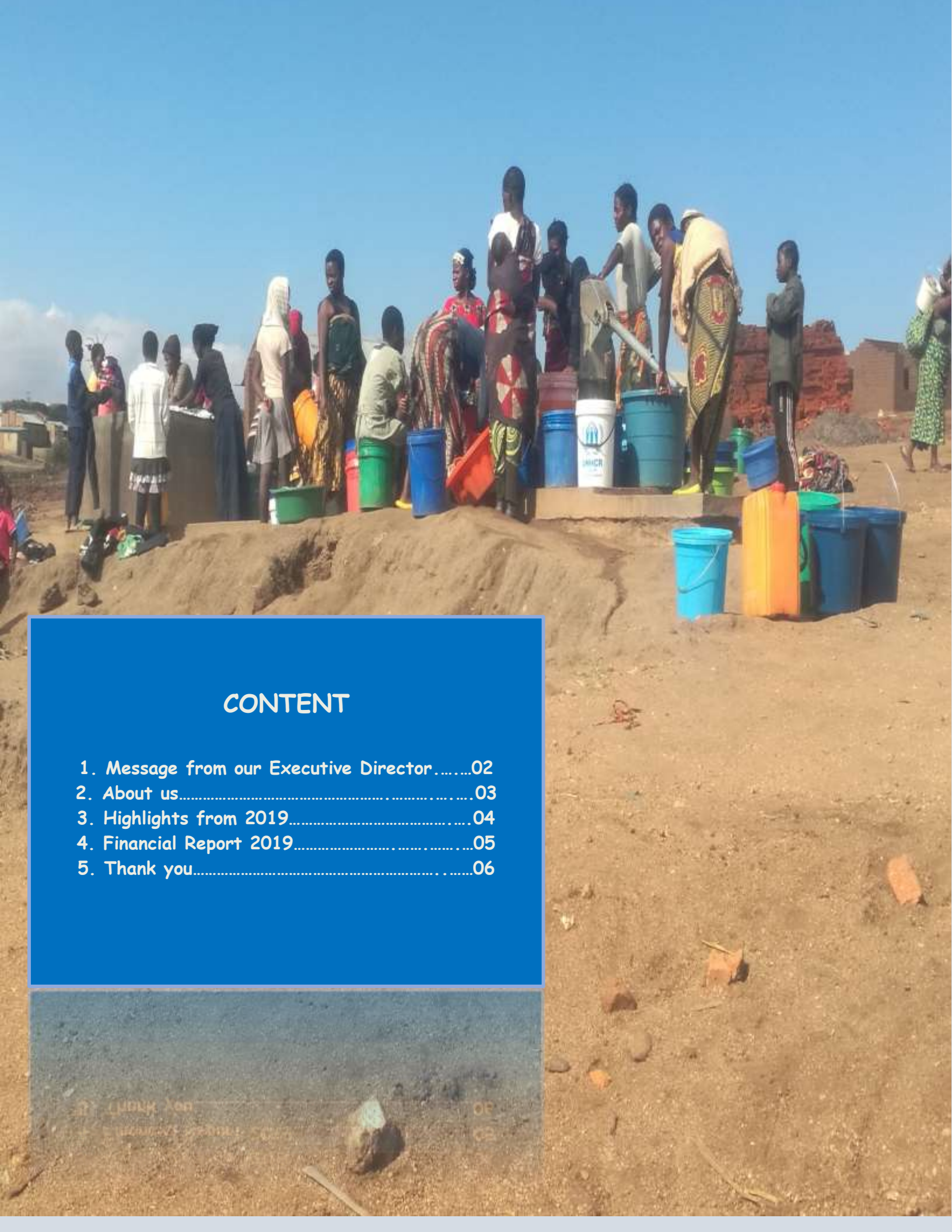




Hope of refugee women against poverty
for the social wellbeing (HOPDEV)

ANNUAL REPORT - 2020



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Partners,

I write this introduction letter with immense gratitude. Your unwavering belief and faith propel our vision of a society in which all women have equal rights, choices, conditions and power as men and access to the same opportunities for the attainment of gender equality and equity.

As the Executive Director of this incredible organization, it is deeply satisfying to witness the impact of our model to empower thousands of the most vulnerable refugee and highly marginalized women and girls in Dzaleka Camp. Our continued success is proof of our dedicated and talented team of 12 staff members and volunteers, 95 percent of whom are under the age of 35 years or younger and 85 percent of whom are women. We believe strongly in the principle that “nothing about us without us” which is why our decision-making and programming reflect direct involvement of the beneficiaries we serve, including community members. Our team is made up of young people from the same slum communities as our beneficiaries; they act as “coaches” to all participants in our programs.

Looking back on 2021, we are overwhelmed by the achievements our team has made. We reached out to refugee women and girls who were often left behind – those who struggled with poverty and violence, who were denied basic education and health care. The women and girls we served have told us that through our programs, they have found new opportunities to strengthen themselves, their families, and their communities. 2022 also marked the third year of our engagement with GBV prevention and response Program in partnership with Plan International Malawi, which not only focuses on raising awareness for change in social norms and behavior condoning violence against women and girls through sensitization meetings, peer education by community volunteers, community theatre, educational entertainment on local radio, and other mass communication; but also train community members (women and girls) to become pro-active community facilitators on issues related to violence against women. Given our strong community and individual engagement, Plan International Malawi continues to showcase HOPDEV as an example of a growing refugee women-led organization that, with capacity-building support, can strengthen our holistic empowerment model and transcend boundaries!

This year, we are also pleased to welcome onboard our donor former COHERE (**Transfer Power, Transform Communities**) for the long- term partnership and look forward to their continued engagement.

Our motivation is derived from the personal stories of our participants challenging gender inequalities, building confidence, and standing up for their rights. Many stories highlight our impact. These stories teach us that together we have the power to transform the reality for refugee women and girls. Throughout the pages of this report, you will read more impact stories of the individual change created by our model.

While our program participants continue to raise expectations for themselves, we too look ahead expectantly to our future. What role can HOPDEV play to improve and empower more vulnerable and marginalized refugee women and girls claim their rights, challenge discriminatory attitudes, behavior, and harmful traditional practices; and overcome poverty and other hardships in the future? How can we best tell our story and measure our impact in the future? As a lean, grassroots organization, we will continue these conversations with our community and never stop learning and growing.

Thank you for walking this journey with us and ensuring the continued success of the most vulnerable refugee women and girls in Dzaleka camp. You allow us and our beneficiaries to wake up each morning believing that success and transformation is possible. We look forward to another successful year together!

Warm Regards,
Shabani Baruti
Executive Director

ABOUT US

Our History

HOPDEV is Women- led, and self- led grassroots organization for women and girls from diverse background, including women living with disabilities, HIV/Aids and with no income. It founded in 2014 with the group of based-volunteers Women and girls, survivors of various civil wars in the Republic democratic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia and Ethiopian in which experienced difference forms of Gender-based-violence (GBV), Sexual reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), exploitation, abuse and assault in their families and the entire communities.

The HOPDEV organization hereby constituted is a non-profit and local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called : << **Hope of women against poverty for the social wellbeing**>> its shorten name is; HOPDEV. The organization is not free from political. It may be transferred to another Place In the territory, country or elsewhere in the world by the decision of the General Assembly (GA) on the proposal of the Executive Board or two (2/3) of the members of the organization.

Also created as the solution of challenges in which women and girls' are facing in their locations and surrounding(s). In addition, where we commenced a positive cycle in which women and girls are not considered as simple recipients of services and support, but as actors of changes for themselves, families and the host communities.

HOPDEV is therefore committed to improve, empower, and to help the most disadvantaged women and girls to claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty.

Our Mission

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Our Vision

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Our Objectives and Strategies

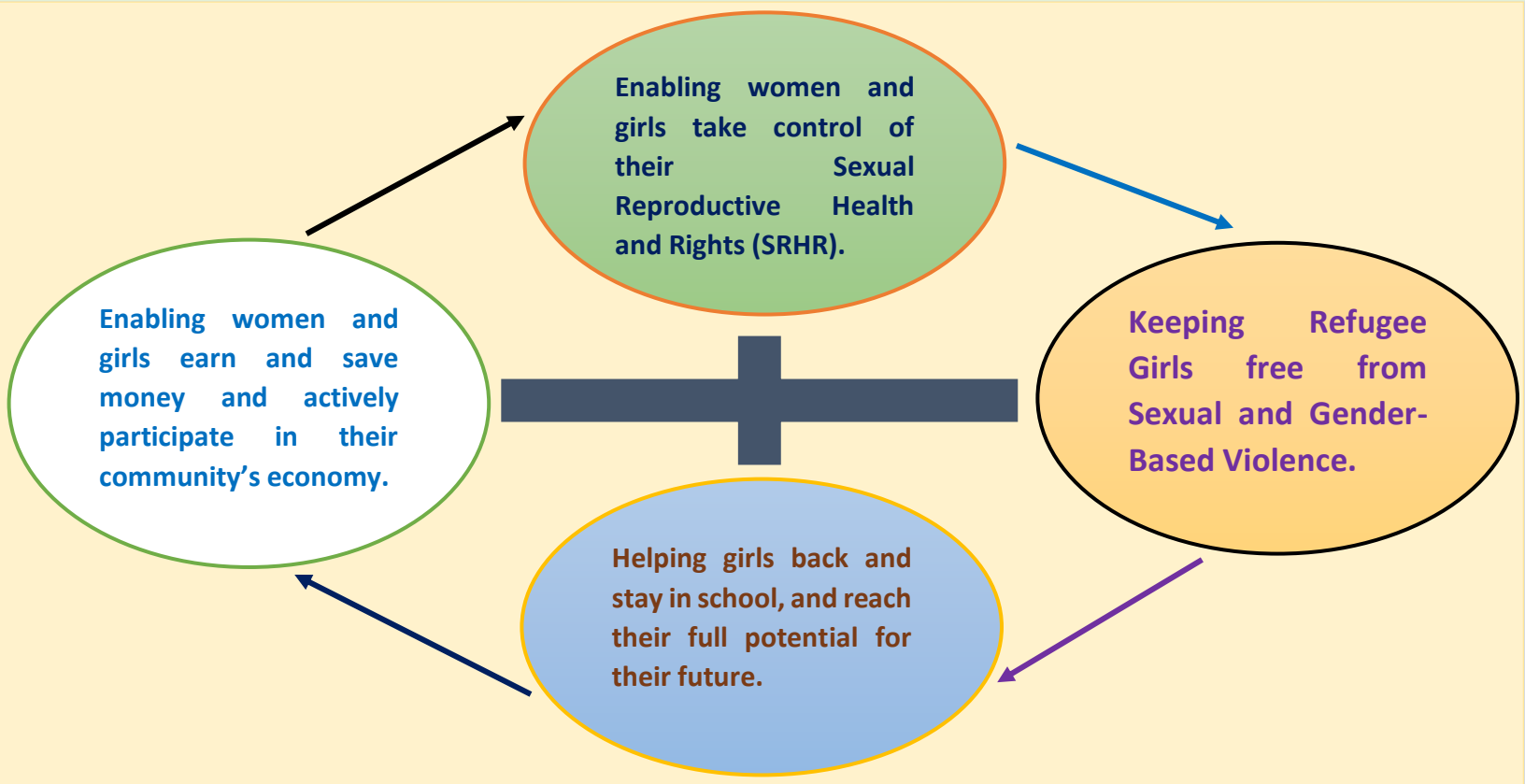
-We are working in solidarity with communities-unity or union and influential women, community leaders, religious and religious leaders and women decision making and as well as Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), no-profit organization and Non- governmental organization.

-We are working to eliminate gender-based-violence (GBV), Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in schools and community, make the school environment safe for every girl child, in additional, to ensure that adolescent girls are healthy, safe and educated.

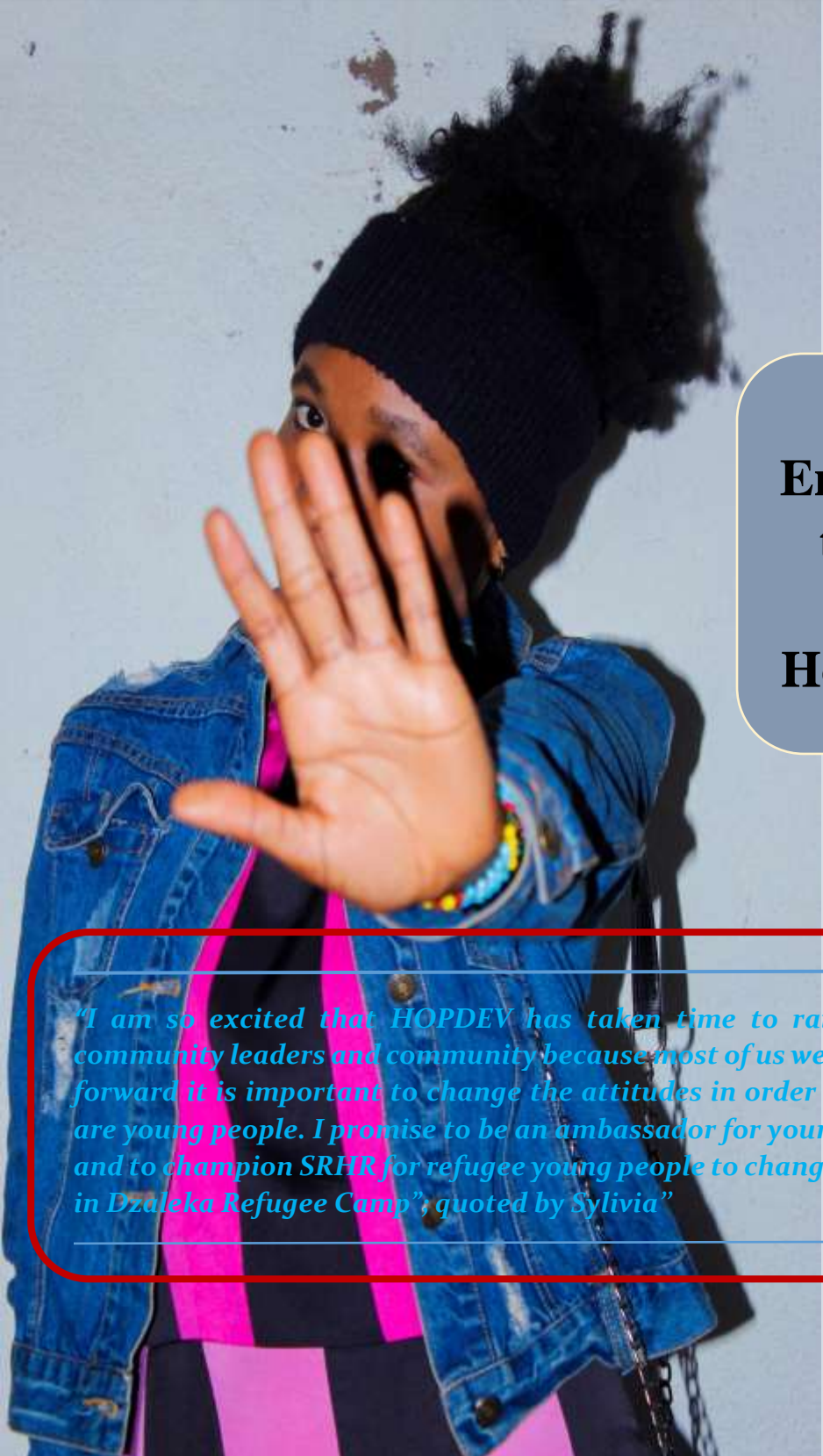
-We are promoting Women's economic empowerment for Marginalized and vulnerable women and girls including income generation activities and financial, and decision making in the household through vocational and business trainings, savings as well as credit and/ or loans options;



HIGHLIGHTS REPORT FROM 2021



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**Life Skills Education
Enabling Women and Girls
to Take Control of their
Sexual Reproductive
Health and Rights (SRHR).**

“I am so excited that HOPDEV has taken time to raise awareness of policies procedures to community leaders and community because most of us were unaware of such rights and laws. Going forward it is important to change the attitudes in order to safe guard the next generation, which are young people. I promise to be an ambassador for young people in any other community forums and to champion SRHR for refugee young people to change the mindset of other community leaders in Dzaleka Refugee Camp”, quoted by Sylvia”

Dzaleka as one of the biggest refugee camp in Malawi has struggled with a lack of infrastructure. Some challenges include poor sanitation, a shortage of health supplies and clinics, and a lack of awareness on health issues, especially sexual and reproductive health. Where Refugee adolescent girls are particularly affected. Because girls often lack information related to maternal health, puberty, and other important issues, many often experience early pregnancies, sexually transmitted disease, psychological and physical harm.

HOPDEV is working to improve and empower refugee adolescent girls' health by ensuring that they have access health information and services that designed for them. This includes education on nutrition, HIV prevention, and information on sexual and reproductive health. Regular check-ups and health information can have a huge impact on a girl's life, and can even affect the well-being of her children. Access to health information helps refugee women and girls thrive.

In 2021, we have organized several interventions, which included SRHR interface meetings between youths and service providers. These attended by relevant community stakeholders such as community leaders, religious leaders, health officers and youth groups in order to ensure effective and in depth discussions on barriers to SRH services for refugee women and girls. Through these interventions, community leaders began to realize the need for women and girls to freely access SRH services as their right not a privilege.



"I have been sexually active since I was 14. In addition, I can honestly say that my rights were violated in most of my sexual experiences. Firstly, I did not know that I had the right as a girl to initiate condom use and insist on it, but through the girl discussion, forums and youth club meetings, I have learnt that it is my right to make choices about my body. In the past, I would be too shy to go to the Tchipatala (clinic) to access services such as contraceptives or condoms due to negative attitudes people in the Camp have about that, but now I feel confident enough to go and receive those services because I have been empowered with knowledge about my rights. I hope HOPDEV will continues to empower others refugee girls like me". – IREIN

EDUCATING GIRLS FEARLESSLY

The Learn without Fear is a two-year project that we have implemented in two (2) primary schools within Dzaleka Camp including **Integrity School**, **Bahai School** and **Com Academy School** with the objective of building a safe environment conducive to better learning. Trainings helped 637 students learn about their right to education and how to identify and deal with instances of abuse.

One of the results of this project was the development of suggestion boxes where students could post concerns, fears or opinions while preserving their privacy. In response, a limited number of authorities would check and refer the content to the respective committees for reflection and action.

The project also encompassed fun and dynamic activities that allowed schoolchildren to highlight their talents in the form of poetry, writing or dramas.

Motivational talks were also held for schoolchildren, where different role models with valuable real life experiences conveyed to learners the importance of education in a bright future.

In addition, schoolchildren participated in sessions where they created their own advocacy messages they want to send across to others about school and education.



“Girls within Dzaleka refugee camp are face many issues. Some had been hitched before they arrived right here, together with kiddies once they remained young. Other people had been obligated to hitch to obtain shelter and food. Many girls conceive early. Some die during dangerous abortions ... if they already know that they have energy –they are not going to get married and they will search for other available choices to reach their potential in life. When we can inform those women and adolescent girls their legal rights in their families and communities”



Safeguarding Refugee Adolescent Girls free from Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Women and girls living as refugees at Dzaleka camp in Malawi country, are suffering not only due to their refugee status, but also other factors over which they have no control: hostility and violence from local people (arising largely from competition over scarce resources and services), and pervasive sexual and gender-based violence. Refugee adolescent girls encounter violence and sexual assault in schools, communities and homes. Yet those problems that are rarely acknowledged and the voices of refugee women and girls are rarely heard. HOPDEV as an active member of GBV Prevention Network and Girls Not Brides is working to make sure that refugee women and girls are safe and free from violence. HOPDEV is therefore involved to prevent and protect refugee women and girls from all forms of gender-based violence, abuse, exploitation and to ensure that women and girls who experience violence receive prompt psychosocial support. It is also working to keep refugee girls free from sexual and gender-based violence by campaigning against child marriage. In 2019, we have organized four community dialogue sessions to raise awareness about early and forced marriages and their negative impacts on girls. Refugee community leaders and religious leaders, parents, girls as well as general members of the community attended the meetings.



Women's Economic Empowerment

Our women's economic empowerment programs enables the most vulnerable and highly marginalized women and girls in Dzaleka Refugee Camp and surrounding villages to earn and save money and actively participate in their community's economy. HOPDEV works primarily with single parent with multiple children, no family or other support networks, and no skills that they can rely on to make money.

When a woman or a girl is qualified to join our program, She learns a marketable job skill such as tailoring, soap making, bread baking, hairdressing or poultry farming, as well as business training (the basics of starting/running a small business, working in groups and groups' management) to turn her chosen skill into a stable income so she can support herself, her family and her community. After she has completed our training program (upon graduation), we continue to support her journey to empowerment and self-sufficiency through advanced trainings and the provision of tools and start up grants to effectively utilize the capital for productive ends and transition into independence.

She and other trainees also receives guidance in forming or joining self-organized and self-managed savings and loan groups , each consisting of 10-20 members so that they can make the most of their earnings, save and grow together to forge new paths for themselves and their communities.

Group members meet weekly to make decisions that impact the group, participate in life-skills training, discuss issues of mutual interest and pool their small funds into a common fund. From that common fund, members take loans and repay with interest. By saving their earnings, group members are able to pay their own rent, feed their families, cover household expenses, and eventually launch their own successful businesses.

The savings groups become a platform for members to not only raise awareness on important topics, but also to join together, share experiences, learn critical skills such as sexual and reproductive health, sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response, HIV/AIDS prevention, peace building, leadership, human rights, community collaboration etc; access new resources and take common action to improve their lives and communities.

We are also connecting them to different financial services and support networks to increase their ability to grow their businesses and unlock their full potential.



HOPDEV INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

NAME OF FOUNDER	INCOME IN MKW
Plan International Malawi	1,250,000.00
Women economic Empowerment	5,987,40.00
Refugee-Led Organization (RelonMalawi)	2,050,000.00
Transfer Power, Transform Communities (COHERE)	17,000,000.00
Total	20,898,740.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Incoming Resources	
• Grants	15,500.00
• Donations	2,800.00
• Income Generating Activities	4,600.00
• Memberships fee	750.00
Total	23,300.00
2. Expenditures	
• Programs Expenses	20,200.00
• Administration	2,400.00
• Fundraising	700.00
Total	23,300.00
2. Net (Incoming Resources-Expenditures):	350.00



Our Board members consist of the following:

- Mme. Amisa kalenga/ Executive Chairperson
- Ms. Nina Kodia/ Vice-Chairperson
- Mme. Sylvia Djuma/ General Secretary
- Mme. Apendeki Safi/ Vice-Secretary
- Ms. Shaona Alembo/ Treasure Officer

Our Executive team consist of the following:

- Mr. Shabani Baruti/ Executive Director
- Mme. Gracia Ndelembo/ Finance and Administrative Manager Officer
- Mme. Etando Tobongye/ Program Manager Officer
- Mwenyemkole Saleh Samuel/ Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Manager Officer
- Iddi Yusufu/ Logistic Officer
- Adela Kitungano/ Project Manager Officer
- Annete Imani/ Women's Economic empowerment Officer

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated, fundraised, volunteered, attended events and to acknowledge all the wonderful things amazing individuals do every day to contribute to HOPDEV' mission. A special thank you goes to our funders/partners, without whom our work would not be possible:

COHERE (Transfer Power, Transform Communities)

RelonMalawi Network

Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) Malawi

Plan International Malawi

YOUR SUPPORT STILL NEEDED.

Many refugee women and girls, survivors of various civil wars has been uprooted from their homes and have suffered tragic losses of husbands, parents, other family members, or even their own children. Some has been raped or abused in unspeakable ways. Even in Dzaleka refugee camp where they are living, the impacts of sexual violence, poverty, widowhood, discrimination, gender inequality, or continued insecurity often persist, leading to isolation and destitution. Just imagine attending school without toilets or drinking water. Imagine attending a school with a single latrine for all the students, or that the latrine is smelly, with no toilet paper and the door no longer closes. Just imagine attending one of these schools when you have your period.

Yet despite all this, is an unmistakable resiliency and sense of hope in refugee women and girls who survive conflicts and war, especially as they struggle to keep families together. Your support can foster their hope and empower them to forge a new path for themselves and their families.

Support HOPDEV

If you would like to find out more about how you can support HOPDEV, contact us now at hopdevinfo@gmail.com. Thank you for having the heart to bless others and having the desire to spread 'love to the world'.



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