



Name of project: Gumulira village water restoration

District: Lilongwe, Malawi

Reporting period: 17th July to 30th December 2025

1.0 Introduction

With funding from RIAS, and in partnership with Stichting Heart of Generous Works International, PDI is facilitated the restoration of Gumulira reticulated water supply facility in Lilongwe North. In order to maximize the benefits of safe water supply, the project also promoted adoption of adequate sanitation and hygiene in communities through provision of improved latrines and encouraged the use of hand washing facilities. The project includes capacity building of the facilities local management committee.

1.1 Key project activities over the last seven weeks

No.	Planned activity	Progress
1	Community mobilization and sensitization Hold two meetings with people in the village where they will be informed about the project and agree on the roles they will play in the project	Two mobilization and sensitization meeting were held in the month of July 2025 where villagers were informed about the intention to have their water supply system repaired. The community welcomed the idea. A local management committee of ten people to lead and manage the water supply system was selected. The community was told to make improvements in their sanitation and hygiene situation. The community was requested to start contributing towards maintenance of the water facility. They have also engaged two Guards to secure the water point at night. In the process of repairing the water supply system the community was involved in trench digging and backfilling as they were tracing leaking pipe lines.
2	Rehabilitation of the water facility Replacement of submersible pump Replacing broken down bib cocks at water collection points Cleaning of the tank Flushing of pipe lines Securing the pump house with locks Construction of soak way pits at three water collection points Borehole flushing Water quality test	A new submersible water pump was installed in the water supply system. It is working perfectly. Water supply pipe lines have been flushed. Water is flowing to kiosks and communities have access. Pictures of people fetching water at the kiosk are included below. Bib taps were installed. The pump house has been secured with locks. Restoration of the water facility comprised of Well Cleaning, Supplying and Installation of a Solar Powered Submersible Pump of a capacity of not less than 5litres/Second due to the distance from source to Reservoir including the gradient. Water is flowing steadily from the borehole through the raised tank to three community water collection points.

3	Formation of water management committee The committee will be comprised of ten people 60% will be female as prescribed by the Ministry of Water and Sanitation. Committee will be overseeing operation and maintenance of the facility. It will also be responsible for funds collection from water users.	A management committee was formed. It is comprised of six women and four men as prescribed by the Ministry of Water and Sanitation. The positions in the committee are Chairman and Vice Chairman, Secretary and Vice Secretary and a Treasurer. At the time of reporting the community had contributed K1,250,000 for operation and maintenance which is kept by the Treasurer. The operation and maintenance funds will be collected from water users on monthly basis.
4	Capacity building Training of management committee in Group dynamics, Funds collection from water users Hygiene and sanitation at water collection points Record keeping Development of duty rosters for water collection point cleaning	The committee was elected. It was exposed to the process of repairing the system as the technician was trouble shooting the system. They were provided with a formal training in Group dynamics, funds collection from water users, Hygiene and sanitation at water collection points, record keeping and development of duty rosters for water collection point cleaning.
5	Promotion of hygiene and sanitation in the village Construction of sanitation and hygiene facilities at household level Door to door inspections and hygiene education	Communities were advised to embark on making some improvements in their households to improve on sanitation and hygiene status. Some improvements were noticed. Community Health Workers did door to door inspections and some health talks.
6	Monitoring and evaluation Functionality of the facility Functionality of the management committee	PDI was able to monitor the works and continued to visit the village to ensure continued operation and maintenance of the water supply facility and leadership of the management system. A final evaluation was carried out to determine the impact of the water supply system to Gumulira village. Notable impacts are; people have safe water supply to their houses. They use more water for household chores

	Impact of safe water in the community	than before. Girls are no longer absenting or being late to school because they have water at their door step. Women are able to participate in other community development activities because they no longer waste their time walking long distances to fetch water. The readily available water is helping them to do some economic activities like making fritters which are locally sold in the village.
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The project had one major challenge. The challenge was high rise of cost of materials for pump replacement. There was a very long time between the time of planning and release of funds. The economic situation in Malawi drastically changed during this period. As a result implementation costs went gone up. PDI tried to use the available funds for the community to get supplied with water.

The project phased out in December 2025. Find attached finance report and supporting documents.

2. Pictures of some activities done



A section of women who attended mobilization and sensitization meeting



A section of men who attended mobilization and sensitization meeting



Unpacking the submersible pump prior to installation



Mika Mateyu a committee Treasurer inside the pump house



A section of 50mm pipe to be laid in a trench



Reservoir and distribution tank that supplies water at Gumulira village



Mervis Benjala drawing water at one of the kiosks



Mervis with a smile carrying water home on her head