

## WORLD VISION COMMUNITY PROFILE

# MPALO MALAWI

## REALITIES



### OVERVIEW

In Mpalo, children and families have limited to no access to clean water, quality education, healthcare, proper nutrition and child protection. The country's climate, poor agricultural practices and the lack of economic opportunities also threatens food security and aggravates poverty.

### BRIEF INFORMATION

**IMPACT AREA POPULATION**  
14,749 people

**PROGRAMME LIFESPAN**  
2019 TO 2032

### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Malawi is a landlocked country bounded by Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. The Mpalo Area Programme is located in the Ntchisi district, about 90 km from Malawi's capital.

### Education

Quality educational resources, across all levels, are limited and below the national's minimum standards. Children and teachers struggle to obtain the necessary support for learning and teaching. A lack of schools, resources and the long walking distances contribute to the school dropout rate. External factors like financial constraints and child marriage also deters children from attending school.

### Health and Sanitation

Inadequate access to quality healthcare means the prevalence of diseases like malaria. Waterborne diseases like diarrhoea and dysentery are also commonplace due to poor health knowledge and the lack of clean water. The combination of inadequate healthcare and poor nutrition among children and pregnant mothers, sees an above national average of under-five stunting and mortality rate of 70 per 1,000 live births.

### Agriculture and Livelihood

Frequent strong winds, dry spells and the occasional high rainfalls coupled with poor agricultural practices and resources contribute to low crop production. Over 90% of community members engage in subsistence farming, food insecurity is prevalent with 45% of households dependent on aid. But with limited opportunities for families, to increase their income and food security, children are especially vulnerable to malnutrition and exploitation.

### Child Protection

Children are at high risk of emotional, physical and sexual abuse and exploitation. Child labour, marriage and neglect are common due to local culture. Access to child protection and aid is also a challenge for children and families as only 21% of children have a birth certificate.



**Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more benefit too!**