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## A Message from the Executive Director

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support of our funders, staff, volunteers, and community partners. This was a year of partnerships for impact—marked by both challenges and triumphs. Thanks to your generosity and dedication, we were able to expand our impact to 4 other districts, construct a school kitchen and feeding shelter, send athletes to national team events, purchase sports shoes and recruit some full time staff members.

While we celebrate these successes, we also recognize the ongoing needs in our community. The rising demand for mental health services reminds us that our work is far from over. The nutritional meals are still a pressing issue to address in the community we serve.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch our new program center in Blantyre district, deepen our impact through expanded initiatives in practical agriculture for students and strengthen our capacity for organizational growth. None of this would be possible without you, our beloved partners who believe in our mission and fuel our progress.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are transforming not just individuals but communities by creating a brighter, more equitable future.

With gratitude,

Tadala Kandulu Ngosi Executive Director MATCH Foundation



### Our Mission and Vision

### **Mission Statement**

Promoting and improving skills development and welfare of young people through education and sports at grassroots level in Malawi.

### **Vision Statement**

Enhancing knowledge and skills that promote healthy living, self-esteem and opportunities to youth in Malawi

### **Our Core Values**

- Visionary
- Inclusivity
- Learning
- Transformation
- Good sportsmanship

### **Thematic Areas**

#### Education

Provision of free quality primary education to **341** vulnerable children and youth from 9 rural villages.



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### Thematic Areas

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#### Scholarships

We provide pathways for quality education by offering academic scholarships to outstanding students who do not attend the Tadala abc Primary School. These are selected based on merit, sports participation and exemplary positive character.

# Sports for Development

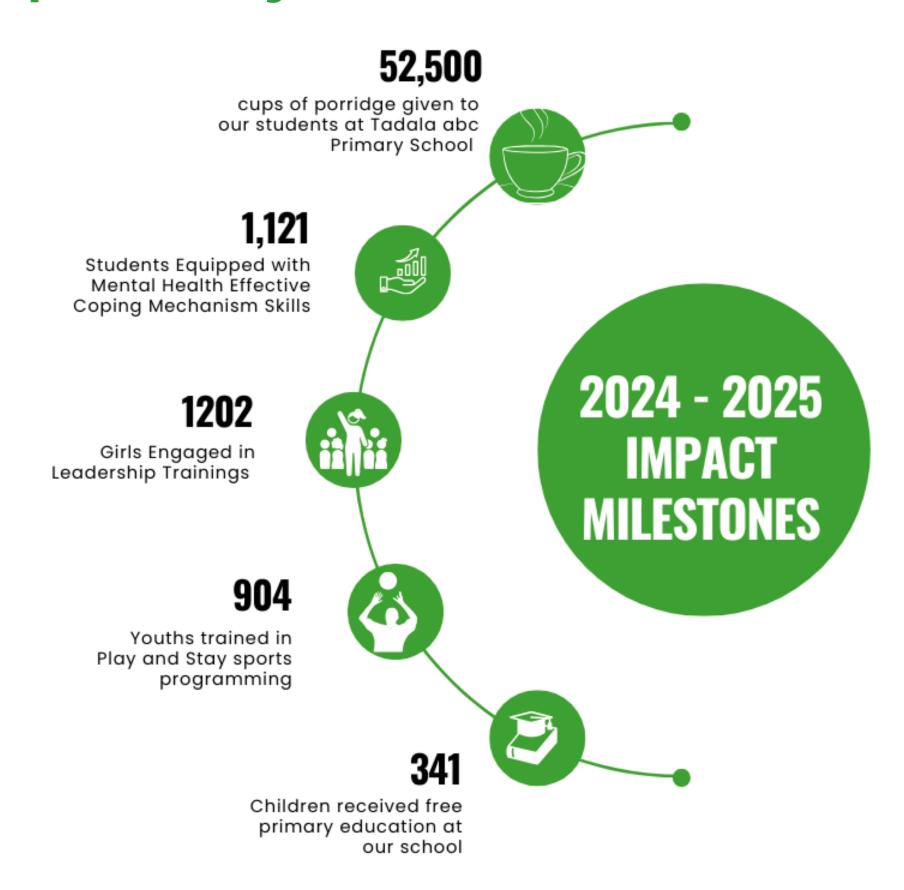
Play and Stay is our flagship Sports for Development project that nurtures talent in tennis, basketball, netball, and football. Our model — play the game, stay in the program.



### Youth Empowerment

We provide safe and supportive spaces where youth gain the tools to become confident, resilient, self-reliant, and inclusive leaders in their communities.

## Impact Snapshot by the Numbers



## 1. Education Program: Laying Foundations for Brighter Futures

- Our comprehensive education program, is meticulously designed to ensure academic excellence, instill crucial life skills, and promote the holistic well-being of every student.
- Operating in an area without early childhood development centers, the Tiphunzire program provided essential reading sessions to **100 early grade students**.
- Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL): Our innovative reading program groups students based on their English language abilities (letter, word, paragraph, story). This tailored approach ensures effective support and accelerates learning.
- A total of **287 students** (165 males, 122 females) have participated in TaRL activities and demonstrated significant improvements in English literacy skills.





## 2. Play and Stay Project: Developing Champions Through Sport

More than just games, our 'Play and Stay' project is about building character, fostering discipline, and creating a vibrant community. It's a space where children and youth are empowered to thrive through free access to diverse sports disciplines, embracing healthy lifestyles and invaluable life skills.

### Key Victories and Growth in 2024/2025:

**Widespread Engagement**: School fields and courts buzzed with activities, engaging an impressive **904** students across tennis, basketball, netball, and football.

#### **Expanding Horizons with New Sports:**

Basketball, Netball and Football took off at Tadala abc
 Primary School in October 2024, with exciting sessions
 bringing new energy and diversifying opportunities for our
 youth.

#### 3. Lean In Girls Project

Imagine a space where young girls confidently challenge norms, discover their voices, and embrace authentic leadership. That's the essence of our Lean In Girls Project – a vibrant movement dedicated to nurturing the next generation of female leaders in Malawi. We believe every girl holds immense potential, and our project helps them unlock it.

#### **Our Unfolding Impact**

- Expanding Our Reach: The project targets girls aged 11-15 to recognize their leadership potential and develop essential skills to become confident, resilient, and inclusive leaders. 1,202 girls have been reached with discussions that expand their view of leadership, establish a brave and safe space to learn and practice leading, and inspire them to lead boldly.
- Deepened Engagement: We conducted 33 interactive sessions in 6 primary schools focusing on redefining leadership, aligning actions with personal values, and recognizing inherent strengths. These sessions were designed to enhance self-awareness, confidence, and practical leadership skills.
- The project continues to cultivate tomorrow's female leaders, fostering a generation that confidently challenges norms and embraces authentic leadership.



### 4. Mental Health Project: Fostering Wise and Resilient Youths

In Malawi, where mental health challenges are on the rise among youth, MATCH Foundation implemented the "Achinyamata Ojaka" – meaning "Wise Youths" – as a beacon of hope. This critical initiative goes beyond simply raising awareness; it equips young people with vital psycho-social skills, encourages open dialogue, and actively combats the stigma surrounding conditions like depression, anxiety, and suicide. We are building supportive environments, one wise youth at a time.

### **Impact Reach**

1,121 Youths Reached

11 Secondary Schools

3 New additional districts

**62 Peer mentors trained** 

9 Mental Health Clubs Launched



# Statistics

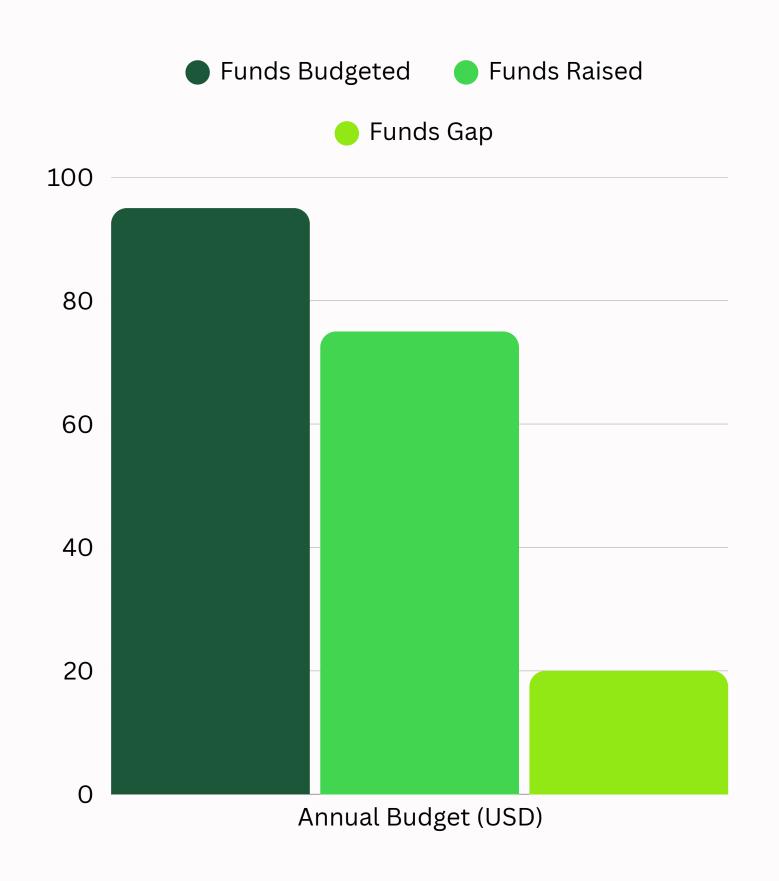
75%
Overall School Pass Rate in 2024/25 Academic Year

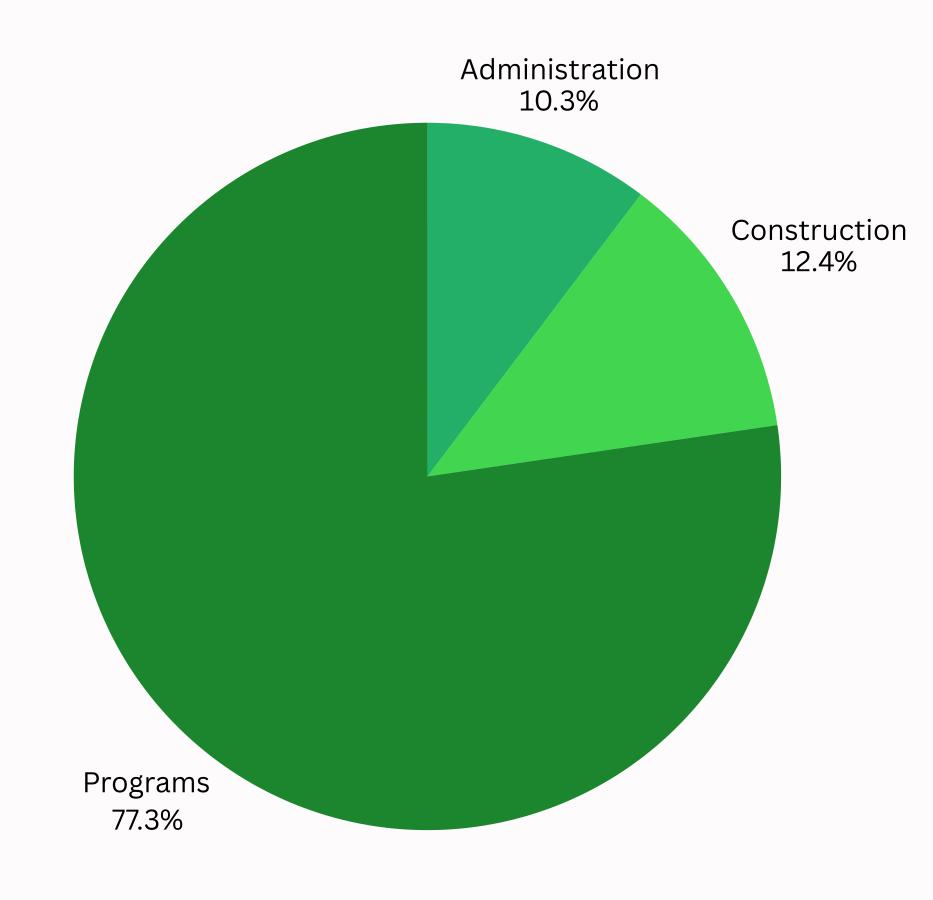
87%
Comprehension for early grade English Competency

201
Sports lessons offered in the previous year.



# Financial Update





### Looking Forward: Our Aspirations for the Next Chapter

The period of July 2024 to June 2025 has been a year of powerful stories, tangible transformations, and profound connections. MATCH Foundation's journey is defined by our expanding reach, deepening impact, and the inspiring growth we witness in every young person we serve. Every statistic, every session, and every shared smile represents a vital step towards our overarching vision: a generation of resilient, confident, and informed youths in Malawi.

Building on the incredible momentum of 2024-2025, MATCH Foundation is excited to embark on new initiatives and expand our existing programs. We envision:

- Deeper Community Integration: Strengthening our partnerships with local leaders and families to create even more robust support systems.
- Program Expansion: Exploring opportunities to bring our successful Lean In Girls, Achinyamata Ojaka, Play and Stay, and Education programs to new communities and reach more youth. Plans are currently underway for the establishment of a MATCH Foundation centre in Blantyre.
- Innovation in Learning: Integrating new technologies and creative methodologies into our educational and mentorship sessions to enhance engagement and effectiveness.
- Sustainable Growth: Developing long-term strategies for funding and resource mobilization to ensure the enduring impact of our work such as the provision of school lunch meals.





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