



2025 Year in Review



Creating endless possibilities for everyone to thrive.

Our Purpose

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By addressing the underlying causes of poverty in Africa, Emerge Livelihoods enables individuals and communities in Malawi and beyond to become leaders and entrepreneurs, creating sustainable livelihoods, protecting the surrounding environment, and powering a thriving future for themselves and their households

2025 At A Glance

2025 was a year of growth, visibility, awareness and impact. From community hubs to global platforms, Emerge Livelihoods expanded its reach. We continued to work and establish new partnerships in Lilongwe, Ntcheu, Kasungu, Nkhata Bay, Mzimba, Mzuzu and across Malawi by reshaping opportunities through people-centred programming.

The year was not just about livelihoods development. Our focus shifted heavily towards awareness, resilience and possibility with individuals and communities across Malawi and beyond.

Growth



Visibility



Awareness



Impact



Key Highlights



Expanding Influence & Partnerships

- ▶ Hosted Team Europe Initiative Heads of Cooperation, showcasing MSME innovation under the EU-funded Zantchito Malawi program.
- ▶ Emerge Livelihoods staff represented the organisation at national and regional platforms ensuring strengthened collaboration and visibility.
- ▶ Community Hubs established in Kasungu and Mzimba.

One Year At Emerge Livelihoods

- ▶ Celebrated our 1st Anniversary following the rebrand from Mzuzu Entrepreneur Hub, at the Emerge Hub - Mzuzu, with over 170 community members with various activities like prototype exhibitions, product showcase, speed mentorship and office hours.
- ▶ Marked the successful first year of our 5-year strategic plan implementation with achievements around, increasing awareness and ecosystem engagement through programming, brand awareness and visibility.



Innovation & Thought Leadership

- ▶ Enhanced livelihoods transformation through the inaugural Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Livelihoods Summit (SELS 2025) by highlighting MSMEs as drivers of climate adoption and resilience under the Blue Economy, Renewable Energy, Food Security And Climate Adaptation Sectors.
- ▶ Emerge Livelihoods advanced digital inclusion through the delivery an AI & Data Science Bootcamp under Emerge Learn, equipping youth with future-ready digital skills that compliment ideas and existing initiatives by driving impact and change in various communities.

Key Highlights



Youth, Gender & Inclusion Advocacy

- ▶ Emerge Livelihoods was part of the Malawi National Youth Summit 2025 in Lilongwe where the Managing Director, Ms Wangiwe Joanna Kambuzi delivered a keynote address on the theme: Harnessing Youth Innovation for Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Job Creation Towards Malawi 2063.
- ▶ Hosted a session on Gender & Inclusion dialogue at the 2025 Afrilabs Annual Gathering in Nairobi where discussions centred around inclusion, empathy and collaboration, resulting in built partnerships and a window of opportunity for collaboration in strengthening gender and inclusion programming.
- ▶ Led advocacy during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, championing digital safety for women and girls and marked the commemoration at Katoto Freedom Ground in Mzuzu with an exhibit on the She Emerge Initiative and organisation progress on gender equality and social inclusion.

Organisation Operation

- ▶ To serve Emerge Livelihoods' community with dignity, passion and honour, an Organisational Service Charter was developed and disseminated. This has enhanced organisation operational procedures.
- ▶ To strengthen organisational operations and ensure consistent, ethical and efficient service delivery, Emerge Livelihoods reviewed, updated, and disseminated key organisational policies. This process reinforces compliance, clarifies operational procedures and promotes accountability with internal and external stakeholders.



Recognition

Impact Intermediary of the Year - 2025

This award recognises Emerge Livelihoods' role in strengthening Malawi's enterprise and impact investment ecosystem while contributing to Malawi Vision 2063, AU Agenda 2063, and the Sustainable Development Goals. The nomination came from the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-MCCCI.



Our Core Initiatives



Advancing women's leadership, entrepreneurship, and inclusion across the ecosystem.



Bespoke incubation and acceleration supporting MSMEs to innovate, scale, and attract investment.



Digital and future skills development aligned with national and global transformation agendas.



Technology and Innovation spaces across Malawi and beyond that brings together creators and innovators to bring impact ideas to life.

Impact in Numbers



360

Entrepreneurs trained.



127

Enterprises established



105

Enterprises financed



MWK 377,000,000

Disbursed in grants, raw materials and credit financing



19

Youth leaders trained and placed on the job



21.1%

Youth leaders securing jobs between 1-3 months post graduation



1,881

Individuals trained in technical and vocational Skills



4,649

Youth reached



60%

Women reached



45

People with disability reached



5,527

Community Members Reached



05

Community impact hubs established



12

Ecosystem events convened

Voices From Emerge



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Emerge Livelihoods is more than an organisation – it is an ecosystem builder redefining what impact looks like for communities.

Wangiwe Joanna Kambuzi.

Founder & Managing Director-
Emerge Livelihoods.



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Partnerships and collaborations remain our strongest currencies.

Jonathan Nandolo.

Programs Director -
Emerge Livelihoods.



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Impact becomes real when communities see themselves in the narrative.

Litness Chaima.

Communications &
Marketing Lead -
Emerge Livelihoods.

Voice From The Board Of Directors



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True success this year lies in the seamless integration of our governance structures with the practical needs to foster economic opportunities and empowering individuals through innovative livelihood solutions. By prioritizing transparent leadership and inclusive decision-making, we have ensured that our strategic oversight directly translates into measurable growth and empowerment for those we serve.

Conceptor Kachoka

Board Member - Emerge Livelihoods.

Voices From The Community



“ One of the most impactful aspects of the ESEA incubation program was the peer-to-peer exchange with other entrepreneurs. It's easy to focus on your own business, but learning about others, their opportunities, and ways to collaborate was invaluable. The mentorship and trainings on business models, branding, and financial planning, as well as preparation for investors, donors, and grants, have given me the confidence and tools to pursue new opportunities and take the business to the next level.

Sarah Msambira
Emerge 4Biz

“ The loan from the Emerge Fund has strengthened my business operations and created an opportunity for growth. The terms are manageable, and the interest is fair, which has made it possible for me to repay while continuing to invest in my business. Since accessing the loan, my business has gained traction and has registered increased income. I look forward to continued engagement with the Fund to further strengthen and expand my enterprise.

Mafumu Nkhoma
Emerge Fund



“ Before the youth leadership program I had limited confidence, lack of essential skills such as communication, teamwork and decision-making, limited or lower awareness, minimal experience. I had few opportunities to practice leadership in real-world settings and lower self-efficacy. But after completing the youth leadership program I have increased confidence, enhanced skills, improved communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and organizational skills, greater awareness, empowerment and motivation, network building and clearer goals.

Wighane Mwalweni
Emerge Learn

Learning, Evidence & Accountability

Our 2024-2029 strategic plan ensures accountability, continuous learning and community-driven improvement: turning evidence into action and strengthening impact across all programs.

Looking Ahead To 2026

As we move forward, our focus remains clear:



Deepening
partnerships.



Designing
inclusive and responsive
programs.

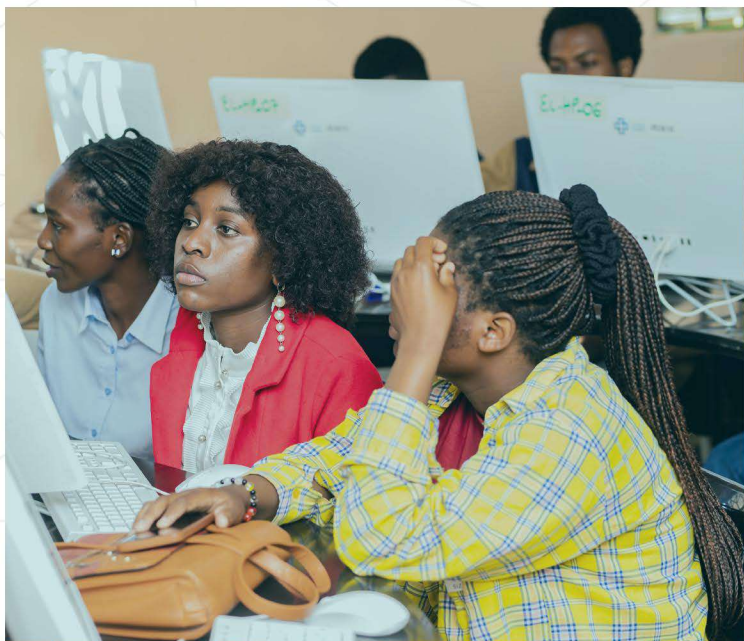


Amplifying
youth, women, and
MSME voices.

Join us in 2026 as we continue creating endless possibilities for everyone to thrive.



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