

Millennium Village of Mwandama (Malawi)

Key Achievements

- Lead Farmer Program continues to benefit the community, with 169 trained this year in improved technologies across a wide range of practices including horticultural and field crop production, Integrated Soil Fertility Management, post-harvest handling, and control of aflatoxins. The Lead Farmers in turn disseminate this knowledge to other farmers throughout the cluster.
- With support and supervision from MVP, the Village Savings and Loan group has managed to save and independently manage nearly \$27,000 USD.
- Collaborated with Project BOOM to provide cataracts surgery for 62 clients.
- Collaborating with UNFPA task force to integrate health commodities procurement for Malawi, ensuring supply for clinics in Mwandama cluster.
- Conducted extensive nutrition training and education activities in 14 primary schools, integrating nutrition education into the school curriculum.
- The CEWs have implemented a Local Language Literacy program in Village Learning Centers, reaching 1,636 pupils (752 M, 884 F) in 2014.
- School Dropout Rate has decreased to target (10%).
- Continue to strengthen knowledge of Lead Farmers, expanding training in livestock, fish farming, and fruit tree propagation.
- Implement the cooperatives' business plan for installation of a grain bank.
- Successfully transitioned health facilities to Ministry of Health.
- Construct 2 final classroom blocks at Mwandama primary school, and 2 latrines.
- Strengthened gender mainstreaming efforts, and scale up female role-modeling sessions in primary and secondary schools.
- Enhanced the MDG-based planning system approach at the community and local level for integration and “mainstreaming” into local development plans.



Cataract surgery conducted at Mwandama Health Clinic by Project BOOM Eye Specialists.



Village Headman Gondwe and wife in their demonstration plot No.3 at Luzi-Bwengu in Mwandama.

- Crop diversification demonstrations were carried out on soya bean and over 1,200hh have grown the crop; 900hh engaged in groundnut production; 5,500 households received seeds for orange-fleshed sweet potatoes; 5,000 households received and have grown cassava.
- 4,000 pupils from 6 primary schools benefitted from the school meals program annually.
- Provided scholarships to 47 secondary school students.
- 20,000+ patients were treated for malaria.
- 80 water points assessed for borehole and shallow well construction.
- Completed the following projects: Mwanoka concrete bridge construction; Naliranji concrete drift construction; piped culvert installation; masonry works on Katete-Namadidi Road; and reinforced concrete construction works on Dindi–Maera Road.
- Completed construction of Maera clinic.