



**DEAR JOE AND
ALYSSA,
YOUR FIRST PROJECT
UPDATE IS HERE!**

We are so excited to share this progress report with you!

In the second half of 2021, you made a generous donation to charity: water to provide clean water in Malawi. We are thrilled to tell you that progress is underway. Soon, many people will have access to clean and safe drinking water because of you, and we can't say thank you enough.

Your gift was sent to our local partner in January, and right now, we're about six months into our 21-month timeline.



The preparation period is crucial for each project's success and sustainability. Our partners have been hard at work obtaining construction permits, purchasing supplies, and collaborating with community members. Community engagement is especially important at this stage, as it creates a sense of ownership and pride in the water project.

We'll have more updates for you later this year, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our mission!

COUNTRY:

MALAWI

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

UNITED PURPOSE (UNP)

YOUR GENEROUS GIFT:

\$10,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT:

\$1,199,997



ABOUT UNP

United Purpose (UNP), formerly known as Concern Universal, was founded in 1976 to assist vulnerable communities. Today, they help people gain agency over their lives and move beyond the need for aid. They are currently working in the Dowa District of Malawi.

To ensure the sustainability of their projects, UNP works with local communities and governments at every stage of planning and implementation. They build wells with hand pumps and use a Community-Led Total Sanitation approach, which focuses on creating Open Defecation-Free communities. This approach encourages innovation, mutual support, and appropriate local solutions within the community. UNP also considers gender equality, HIV/AIDs, environmental concerns, and child protection throughout every project. Their focus on inclusivity ensures that even the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of people have a voice.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Your funds were sent to our local partner in January, and the following six months are considered the planning stages of project implementation. Preparation is one of the most important stages of water project implementation. Our partner uses this time to assess and select which communities or schools will receive water points based on factors such as geography, need, community interest, the risk of overlap with other organizations, and the availability of spare parts for future repairs. Once a school or community is determined, water point management training begins and construction materials are transported to the site.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the next few months, the construction of wells will accelerate. Once construction is complete, UNP will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the community members for ongoing maintenance and management. Meanwhile, UNP will coordinate training covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!



MEET THE TEAM

Amanda is a Senior Associate on our Water Programs team. She manages all aspects of grant administration with this partnership, which includes tracking the number of projects and people served throughout the grant and reviewing the project completion photos and GPS coordinates at the end of the grant. She enjoys working with United Purpose Malawi because they have very strong technical expertise on their team, which results in high-quality water points.

