

HANDS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Hands of Light. Be the Light. Together We Rise.

COUNTRY OF OPERATION
Malawi

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ORGANIZATION TYPE
Christian Humanitarian, Empowerment and Community Development Organization

WHO WE ARE

About Us

Hands of Light Foundation is a Christian humanitarian and community development organization established to promote human dignity, empower vulnerable populations and contribute to sustainable social, economic and community transformation.

Our work is founded on the belief that every human being deserves dignity, protection, opportunity and the chance to live a meaningful life. We recognize that individuals and communities face interconnected challenges, including poverty, limited access to education and healthcare, unemployment, food insecurity, discrimination, violence, exploitation, social exclusion and vulnerability to disasters.

While children remain at the heart of our mission, our commitment extends to young people, women, widows, families and other vulnerable or underserved groups. We believe that building a better future for children requires strengthening the families, communities and systems that influence their well-being.

Hands of Light adopts a holistic approach that combines humanitarian assistance, social protection, empowerment, education, economic development, advocacy, spiritual support and community-based initiatives. We seek to address immediate needs while also tackling the underlying barriers that prevent people from reaching their potential.

As a Christian organization, we integrate faith into our commitment to service, compassion, hope and human dignity. Through community outreach, evangelism, partnerships and practical development initiatives, we aim to bring encouragement to people facing hardship and contribute to stronger, safer and more resilient communities.



Children remain at the heart of our mission.

We pursue this mission through humanitarian assistance, education, healthcare initiatives, livelihood development, advocacy, safeguarding, community empowerment, environmental action and partnerships that address the immediate and long-term needs of underserved populations.

Our Vision

A society where children are safe, young people and women are empowered, families are resilient, and every individual has the opportunity to live a dignified, productive, and fulfilling life.

Our Mission

To demonstrate Christian faith through compassionate service by protecting vulnerable children, empowering youth and women, promoting education and livelihoods, addressing poverty and injustice, and supporting sustainable development within underserved communities.

WHAT GUIDES US

Our Core Values

*Our guiding principle: **HEART**. These values shape how we serve, how we work together, and how we build trust with the children, families, and communities we support.*

H

Honesty

We are truthful, transparent, and trustworthy in our words, actions, and use of resources.

E

Empathy

We show compassion, kindness, and understanding towards others, recognising their experiences, needs, and challenges.

A

Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions and ensure that the resources entrusted to us are used responsibly.

R

Respect

We recognise the dignity, worth, and rights of every person, treating everyone with fairness and respect.

T

Teamwork

We work together in unity, valuing the contributions of our members, partners, and communities to achieve a common purpose.







WHAT WE DO

Our Strategic Pillars

Hands of Light Foundation works through four interconnected pillars. Children remain at the heart of our mission, and each pillar strengthens the families and communities that shape their well-being.

01 Education & Child Protection

Keeping children safe, in school and growing.

- Support for orphans and vulnerable children
- Safeguarding and prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Educational assistance, learning resources, and scholarships as resources permit
- Awareness of children's and women's rights, with referrals to protection and legal services
- Community education to prevent gender-based violence

We support access to services and do not replace qualified legal practitioners or statutory authorities.

02 Livelihoods & Financial Literacy

Equipping young people, women and families to earn, save and plan.

- Vocational skills, entrepreneurship and employment readiness
- Leadership development, mentorship and career guidance
- Entrepreneurship training and small-business support
- Basic accounting, bookkeeping, budgeting and savings education
- Support for women, widows and single mothers

Any deposit-taking or lending would require the proper legal structure and authorizations, separate from our charitable work.

03 Community Health & Resilience

Supporting well-being, inclusion and recovery.

- Health education, nutrition, hygiene and psychosocial referrals
- Emergency food, essential supplies and disaster preparedness
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities and support for older people
- Youth engagement, conflict resolution and crime prevention
- Community needs assessments and participatory planning

Regulated medical services are provided only through qualified, authorized professionals.

04 Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience

Growing food security and caring for the environment.

- Household and community food-security initiatives
- Home and community gardens, and sustainable farming education
- Support for smallholder farmers and soil conservation
- Climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable land-use practices
- Tree planting, waste-management awareness and climate education for children and youth
- Agricultural entrepreneurship and market-oriented skills

Faith at the heart of everything we do

As a Christian organization, we integrate faith into all our work through prayer, Bible sharing, mentorship and partnership with churches. Our service upholds the dignity of every person and is never conditional on religious participation.

ACROSS EVERYTHING WE DO

Our Cross-Cutting Commitments

Across all our programs, Hands of Light seeks to integrate the following principles:

Safeguarding and protection
Preventing abuse, exploitation and harm, particularly among children and other vulnerable people.

Gender equality
Promoting fair access to opportunities and addressing discrimination and gender-based barriers.

Human rights and dignity
Respecting the rights and dignity of beneficiaries and communities.

Disability inclusion
Promoting accessible and inclusive participation.

Environmental sustainability
Considering environmental impacts and encouraging responsible use of resources.

Accountability to communities
Listening to the people we serve and using feedback to improve our work.

Financial accountability
Maintaining appropriate records, controls and transparent reporting.

Partnership and coordination
Working with qualified professionals, communities and relevant institutions to improve service quality.

HOW WE WORK

Our Implementation Approach

Hands of Light seeks to translate its mission into practical results through a structured and community-centred approach. Our activities will be developed progressively according to demonstrated needs, organizational capacity, funding and applicable legal requirements.

1
Assess
Understand the challenges, needs and priorities of the communities concerned.

2
Plan
Develop appropriate programs with clear objectives, budgets and responsibilities.

3
Partner
Mobilize volunteers, technical expertise, resources and institutional support.

4
Implement
Deliver activities responsibly and in accordance with applicable standards.

5
Monitor
Document activities, expenditure, results and community feedback.

6
Improve
Apply lessons learned to strengthen future programs and long-term sustainability.

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

Achievements & Impact

Since its establishment in January 2026, Hands of Light Foundation has taken meaningful steps towards its mission of serving vulnerable groups and strengthening communities through practical assistance, community outreach, and youth mobilization.

70	4	12	Jan 2026
children supported (Matindi 33, Soche 37)	outreaches held (2 in each community)	volunteers (7 in Matindi, 5 in Soche)	foundation established







1 Term-Based Outreach

We hold outreaches every quarter, matching the three-month Malawian school term. So far we have held two outreaches in Matindi and two in Soche.

2 Food Support

Every child at every outreach, in both communities, has been fed, helping address immediate needs while creating space for fellowship, connection and care.

3 School Supplies

School supplies are part of every outreach: exercise books, notebooks, pens, pencils and rulers. They help children stay in school through the whole term.

4 Clothing

Clothing was distributed twice in each community, helping address basic needs while promoting dignity and well-being.

5 Hygiene Mentorship & Essentials

Our hygiene mentorship sessions taught practical personal care. Children received toothpaste, toothbrushes, bathing soap and lotion.

6 Bible-Based Mentorship

We teach children Bible-based truths and how to grow in their spiritual lives. Members of our outreach team are currently enrolled in KidMin Academy, a children's ministry training program under KidzMatter, so that our mentorship is grounded in sound, well-prepared teaching.

7 Young People Mobilized for Service

Twelve volunteers serve across the two communities, 7 in Matindi and 5 in Soche, bringing a shared heart for service and a commitment to making a positive difference.

STRONGER TOGETHER

Partnerships and Collaboration

We welcome collaboration with churches, charitable foundations, civil society organizations, educational institutions, healthcare providers, government agencies, businesses, agricultural organizations, financial institutions, professional associations, donors and volunteers.

We seek partnerships that contribute financial resources, technical expertise, professional services, learning materials, essential supplies, training and opportunities for joint program implementation.

Our objective is to build responsible and mutually beneficial relationships that strengthen our ability to serve vulnerable people and achieve sustainable community outcomes.



BUILT ON TRUST

Governance and Accountability

Hands of Light is committed to developing strong governance and operational systems that support ethical leadership, responsible resource management and effective service delivery.

Our institutional priorities include:

01 Clear leadership responsibilities and appropriate oversight

02 Financial management and expenditure controls

03 Accurate documentation and reporting

04 Child and vulnerable-person safeguarding policies

05 Ethical conduct and conflict-of-interest management

06 Monitoring, evaluation and organizational learning

07 Compliance with applicable laws and regulatory requirements

08 Transparent communication with donors, partners and communities

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

We are putting in place a simple, volunteer-friendly system so that donors and communities can see what we do and what it achieves:

Child register
A record for each community of every supported child: name, age, school, guardian contact and outreach attendance.

Outreach report
A one-page report after every outreach: date, place, children present, items given, volunteers involved and expenses.

Financial records
A cash book and receipts for every expense, reviewed regularly.

Community feedback
A chance at each outreach for children and guardians to tell us what is working and what is not.

Quarterly review
A team meeting each term to learn from the outreach and plan the next, including a check that supported children remain in school.

HOW WE SUSTAIN OUR WORK

Funding and Resources

The organization is primarily sustained by the voluntary contributions of its members, who regularly make financial and in-kind donations toward programs that support vulnerable people and communities. These contributions form the foundation of our operations and enable the implementation of community-based initiatives. We also mobilize resources through fundraising activities, donations from well-wishers and community support, and we welcome partnerships with individuals, local businesses, faith-based organizations and other stakeholders who share the vision of improving the welfare of vulnerable people and communities.

Our human resources are largely provided by dedicated volunteers who serve as staff and contribute their time, skills and expertise without financial compensation. This volunteer-driven approach helps keep administrative costs low and ensures that a greater proportion of available resources goes to program activities and beneficiary support.

As the organization grows, it seeks to diversify its funding base through grants, sponsorships, strategic partnerships and donor support to strengthen the sustainability and impact of its programs.

WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS

Our Goals

Our goals are targets we are working towards, not results already achieved. We are choosing depth before breadth: caring well for the children we already serve before widening our reach.

Within one year

Sustain our support
Keep supporting all 70 children in Matindi and Soche through quarterly, term-based outreaches.

Deepen mentorship
Add regular mentorship sessions between outreaches.

Track attendance
Begin tracking the school attendance of the children we support.

Within three years

A second pillar
Introduce Livelihoods & Financial Literacy as a second program pillar, building on the foundation's accounting and financial-education strengths.

Growing with care
Consider reaching new communities only once our systems and team can sustain the quality of our work.



Looking Ahead

Our work with children represents the starting point of our broader mission to serve vulnerable groups and strengthen communities. While children remain our current area of focus, Hands of Light Foundation embraces a holistic approach to community development, recognizing that lasting change requires attention to the different needs and circumstances that affect people's well-being. As we grow, we aim to expand our initiatives into other areas of community development in line with our mission, available resources, and the needs of the communities we serve.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED

Our Long-Term Aspiration

Hands of Light aspires to grow into a credible and sustainable Christian humanitarian and development organization capable of responding to a broad range of community needs.

We seek to build programs and partnerships that address not only immediate hardship but also the underlying social, economic and structural challenges that prevent people from living safely and fulfilling their potential.

Our ambition is to contribute to a future where children are protected, young people have opportunities, women and vulnerable groups are empowered, communities are resilient, and every person can participate meaningfully in society.

OUR MOTTO

Hands of Light.
Be the Light.
Together We Rise.



THE STORY BEHIND HANDS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION

Our Story & Background



Hands of Light Foundation was born out of a desire to put faith into action, grounded in the understanding that everything we have, including our abilities, opportunities and resources, comes from God and is entrusted to us for a purpose greater than ourselves. As a Christian, its founder, **Blessings Chitsukwa**, believes that these blessings are not meant for our benefit alone, but carry a responsibility to serve others and contribute to the well-being of those around us.

Having witnessed the challenges many people face in Malawi, and having experienced challenges of his own, he came to appreciate the impact of kindness, compassion and the support we receive from others. These experiences strengthened his understanding that what we are entrusted with should not end with us, but should be shared in ways that bring hope, dignity and meaningful change to the lives of others.

He also recognised that everyone has something valuable to offer, whether time, knowledge, skills, resources or simply a willingness to care. What matters is not how much one possesses, but how faithfully one uses what has been entrusted to them. From this conviction grew the desire to establish a platform where people could come together in faith, unity and service, using their gifts and resources to uplift individuals, strengthen families and support vulnerable communities, all for the glory of God.

In January 2026, at the age of 23 and just months before graduating with his Accounting studies, Blessings stepped out in faith and established Hands of Light Foundation in Malawi. **Faith Banda** and **Denzel Mtonda** were among the first to believe in the vision and support its beginnings. As the foundation began taking shape, he deliberately sought to bring together individuals from his college community, church leadership and other backgrounds who shared a commitment to service. The intention was to build a team with diverse abilities, knowledge and experiences, guided by shared values and a common purpose. The involvement of church leaders also provides an important foundation for spiritual guidance, governance and leadership, including representation within the Board of Directors.



The foundation's approach recognises that making a lasting difference involves more than responding to immediate needs. It also means helping individuals and communities gain the knowledge, skills and opportunities necessary to improve their circumstances over time. Through his accounting studies, the founder developed an appreciation for financial literacy, responsible money management and economic empowerment, inspiring an interest in promoting financial education among young people, women, men, families and small businesses.

Today, Hands of Light Foundation is a faith-inspired, service-driven organisation committed to improving lives and strengthening communities. Its work spans humanitarian assistance, education and child protection, livelihoods and financial literacy, community health and resilience, and sustainable agriculture and climate resilience. These efforts are supported by people who bring different abilities, knowledge, perspectives and experiences, recognising that every contribution has value. By bringing these strengths together towards a common purpose, the foundation seeks to address diverse community needs, uphold human dignity and create opportunities for individuals and communities to thrive.

At the heart of Hands of Light Foundation is a simple belief:

"Life is a one-time journey. Kindness shouldn't be left for tomorrow. Let us do the good we can, for the people we can, while we still can."

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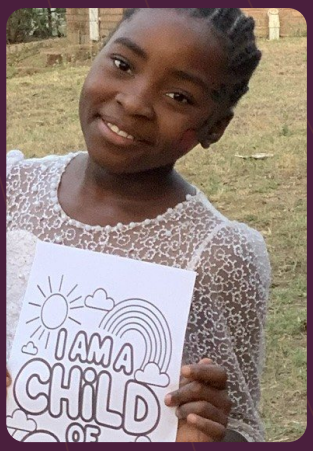
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We welcome opportunities for partnership, volunteering, technical cooperation and responsible support for initiatives that promote human dignity and sustainable community development.









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