

ABLE TO THRIVE



BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET: \$3,000,000

PARTICIPANTS:
10,000 children with disabilities



DONOR: Privately funded

LOCATION: Malawi - Dedza, Dowa, Mzimba, Kasungu, Ntchisi

PROJECT TIME FRAME: October 2023 - September 2025

Overview

The project will be implemented in 10 districts in Malawi directly targeting approximately 10,000 children with disabilities over a four-year period (from 2023 to 2027). During the first phase, the project will target five districts: Dedza, Dowa, Mzimba, Kasungu, and Ntchisi. The project will be implemented in two phases, each with a two-year duration. A total of 4,300 children will be targeted in the first two years and approximately 5,700 children in years three and four. Building on the successes from Able to Thrive, World Vision will also leverage and track support from the government and NGOs in Malawi to advocate for case management approaches that address the burden of disabilities amongst children in Malawi; with an aim of reaching an additional 25,000 children. Lessons learned from Malawi will be shared across more than 60 World Vision offices to ensure we meet a commitment from the 2022 Global Disability Summit to serve more than five times as many children with disabilities by the end of 2026 (over 60,000 more children).

Key Interventions

The project will ensure that children with disabilities in Malawi have improved well-being and enjoy their full rights, access to services, and freedoms equal to that of others, without discrimination. World Vision will adopt a 'multi-pronged approach' focusing on:

- Enhancing the quality and reach of identification, referral, specialized services and follow-up services for children with disabilities
- Social behavior change through adopting measures to change attitudes and behaviors that stigmatize and marginalize persons with disabilities.
- Empowering parents and care givers with the confidence, skills and income to care for their children and access services.

Results

As of quarter 3, fiscal year 2024, Able to Thrive registered 3,266 children with disabilities, completed screening in all 5 districts, provided orientation on early identification, and supported families to develop inclusive WASH facilities through sanitation marketing.

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