If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go *Pamoza*.

PAMOZA

2022 ANNUAL REPORT CARD

$230K Raised

460 Villages reached, representing

10,250 Households

You helped us have a wonderful 2022. Check out our annual report card at pamoza.org/annual-reports

Source: UNHCR/David Azia

Hoping for the Best, Preparing for the Worst

The war in Ukraine is having a global impact, and Malawi has not been spared. Both Ukraine and Russia are major producers of fertilizer that is used heavily in Malawi, where nearly 80% of the population live in rural areas and are subsistence farmers.

Before the war, the price of fertilizer in Malawi was roughly $30 per 100-pound bag, which was already too much for the average farmer in our service area. After the war began, the price rose to an unfathomable $70 a bag.

The result: Thousands of the families we serve were left without fertilizer, which means their harvest in June/July will be insufficient to feed their families despite this year's good rains.

One woman was heard on her farm crying out, ***"We are appealing to anyone who will listen to us! This year is going to be bad. Just look at my farm. I don't know what to do. Please help us!"***

Pamoza has a plan, but it's going to take careful preparation and funds: 1. Buy corn before prices rise. 2. Treat, store, and secure the corn against theft. 3. Sell the corn at subsidized prices to families facing food insecurity so they don't have to buy it from over-priced vendors. Funds from sales will be reinvested into Pamoza's food security programs.

Meet Ian O'Connor

Behind the Scenes

It takes many people to make Pamoza's work successful. Some of these people work behind the scenes and never seek any recognition. This quarter, we want to highlight one of our volunteers, **Ian O'Connor** (pictured on the left). Ian will be traveling to Malawi with us this summer to work on an exciting project: installing solar power. Read about it at *www.pamoza.org/behind-the-scenes.*

Sponsors: We Need You!

We are looking for organizations and companies willing to partner with us as event sponsors for our **Miles for Malawi 5K** on May 6. We have multiple sponsorship opportunities, with benefits including brand marketing, complimentary registrations, social media promotion, and multiple ways to connect with our audience. Sign up at *www.pamoza.org/5k*.

Agriculture

We encouraged community members to prepare land, plant seeds, apply fertilizer, and pull weeds at the right time. Everyone in our service area uses their hands or home-made tools, like hoes, to farm. This makes growing food time-consuming and labor-intensive.

We supported **9 community farms** with fertilizer, improved seed, and training for community members, including teaching them how to make organic fertilizer mix. These farms produce corn for school breakfast.

At our Pamoza Farming Institute, we grew tomatoes, watermelons, and onions using irrigation, but also planted rain-fed crops like corn. **We bought 200 chicks and have started poultry farming** in addition to the fish farming we started last year.

Education

We spent the last few months training head teachers, school breakfast committee members, adult literacy instructors, and other educational leaders in the community.

We also facilitated our first Girls Rise Leadership Conference and had **57 high-achieving 7th graders** attend. They learned about advocating for their education, working hard to achieve their goals, and delaying marriage until they finish school.

Education continued....

We continued providing breakfast for **2,397 students at 5 elementary schools**. Unfortunately, some of the schools will have to discontinue serving breakfast before the end of the school year due to a poor harvest at some of the farms.

We had **48 learners in our adult literacy class** - all of them women. The men are sometimes too embarrassed to attend literacy classes.

Christian Outreach

We reached more than 12,000 people with the Gospel in the past quarter. We:

- **Ministered to patients** at our clinic every Thursday by sharing the Word of God and praying with them.
- Taught weekly Bible lessons at 18 schools, reaching **9,757 students.**
- Hosted a full day of prayer and fellowship, **attended by 258 people.**
- Continued to support **85 Bible study groups** (like the one pictured above). Bible study is integrated into our other programs and we invite people to start their own group. We currently have **1,895 participants.**
- Facilitated family life skills trainings where we help married couples work better together. A total of **70 married couples attended.**
- Held staff devotions and prayer every Monday and opened it to the community. **We had 144 people attend our staff devotions.**
- Facilitated a day of prayer for families in our CHIEF program, and **284 people attended.**

We are thankful that people in our communities hunger for the Gospel.

Economic Empowerment

We have **967 members** in our Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA). Each time a member takes a loan from the group savings, they pay back **20% interest** and at the end of the year, the interest earnings are shared with the whole group.

Tamara (in the pink shirt) has been a member of her VSLA for 10 years. The loans she received made it possible for her to get an **iron-sheet roof** for her house and **fertilizer** for her crops, commodities most cannot afford.

Tamara told us, "***I encourage other women struggling economically to join a village bank so they can also see their lives improve.***"

Health Care

There is a **cholera outbreak** in Malawi, which has caused nearly **1,500 deaths**. Fortunately, we have had no cases of cholera in our service area. We promote good hygiene practices like using pit latrines instead of the bush. We had **77 families build pit latrines** because of our outreach.

There were **771 patient visits** at our clinic last quarter. This was a **53% decrease** from this time last year, when we had more malaria cases. We have been seeing more respiratory illnesses, which accounted for roughly **60% of cases** we've treated recently.