wider communities to be catalysts of social change and supporting duty bearers in addressing service delivery gaps, injustices and inequalities with a view to promoting social and economic inclusion for all.

4.0 **Our Vision**

Communities where marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of society exercise their full rights in accessing essential health and social services and economic livelihoods.

5.0 **Our Core Values**

- Facilitating communities to embrace and celebrate diversity
- Our programming engenders human dignity
- Promoting inter-generational understanding between the elderly and the youth
- Enhancing gender equality
- Respect for human rights
- Inclusiveness in programming
- Participatory democracy in development
- Empowering communities to take leadership in Social Planning
- Transparency and accountability
- Use of local and indigenous solutions to tackle inequalities

Our specific objectives are:

- i. To empower marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of our communities with rights, skills and knowledge that will enable them achieve their personal and socioeconomic development aspirations through on-farm and off-farm activities
- ii. To coordinate and facilitate a holistic community response to HIV and AIDS by addressing multiple layers of issues starting from the family unit to wider communities
- iii. To create social spaces for people with disabilities, the LGBTI communities; Those with albinism, the Elderly, the Youth, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and Children through the establishment of Community Resource and Information Centres where a cocktail of services will be offered (Legal education, human rights, SRHR, HIV, contraception information, condom outlets, and general resources)
- iv. To promote understanding, tolerance and community safety guarantees to vulnerable sections of society (The LGBTIs and Albinos) by engaging family units and then wider communities in addressing discrimination and promoting co-existence and respect for human diversity.
- v. To strengthen community systems and promote linkages and referral pathways to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services; Contraception services to Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW); Healthy Living and community support mechanisms for HIV, ART regimes and TB care and prevention.
- vi. To empower Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) with knowledge in asserting their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)
- vii. To promote safe schools and menstrual health and hygiene
- viii. To facilitate the establishment of Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS)
- ix. To promote Early Childhood Development (ECD) among rural children
- x. To engender the spirit of social responsibility and community volunteering by organizing regular 'community days' where the youth will be doing work in households where there are elderly people, those with chronic health conditions, orphans and people with a cross section of disabilities
- xi. To promote environmental sanitation, rehabilitation and management of natural resources
- xii. To promote inter-generational understanding between the youth and the elderly, with a view to promoting social inclusion and addressing cultural myths that disadvantage the Elderly and put them at risk or in isolation

6.0 Current Projects and Achievements

6.1 Safety, family cohesion, community Services and Health Care for the LGBTI community; Lilongwe District

CDF has mobilized individuals from the LGBTI community and has provided a social space for them. This community enjoys a range of support mechanisms for their personal safety, understanding from the family units and wider communities besides linking them up to the health care delivery system.

They have received personal development skills in ICT. In summary this section of our society which in the past suffered social exclusion, discrimination and violence due to their sexual orientation are now beginning to enjoy personal safety and community acceptance

6.2 Early Childhood Development Project: Lilongwe District

CDF has and continues to build a relationship with 5 villages reaching out to 100 children with a cocktail of preparatory Early Development Childhood activities. Activities include; Socialization, Education, Social inclusion, respect for diversity and child nutrition (feeding program). This initiative started in March 2018 and is being implemented with funds from volunteers and members of the organization contributing cash, time and skills.

6.3 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) policy engagement project: Lilongwe District

This project aims at transforming AGYWs into key drivers in engaging with relevant policies around SRHR, community HIV responses, Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS), dignity for girls around issues of Menstrual Health and Hygiene, Safe schools and Gender Based Violence.

CDF has also mobilized members from the LGBT community and established a resource and drop in centre for them to promote co-existence with the general population: The Drop in centre is a bridge for them to access critical health services including issues of HIV.

6.4 Community Safety for People with albinism

CDF provides social space for people with albinism at its centre. The centre promotes social inclusion by allowing people with albinism

This interaction creates oneness and takes away the stigma, stereotype and hate towards people of this physical identity.

6.5 Information; Resource and ICT Training Centre

The project is targeting approximately 2000 predominantly Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and the Youth in general from TAs Njewa and M'bwatalika in Lilongwe peri-urban and rural. The centre provides basic computer skills, internet and printing service to the youth who do not have access to computers in their homes in the area.

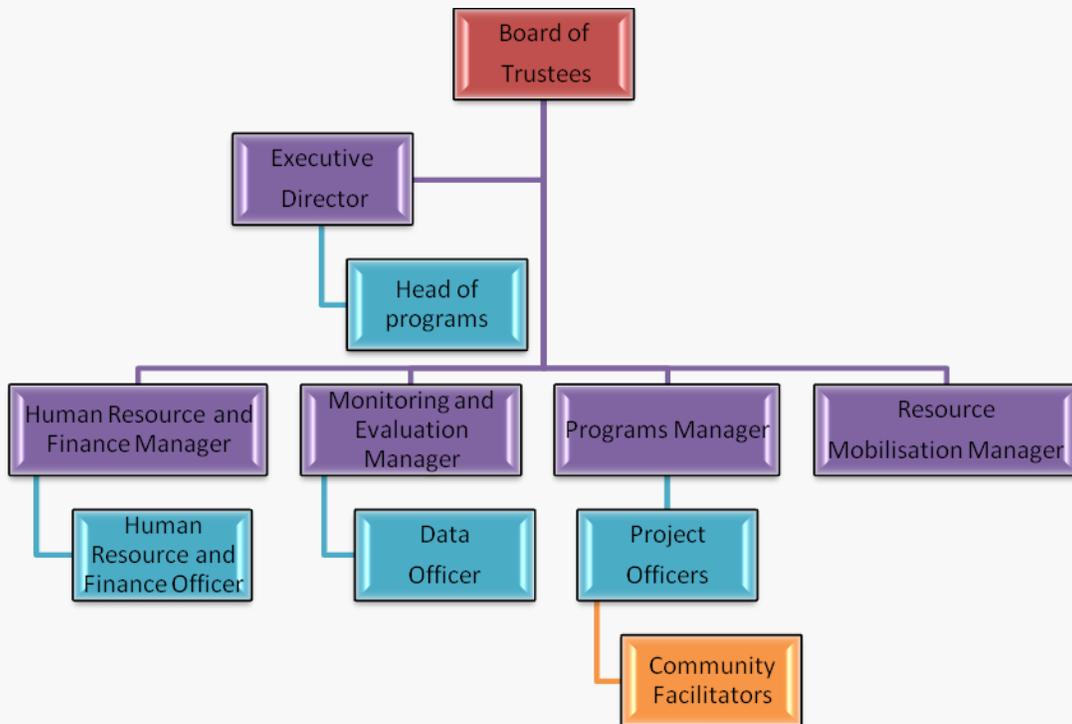
7.0 OUR CDF PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

CDF works with communities directly and also through Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Faith Based Structures, Local leaders, Civil Society Organizations, Government Ministries and departments and donor agencies.

Some of the organizations that CDF is currently working with include, Circle for Integrated Community Development (CICOD), National Aids Commission (NAC), Malawi Network of People Living with HIV (MANET+), CHILLI, Light Association, Save the Children. Currently CDF has established a working relationship with communities in T/As Njewa and M”bwatalika in Lilongwe and T/A Mlumbe in Zomba district.

Since establishment CDF has received financial support (funding) from “Her Voice” for Adolescent Girls and Young Women’s engagement with SRHR, YFHS, Marriage Age Act and School readmission policies.

8.0 OUR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Proof of legal status

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TPN NO



GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI

**COMPANIES ACT
(NO.15 OF 2013)**

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

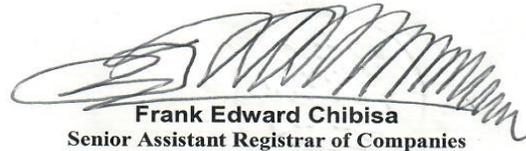
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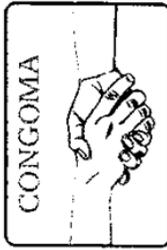
I hereby certify that the above-mentioned company has this day been incorporated under the Companies Act, No. 15 of 2013 and that the company is a **Company Limited by Guarantee**.

Given under my hand at Blantyre, Malawi, this 5th day of **DECEMBER**, Two Thousand and **SEVENTEEN**

R.G.


Frank Edward Chibisa
Senior Assistant Registrar of Companies





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Certificate of Membership

is hereby granted to:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOOTPRINTS

to certify that they are a member of the Council for Non Governmental Organisations
in Malawi (CONGOMA)

Registration Number: C1168/2018

Certificate Number: 01/199 - Valid up to Dec 2018

Date Granted: 17th April 2018

Executive Director



Chairperson