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ADVANCING LOCAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH SHIFTING THE POWER INITIATIVES:

Strengthening Voices, Building Capacity and Driving Change

H Healthwise Organization continues to demonstrate its commitment to empowering local actors and strengthening institutional capacity through active participation in the Shifting the Power Programme. This initiative, supported by Tilitonse Foundation with funding from UKAid and Comic Relief, is designed to reposition civil society organizations (CSOs) at the center of development by enhancing their leadership, ownership, and influence.

REFLECTING ON PROGRESS: TWO-DAY LEARNING SESSION

Healthwise representatives headed by the Executive Director Tendai Chidzero opened a Co-creation of session norms a collaborative process where facilitators and participants jointly establish guidelines for behaviour and interaction at the workshop. This approach fostered ownership engagement, and safe respectful environment, shifting from top-down rules to shared responsibility.

In a bid to assess progress and deepen learning, Tilitonse Foundation (TF) convened a two-day learning session on 16-17th February, 2026 conducted at Lilongwe hotel that brought together various partners under the Civil Society Strengthening Fund (CSSF). The session provided a valuable platform for organizations to reflect on their Year 1 implementation experiences.

Participants shared insights, challenges, and successes encountered while implementing activities aimed at strengthening civil society systems. The learning session fostered open dialogue, peer-to-peer exchange, and collective problem-solving, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in achieving sustainable impact.

For Healthwise Organization, this engagement offered an opportunity to evaluate internal progress, identify gaps, and adopt best practices from fellow partners. The discussions highlighted the need for adaptive approaches, continuous learning, and stronger community engagement to effectively shift power to local actors.



OFFICE TRANSFORMATION

In the year one HW organized has managed to secure a good office in a conducive environment at the Upland House in area 3.

Shifting the power has also helped HW to purchase good furniture and partitioning the office into three rooms.



Area 3 Upland House



EMPOWERING OFFICERS THROUGH RESOURCE MOBILIZATION TRAINING

As part of its commitment to decentralizing power within the organization, HW Organization took a proactive step by investing in staff capacity building. The Resource Mobilization Officer spearheaded a specialized training aimed at equipping officers with practical skills in proposal and concept note writing.

This training was designed to empower officers to independently identify funding opportunities, develop compelling project concepts, and successfully compete for grants. By building these skills internally, Healthwise is reducing reliance on a few individuals and promoting shared responsibility across the team. Participants gained hands-on experience in; Crafting strong and impactful concept notes, understanding donor expectations, structuring proposals for clarity and effectiveness, developing realistic budgets and implementation of plans.

This initiative marks a significant shift towards internal empowerment, ensuring that every officer can contribute meaningfully to the organization's sustainability and growth.



LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Recognizing that strong leadership is key to organizational transformation, HW Organization also conducted a Leadership Change Management Training.

The training took place at the Healthwise Organization Conference Room in Lilongwe and brought together staff members to strengthen their leadership capabilities.

The training focused on; navigating organizational change effectively, enhancing decision-making and accountability, building resilient and adaptive leadership teams, and promoting a culture of transparency and collaboration.

Participants engaged in interactive sessions, group discussions, and practical exercises aimed at improving their ability to lead during times of change.

This initiative is aligned with the broader goal of shifting power by ensuring that leadership is not concentrated but shared across the organization.



DRIVING THE SHIFTING THE POWER AGENDA FORWARD

The Shifting the Power Programme continues to play a transformative role in redefining how development work is implemented. By prioritizing local leadership, strengthening institutional systems, and investing in capacity building, the programme is enabling organizations like Healthwise to take charge of their development journey.

With support from Tilitonse Foundation, UKAid, and Comic Relief, Healthwise Organization is not only enhancing its internal systems but also positioning itself as a strong, independent, and impactful civil society actor.



LOOKING AHEAD

As Healthwise Organization moves into the next phase of implementation, the focus remains on: sustaining capacity-building initiatives, strengthening partnerships and networks, enhancing community-driven approaches, increasing access to funding opportunities through improved proposal writing skills. The organization remains committed to learning, adapting, and leading from within ensuring that power is truly shifted to those closest to the communities they serve. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient civil society one that is led by local voices and driven by shared purpose.

MAPHUNZIRO MBAMBANDE QUIZ COMPETITION

Empowering Minds, Transforming Futures:

Reaching over 8,000 Learners Across Malawi

Healthwise Organization in partnership with World Vision Malawi is proud to share the remarkable achievements recorded in this quarter as we continue to promote quality education and learner engagement through innovative approaches.

Our commitment to academic excellence, critical thinking, and learner participation has enabled us to make a meaningful impact across several districts in Malawi.



Reaching over 8,000 Learners Across Three Districts

During this quarter, Healthwise Organization successfully reached a total of 8,000 learners across the districts of Ntcheu, Ntchisi, and Phalombe.

Through our flagship quiz competitions and educational outreach programs, learners were given a platform to showcase their knowledge, sharpen their critical thinking skills, and build confidence in academic participation.

The quiz competitions have proven to be more than just contests. They are powerful tools for reinforcing classroom learning, encouraging teamwork, and nurturing a spirit of healthy competition among learners. Schools that participated expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for the initiative, noting increased learner motivation and improved engagement in class.



In Ntcheu Bwanje the competitions drew participation from multiple zones, with learners demonstrating impressive knowledge across various subjects a total number of 3,128 learners were reached, 1,508 are boys while 1,620 are girls. Ntchisi recorded a total number of 3,426 learners and 1644 boys while 1,782 girls in Mphelele AP and Phalombe also recorded high levels of participation which includes 934 boys and 1,020 girls this gives a total number of 1954 in Thundu AP finals, with both learners and teachers embracing the initiative as a valuable addition to the education system.



Building Teacher Capacity Through Hands-On Training



Recognizing that teachers play a critical role in sustaining these initiatives, Healthwise Organization also prioritized capacity building for educators.

This quarter, a total of 94 teachers were trained and equipped with practical skills to independently conduct quiz competitions in their respective schools.

44 teachers in Kasungu received intensive, hands-on training focused on quiz organization, question setting, moderation, and scoring techniques.

50 teachers from other participating districts were similarly trained, ensuring that the knowledge and skills gained can be replicated and sustained at the local level.

The training sessions were highly interactive, allowing teachers to actively participate in mock quiz sessions, develop question banks, and learn effective ways of engaging learners.

By equipping teachers with these skills, Healthwise Organization is ensuring that quiz-based learning continues even beyond our direct involvement.

Impact and Looking Ahead

The impact of these activities is already visible. Schools are reporting improved learner participation, increased interest in academics, and stronger collaboration among students.

Teachers have expressed confidence in organizing their own quiz sessions, which will help sustain the program long-term.

As we look ahead to the next quarter, Healthwise Organization remains committed to expanding its reach, strengthening partnerships with schools, and introducing even more innovative educational initiatives. Our goal is to ensure that every learner has access to engaging, high-quality learning opportunities that prepare them for a brighter future.

This quarter has been a testament to what can be achieved through collaboration, dedication, and a shared vision for education. Reaching 7,000 learners and empowering 94 teachers is a milestone we celebrate with pride, and a motivation to do even more.

Together, we are not just conducting quizzes—we are shaping confident, knowledgeable, and empowered young minds



A heartfelt thank you to our valued partners!

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Tilitonse Foundation, Comic Relief and UK Aid Shifting the Power Programme,
and our partner World Vision Malawi.

We at Healthwise Organization are truly grateful for your continued support and belief in our mission.

Your partnership strengthens our work and deepens our impact in the communities we serve. Together, we're shifting power and building the future.

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