



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI

2022 ACTIVITY REPORT

NEW FLAMES 'MOTO' JERSEY



MOTO JERSEY
MK **29,900**

MOTO KIDS JERSEY
MK **25,900**

MOTO CASUAL WEAR
MK **29,900**

PREMIUM QUALITY

AUTHORIZED SALES OUTLETS

LILONGWE

1. Phatafuli Investments - Old town
2. Into Sports - Gateway Mall
3. ADL Duty Free Shop at Kamuzu International Airport
4. CP Investments - Area 6

BLANTYRE

1. Into Sports - Chichiri Mall
2. Pakhale Shop - Haile Selassie
3. Touch of Class - Chayamba Building
4. Crystal Shop - Chileka Airport
5. Judy's Souvenir Shop - Amaryllis Hotel
6. Formula 1 Sports Shop - Ginnery Corner
7. CP Investments - Haile Selassie Av.

MZUZU

1. Zampira Sports Shop

MANGOCHI

1. Urick Enterprise

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Football Association of Malawi President



Dear Members and stakeholders

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report of our Football Association, highlighting the remarkable achievements and milestones we have accomplished over the past year. It has been an eventful and successful period, filled with significant triumphs and memorable moments that have propelled our association and the sport to new heights.

One of the standout achievements of the year was undoubtedly the sterling performance of our national team at the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). Our dedicated players showcased exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork, making our nation proud as they competed against formidable opponents from across the continent. Their achievements not only brought glory to our association but also inspired a new generation of aspiring footballers.

I am thrilled to acknowledge the continued support and partnership we have received from FDH Bank, particularly through the FDH Cup. Their commitment to promoting and nurturing football talent in our country has been instrumental in fostering a thriving football community. The FDH Cup has provided a platform for our local teams to showcase their abilities and has brought communities together, fostering a sense of unity and passion for the beautiful game.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce the arrival of more sponsorship from Standard Bank. Their generous contribution demonstrates their belief in our vision and dedication to developing football in our nation. This additional support will enable us to expand our programs and initiatives, ensuring that we create a sustainable ecosystem that nurtures talent, fosters growth, and strengthens our football infrastructure. Our association had the privilege of hosting the CAF

Schools Tournament, an event that showcased our nation's exceptional hosting capabilities and brought together young talents from various African countries. The success of this tournament speaks volumes about our commitment to promoting football at all levels and our ability to organize world-class events.

Lastly, it is my honor to share that we had the historical visit of the President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), Patrice Motsepe. His visit was a testament to the progress we have made as an association and the growing influence of our footballing nation on the continent. This visit not only strengthened our ties with CAF but also provided an opportunity for fruitful discussions on the future of African football and ways in which we can collaborate for mutual growth.

In conclusion, the achievements and successes we have witnessed over the past year have laid a solid foundation for our continued progress. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our players, coaches, staff, sponsors, and all the stakeholders who have played an invaluable role in our accomplishments. Together, we have showcased the potential of our footballing nation and reinforced our commitment to making a lasting impact on the sport.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Walter Nyamilandu

President
Football Association of Malawi

Dear Members and stakeholders



I am pleased to present the annual report for the year, highlighting the major achievements and developments of the Football Association of Malawi (FAM). Throughout the year, we have experienced a mix of successes and challenges, demonstrating our commitment to improving football in our country. One notable achievement was the honor of hosting Confederation of African Football President, Patrice Motsepe. We were privileged to welcome him to the country for the launch of the inaugural CAF Schools Championship COSAFA Qualifiers at Bingu National Stadium. This event attracted teams from six countries, showcasing the talent and potential in our region.

Our national football team, The Flames, made us proud with their sterling performance at the TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations. They qualified for the round of 16, collecting four points in the group stages and demonstrating their strength against formidable opponents. Although we faced a defeat in the knockout stage against Morocco,

our team's achievements during the tournament were commendable.

However, we acknowledge that there were challenges in other competitions. The Flames struggled in the 2022 Hollywood bets Cosafa Cup and had a disappointing show at the African Nations Championship finals. Similarly, The Scorchers, our Women's National Team, could not replicate their previous success in the 2022 COSAFA Women's Championship. These experiences serve as motivation to work harder and improve in the future.

While there were ups and downs in various categories, our youth teams have shown great promise. The Under 20 national team performed exceptionally well in the TotalEnergies Under-20 Egypt 2023 COSAFA Qualifiers, finishing second in their group. The Under 17 boys and girls teams also achieved significant milestones by securing third place in their respective competitions. These successes provide a solid foundation for the future of Malawian football. To ensure sustained progress, we have heavily invested in youth leagues and

teams. The Malawi Under 23 team returned to action with a training camp and friendly matches, while we launched the FIFA Football for Schools program to promote football at the grassroots level. Additionally, we secured funds from FIFA to upgrade Nsanje Community Youth Centre into a modern stadium, showcasing our commitment to developing infrastructure.

Our efforts in revenue collection have also yielded positive results. We witnessed a significant increase in Mpira TV broadcasting rights revenue, generating K103 million in the 2022 season. Moreover, our gate revenue reached record levels during key events, such as the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier and the Airtel Top 8 final.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners and stakeholders who have supported us throughout the year. We appreciate the unwavering commitment of FDH Bank, HTD, Standard Bank, and our traditional sponsors and partners who have contributed to the growth and success of Malawian football.

In conclusion, we recognize the achievements, consolidate the positives, and review the negatives. We will continue to invest in youth development, infrastructure, and revenue generation to further enhance the football landscape in Malawi. With the support of our dedicated members and stakeholders, we are confident in the bright future of football in our nation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alfred Gift Gunda

General Secretary
Football Association of Malawi

Governance



ACTIVITY FAM Exco during the quarterly meeting in April.2022

FAM Executive Committee Key Decisions

The FAM Executive Committee, comprising 10 members, held three meetings in 2022 on the following dates: March, August, and December. These meetings resulted in several key decisions.

During the 2022 1st Quarterly Meeting on April 9, 2022, held at Sunbird Nkopola in Mangochi, the FAM Executive Committee made several resolutions in accordance with the association's statutes. The significant resolutions made during this meeting include the following:

April 9, 2022

LOCATION Sunbird Nkopola Lodge

TITLE Resolutions from FAM Exco meeting

Technical set up of National Team coaches

The committee decided to appoint Mario Marinica, the Technical Director, as the Head Coach of the Men's National Football Team. This decision was based on the impressive performance of the national team under Marinica's caretaker leadership during the Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroun in January. Marinica transitioned from his role as Technical Director to assume the new position, and Meck Mwase was reassigned to the Under-23 national team.

Technical Director

The committee resolved to promote Benjamin Kumwenda, the FAM Technical Development Officer, to the position of Technical Director, replacing Marinica. Kumwenda, who has been overseeing developmental programs and FIFA Forward projects since joining FAM in 2017, served as the acting Technical Director before Marinica's appointment in November 2021.

Luwinga Technical Centre

The Committee approved an allocation of US\$455,000 for the completion of the construction of a Football Academy.



FAM President Walter Nyamilandu addresses the assembly

August 20, 2022

LOCATION Sunbird Livingstonia, Salima

Technical Development

Acknowledging the delays in funding from FIFA, which has affected most of the development projects dependent on FIFA funds, the committee resolved that FAM should focus on its own programs using operational cost funds. These programs include coaching courses, U14 and U16 Leagues, and the School of Excellency. This decision was made due to the uncertainty associated with project funds.

December 23, 2022

LOCATION Sunbird Nkopola

Budget

The Committee approved a budget of K4.6 billion for 2023, with the majority of the funding coming from FIFA and Malawi government grants. To ensure stability and sustainability of key football development programs, it was resolved that FAM should utilize its operational funds, which are guaranteed annually. Additionally, special grants of K175 million per year were introduced to the Super League and Regional Leagues, aimed at enhancing professionalization and competitions within the respective associations.

General Secretary's Contract

The Committee renewed the contract of the General Secretary, Alfred Gunda, for another two years. Gunda's previous contract had expired in November 2022.

Club Licensing

The Committee approved the commencement of Club Licensing for Women's League clubs from 2023. Furthermore, the inclusion of the sixth option criterion on Business for Club Licensing for Super League clubs was approved, and starting from 2023, FAM will transition to Criteria "A" under the grading system, requiring full compliance with all five criteria of club licensing.

CAF President Visits Malawi For the first time

The President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), Patrice Motsepe, made history as the first sitting CAF president to visit Malawi. He arrived in the country in October 2022 and was welcomed with great enthusiasm.

Motsepe's visit was primarily focused on the opening of the inaugural CAF Schools Championship COSAFA Qualifiers, held at the prestigious Bingu National Stadium in Lilongwe on October 29. In his address at the event, Motsepe expressed his deep appreciation for Malawi and its rich history, highlighting the commonalities shared by the African people.

"Malawi is a special place. It holds a

significant place in our history, and we are all united as one people. When we study the history of Africans, we see that we are part of the Bantu nation. Many words originated from Malawi, which we also have in South Africa. We should all take pride in this. Not only does this country possess exceptional football talent, but it also excels in business, the economy, and all spheres of society."

Motsepe also commended Nyamilandu, acknowledging his exceptional contributions to the sport. He urged the local community to support him and his endeavours. "We have full confidence that the sponsorship of school football will have a transforma-

tive impact, not only on youth football but also on schools throughout the African continent. This initiative will elevate African football to world-class standards. By improving the quality of football at the grassroots level, starting from schools, we aim to develop nations in Africa that can compete at the highest level and emerge victorious."

In his response, FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed his gratitude for hosting the CAF president and the school's competition, which was sponsored by the Motsepe Foundation.



Nyamilandu hands over a Flames pennant to Motsepe



Nyamilandu gifts Motsepe a Flames jersey



Sports Minister Richard Chimwendo Banda (L) and Nyamilandu (R) walk Motsepe(C) into Bingu National Stadium

FAM Holds Successful AGM

The Football Association of Malawi (FAM) successfully held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mangochi on June 18. During the congress, several important matters were discussed and approved, including FAM's audited financial report and the 2022 budget.

A cross-section of the FAM AGM delegates



Members for the MAs during the retreat

FAM Introduces Capacity Building Retreats for MAs

In 2022, FAM introduced capacity building retreats for its Member Associations (MAs) as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the administration and management of football in the country. The first retreat, held from June 16 to June 22, 2022, at Sunbird Nkopola in Mangochi, focused on strategy, leadership, and good governance. The workshop aimed to provide MAs with the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the association.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu emphasized the importance of shared vision and collaboration with the MAs in achieving the association's goals. He stated, "To realize our vision, it is crucial that we involve our Member Associations. This retreat equips them with the necessary leadership tools to transition from mere administrators to effective leaders and managers of football affairs."

Speaking on behalf of the Member Associations, Gift Chimbalanga, Chairperson of the Beach Soccer Association, expressed his appreciation for the retreat, considering it a game-changer that allows them to further develop the sport. The workshop was facilitated by George Jana, former Executive Secretary of the Malawi National Council of Sports, along with Service Touch and Chimango Munthali, both members of the FAM Executive Committee.

FAM Hosts UEFA Leadership Retreat

In May 2022, FAM hosted a four-day Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Assist Leadership Retreat in Blantyre and Zomba. The purpose of the retreat was to review the progress of FAM's "Raising the Bar" strategic direction, two years after its implementation. The retreat resulted in a short-term operational plan, focusing on three key strategic areas: Governance and Administration, Technical Development, and Income Generation.

During the retreat, UEFA experts engaged with key stakeholders before meeting with the FAM Executive at Sunbird Kuchawe. The outcome of the retreat was the establishment of several key goals related to technical development, commercial growth, and governance, which FAM will pursue over the next six months.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed the importance of assessing progress and identifying necessary actions to close any gaps. He highlighted the value of UEFA's feedback and assistance in developing a blueprint for short and long-term plans that will contribute to FAM's sustainability. Nyamilandu emphasized three key pillars that FAM will focus on.

UEFA Assist Project member Marie Clerc confirmed UEFA's commitment to working with FAM in the next six months to ensure the successful implementation of the plan. The UEFA Assist program, initiated in 2017, aims to support football development and promote solidarity among confederations and national associations outside of Europe.



FAM Exco members pose with UEFA Assist officials

»» UEFA Donates Minivan to FAM

In May, the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) generously donated a brand-new 16-seater Nissan minivan worth K35 million to the Football Association of Malawi. The minivan will be used for youth football development, aligning with FAM's ongoing efforts in this area. The donation was part of UEFA's three UEFA Assist programs allocated to Malawi under infrastructure projects.

Marie Clerc, a member of the UEFA Assist Project team, expressed delight in supporting FAM's youth football development initiatives. Clerc stated that FAM could apply for additional infrastructure programs in the future. FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed gratitude for the unique gift and emphasized its significant contribution to the development of youth football in the country. The minivan will provide assistance to coaches who travel across the country to implement developmental programs.



Nyamilandu Manda receives the mini-van from Clerc

Government Pledges Support for Football

The Minister of Youth and Sports, Honourable Richard Chimwendo Banda, reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting the development of football in Malawi. During a meeting with the Football Association of Malawi on June 2 at FAM's headquarters in Blantyre, Chimwendo assured FAM of the government's eagerness to see the national teams participate in international tournaments. He emphasized the government's dedication to supporting sports in the country.

Chimwendo acknowledged the pride that the Flames brought to the nation by reaching the round of 16 at the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), and expressed the hope that the team would qualify for the 2023 finals. He assured FAM that the government would spare no effort in making this dream a reality.



Chimwendo Banda touring Mpira Village

National Teams

Flames Create AFCON History

Malawi's national football team, the Flames, achieved a historic milestone in their journey at the TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) by qualifying for the knock-out stages of the 2021 tournament held in Cameroon in January 2022. Securing their spot in the Round of 16, the Flames emerged as one of the four third-best teams. Throughout the group stages, they demonstrated their prowess by amassing four points. They secured a victory over Zimbabwe with a score of 2-1, encountered a 1-0 loss against Guinea, and held Senegal to a goalless draw.

On January 23, the Flames faced Morocco in the last 16 and unfortunately succumbed to a 2-1 defeat. Striker Gabadinho Mhango played a significant role in their campaign, scoring all three goals for the Flames. His brace against Zimbabwe made him the first Malawian player to achieve such a feat at the AFCON, and his remarkable strike against Morocco established him as the tournament's all-time leading scorer. With four points accumulated in the group stages, the Flames recorded their highest point total at the AFCON. Previously, they had managed only three points in 2010 and a single point in 1984. Vice-captain John Banda, Dennis Chembezi, and Gomezgani Chirwa showcased exceptional dedication by playing every minute of the Flames' campaign.

Reflecting on their AFCON experience, Mhango stated, "It was a valuable learning experience for us to participate in this competition. We are a talented team, but we lacked the experience to compete against such formidable opponents. Nevertheless, our participation in the tournament will greatly benefit the team."



Flames pose before their famous win over Zimbabwe

Heroes' Welcome

Despite heavy rains, hundreds of dedicated fans eagerly awaited the arrival of the Flames at Chileka International Airport in Blantyre on Friday, January 29, 2020. Dancing and singing in the rain, the spirited fans created an unforgettable atmosphere to celebrate their national team's return from the 2021 African Cup of Nations in Cameroon. Notable players such as Gabadinho Mhango, goalkeeper Charles Thom, and defender Lawrence Chaziya received special attention from the fans as they emerged from the airport and boarded a Flames-branded coach.

FAM Appoints Mario as Flames Coach

In April 2022, the FAM Executive Committee made the decision to appoint Mario Marinica, the Technical Director, as the Head Coach of the Men's National Football Team. The committee was impressed by the team's performance under Marinica's guidance during the AFCON finals in Cameroon, and they believed he deserved the full mandate. Marinica transitioned from being the Technical Director to signing a new contract as the Head Coach. Meck Mwase was reassigned to the Under-23 national team. The British coach's one-year contract outlined his primary goals: qualifying for the 2023 AFCON, CHAN, and winning the COSAFA Cup.

FAM Salutes the Flames

Walter Nyamilandu Manda, the President of the Football Association of Malawi (FAM), expressed his admiration for the Flames, acknowledging their achievement in reaching the AFCON Knockout Stages. Addressing the players immediately after their match against Morocco, he praised them as heroes.

Manda commended the team, stating, "Let's give ourselves a round of applause because nobody believed we would come this far and reach the knockout stage. Today, not a single person gave us a chance, but I want to thank you. You have done Malawi proud. What you have accomplished is tremendous and historic. I want you to know that we fought valiantly until the end. We did not give

up. Today, you are our new legends, and this should teach us that we can conquer in football. In our future competitions, we must believe that we can triumph."

He continued, "The past is behind us, and we are looking toward the future. We bury all our past failures today, under the ground. All the losses and failed tournaments are buried. Today, we plant a new seed that will bring us prosperity in the future, thanks to you. Your fighting spirit, unity, team spirit, and dedication have been remarkable. I have never seen a more fantastic team. We assembled quickly, and you adapted rapidly. Despite the challenges and the influx of information, you absorbed everything and utilized it."

Manda concluded by stating, "This train is moving forward, and I want it to be filled with champions. We will not accept those who are lazy or backward-looking. This train is for the ambitious. Let's all get on board, united. Do not let anyone pressure you; they should salute you. But remain humble. When you're at the top, remember that there are always challenges. This is the time to work harder because opportunities will come knocking. Scouts are already interested, but stay grounded. Stay hungry for success and aim for even greater achievements. Today, let's agree that we are going to Ivory Coast for the 2023 AFCON."



Gabadinho Mhango in action against Ethiopia



Peter Banda receives a Man-of-the-Match award at COSAFA



Yamikani Chester against Mozambique in CHAN



Malawi celebrate their goal against Mozambique

» 2023 AFCON QUALIFIERS

For the 2023 AFCON qualifiers, the Flames were drawn into Group D alongside Egypt, Guinea, and Ethiopia. The team began their campaign with a home match against Ethiopia, securing a 2-1 victory through Gabadinho Mhango's brace. However, they suffered a heartbreaking stoppage-time defeat of 1-0 against Guinea in Conakry, playing away from home.

As of December 31, the Flames held the second position in the group, with all four teams tied at three points each. The rankings were determined by goal difference and head-to-head ratings. Ethiopia defeated Egypt 2-0 at the Bingu National Stadium, while Egypt secured a 1-0 victory over Guinea on Match Day 1.

Due to a change in the competition's calendar by CAF, Malawi will face Egypt in back-to-back matches on Match Days 3 and 4 in March 2023, instead of the initially scheduled dates in September 2022.

» COSAFA CUP

The Flames had a challenging campaign at the 2022 Hollywoodbets Cosafa Cup, resulting in their elimination during the group stages. Their journey began with a disappointing 2-1 loss to Lesotho in the opening match. Although they managed to secure a lead in the second match against Eswatini, they unfortunately conceded a late goal, resulting in a 1-1 draw. However, the team showed resilience in their final game on July 10, securing a convincing 2-0 victory over Mauritius at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban. With a total of four points, the Flames finished third in Group B.

» CHAN

The Flames' dream of participating in the African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals for the first time was shattered on September 7. Despite their best efforts, they were eliminated based on the away goal rule after a goalless draw with Mozambique in Maputo. The decisive match took place at Estadio Nacional do Zimpeto, where the Flames failed to secure a spot in Algeria following a 1-1 draw in the first leg at Bingu National Stadium in Lilongwe the previous weekend. This unfortunate outcome mirrored their previous experience in the tournament, where they also exited on the away goal rule against Eswatini.

COSAFA CUP

10 July, 2022

Malawi **2 – 0** Mauritius

⚽ Sanudi '52
⚽ Mhone '88

Stadium Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban

👥 Malawi Line-up

• Clever Mkungula • Stanley Sanudi • Paul Ndhlovu
• Kelvin Kadzinje • Daniel Chimbanga • Chikoti Chirwa
• Chimwemwe Idana ➡ Lyoid Njaliwa 46' • Patrick Mwaungulu • Micium Mhone 46' • Peter Banda • Stein Davie ➡ Gabadinho Mhango 70' • Chiukepo Msowoya • Khuda Muyaba 46'.

8 July, 2022

Malawi **1 – 1** Eswatinin

⚽ Khuda Myaba 46'

Stadium King Zwelithini Stadium, Durban

👥 Malawi Line-up

• C. Mkungula • S. Sanudi • K. Kadzinje • P. Ndhlovu
• P. Sambani • C. Idana • J. Banda • M. Mhone ➡ Y. Chester 46' ➡ Kuwali 78' • P. Banda • G. Mhango ➡ S. Dave 46' K. Muyaba ➡ C. Msowoya 68'.

6 July, 2022

Malawi **1 – 2** Lesotho

⚽ Msowoya 88'

Stadium King Zwelethini Stadium, Durban

👥 Malawi Line-up

• Ernest Kakhobwe • Stanley Sanudi • Precious Sambani, Sankhani Mkandawire • Chikoti Chirwa ➡ Peter Banda 46' Chimwemwe Idana • Stenie Davie ➡ Chiukepo 79' • G. Mhango ➡ Kuwali 85' • John Banda • Blessings Mpokera • Khuda Myaba ➡ Patrick Mwaungulu 79'.

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In our future competitions, we must believe that we will triumph.

– **Walter Nyamilandu Manda**
President of the Football Association of Malawi

2023 CHAN QUALIFIERS

7 September, 2022

Malawi **0 – 0** Mozambique

Stadium Zimpeto Stadium, Maputo

👥 Malawi Line-up

• Munthali • Sanudi • Ndlovu • Gabeya • Gomezgani Chirwa • Chikoti Chirwa • Micium Mhone ➡ Njaliwa 70' Chimwemwe Idana ➡ Gaddi Chirwa 83' • Yamikani Chester ➡ Nixon Mwase 83' • Kuwali ➡ Mwaungulu 45' • Msowoya ➡ Davie 45'.

27 August, 2022

Malawi **1 – 1** Mozambique

⚽ Chester 38'

⚽ Nerson Divrassone 8'

Stadium Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe

👥 Malawi Line-up

Charles Thom • Stanley Sanudi • Paul Ndhlovu • Miracle Gabeya • Gomezgani Chirwa • Chikoti Chirwa • Micium Mhone ➡ Gaddi Chirwa 47' • Chimwemwe Idana • Stenie Davie ➡ Chiukepo Msowoya 82' • Yamikani Chester ➡ Lanjesi Nkhoma 84' • Muhammad Sulumba.



Chimwemwe Idana in action against Mauritius at the COSAFA tourney



The Under-23 team in action against Turkey

Under-23 Camps in Turkey

After almost three years in the wilderness, the Malawi Under 23 returned to action in March 2022 with a two-week training camp in Turkey where they played two friendly matches.

The U-23s, who were preparing for Olympics qualifiers played their first matches since March 2019 when they beat Kuwait 2-0 before losing 3-0 to Togo in Antalya.

However, the team did not join the Olympics qualifiers due to lack of funding.

The Under-23 Full Squad

Goalkeepers

Maxwell Makopa
Chancy Mtete
Emance Nyirenda

Defenders

Innocent Shema
Kondwani Chirwa
Kelvin Banda
Fanizo Mwansambo
Hadji Wali
Blessings Mpokera
Kestein Simbi
Tatenda M'balaka
Alick Lungu

Midfielders

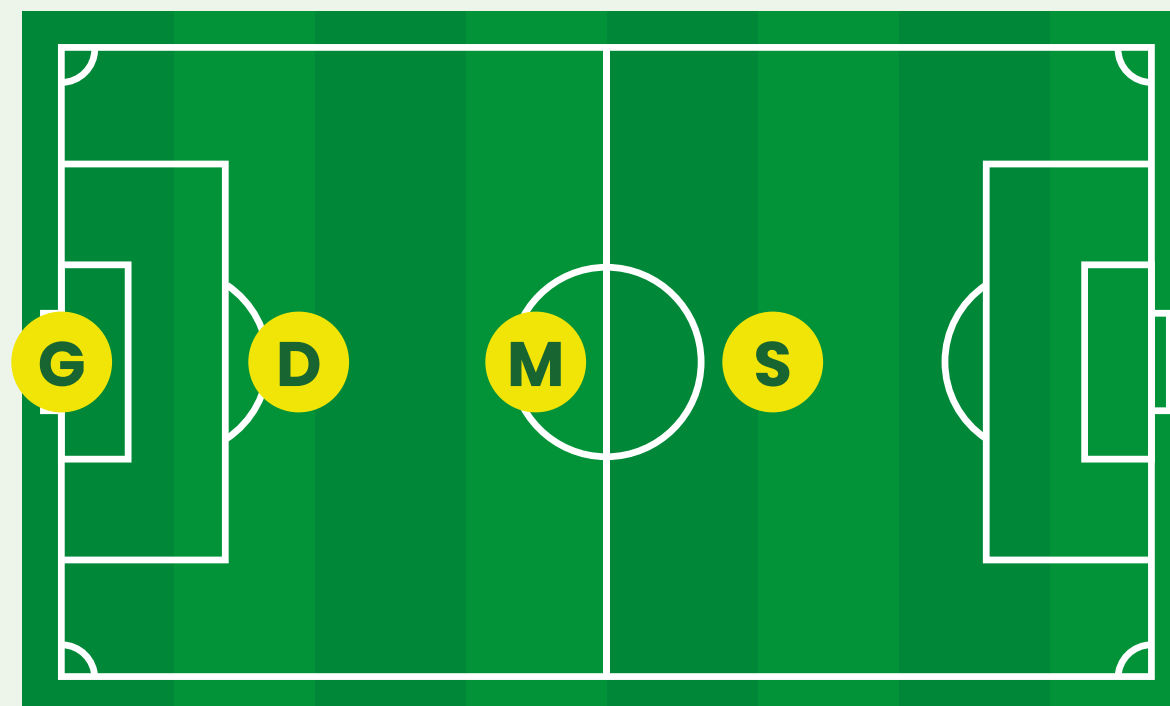
Charles Petro
Lloyd Aaron
Chawanangwa Gumbo
Robert Saizi
Festus Duwe
Patrick Mwaungulu
Lovemore Mbete

Strikers

Chistopher Gototo
Masambiro Kalua
Mphatso Kamanga
Chifundo Mphasi
Emmanuel Savieli
Yamikani Chaima



The Under-23 team on arrival in Turkey



KEY

G Goalkeepers

D Defenders

M Midfielders

S Strikers

UNDER-23 STATISTICS IN TURKEY

24 March, 2022

Malawi 2 – 0 Kuwait

⚽ Sheema 62'

⚽ Mphasi 93'

Stadium Mardan Sports Completex Stadium, Antalya

Under-23 Line-Up

Chancy Mtete ⇌ Emance Nyirenda 46' • Charles Petro
Hadji Wali • Fanizo Mwansambo ⇌ Kelvin Banda 70'
• Blessings Mpokera • Innocent Shema • Tatenda Mbalaka
⇌ Alick Lungu 70' • Yamikani Chaima ⇌ Patrick
Mwaungulu 46' • Chawanangwa Gumbo ⇌ Lloyd Aaron
70' • Christopher Gototo ⇌ Chifundo Mphasi 46'
• Mphatso Kamanga ⇌ Emmanuel Saviel 70'

24 March, 2022

Malawi 0 – 3 Togo

Stadium Mardan Sports Completex Stadium, Antalya

Under-23 Line-Up

Emmace Nyirenda ⇌ Chancy Mtete 46' • Charles Petro
Hadji Wali ⇌ Patrick Mwaungulu 68' • Kestern Simbi
⇌ Fanizo Mwansambo • Blessings Mpokera • Innocent
Shema • Tatenda Mbalaka ⇌ Alick Lungu • Loyd Aaron
⇌ Robert Saizi 46' • Chawanangwa Gumbo ⇌ Festus
Duwe 62' • Mphatso Kamanga ⇌ Masambiro Kalua 80'
• Christopher Gototo ⇌ Chifundo Mphasi 30'.

National Teams



Under-20 team pose before their match against South Africa

Under-20 Team Displays Determination at COSAFA

Despite a strong performance in the Total Energies Under-20 Egypt 2023 COSAFA Qualifiers, the Malawi U20 national team narrowly missed advancing to the next stage. The Junior Flames achieved victories in two matches and suffered only one defeat in their group.

In an impressive display of skill, the Junior Flames secured a resounding 5-2 win against Namibia and a confident 2-0 victory over South Africa. However, they faced a setback with a 2-0 loss to Comoros. Ultimately, the Patrick Mabedi led team finished second in Group C, tied on six points with third-placed Comoros. South Africa emerged as the group winners due to their superior goal difference.

Head coach Patrick Mabedi praised the team for their unwavering fighting spirit throughout the competition. He acknowledged, "We gave our best effort, playing well and scoring goals. However, we missed several opportunities and could have performed even better. This platform allows us to assess their capabilities and potential. Looking ahead, the future of the team appears promising as long as the players remain active. We will strive to bring them together periodically to maintain team cohesion."

"Despite the outcome, we have gained valuable lessons from this tournament, particularly in terms of exposing our young players."

Patrick Mabedi
Head Coach



Under-20 players celebrate a goal against South Africa

MALAWI UNDER 20 STATISTICS

12 October, 2022

Malawi **5 – 2** Namibia

Stadium Somholo Stadium

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Austin Chirambo • Robert Saizi • Chikumbutso Salima
• Lloyd Aaron • Chifundo Mphasi ➡ Masambiro Kalua 88'
• Frank Mahowa ➡ Bright Mtondagowa 75' • Chrispine Mapemba • Kelvin Banda • Andrew Lameck • Wongani Kaponya ➡ Emmanuel Saviel 67' • Happy Mphepo.

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12 October, 2022

Malawi **0 – 2** Comoros

Stadium Somholo Stadium

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Austin Chirambo • Chimwemwe Nkhoma • Chisomo Chawanda ➡ Robert Saizi 45' • Chikumbutso Salima
• Lloyd Aaron • Vincent Mkandawire ➡ Emmanuel Saviel 38' Chifundo Mphasi ➡ Wongani Kaponya 80' • Frank Mahowa ➡ Masambiro Kalua 80' • Chrispine Mapemba • Kelvin Banda • Happy Mphepo

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8 October, 2022

Malawi **2 – 0** South Africa

Stadium Somholo Stadium

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Austin Chirambo • Chimwemwe Nkhoma • Chisomo Chawanda ➡ Andrew Lameck 66' • Chikumbutso Salima
• Lloyd Aaron • Vincent Mkandawire ➡ Emmanuel Saviel 66'
• Chifundo Mphasi • Frank Mahowa ➡ Bright Mtondagowa 66'
• Chrispine Mapemba ➡ Robert Saizi 52' • Kelvin Banda • Happy Mphepo.

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National Team Scorchers



Scorchers celebrate a goal by Fazila (second right) against Mauritius

SCORCHERS STRUGGLE AT COSAFA

The Malawi National Women's team faced challenges at the 2022 COSAFA Women's Championship held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, as they were unable to replicate their successful performance from 2021. Despite their efforts, the team fell short of advancing past the group stages.

In their opening match, Malawi suffered a 3-1 defeat against Tanzania, the same team that had previously defeated them in the final. They followed this with a 1-1 draw against Botswana before bouncing back with an impressive 9-0 victory over Comoros. Unfortunately, these results were not enough to secure a place in the semi-finals.

To address the team's performance, the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) appointed Lovemore Fazili, a former Flames assistant coach, as the head coach of the women's team. Fazili expressed his thoughts on the tournament, stating, "The players did not meet our

expectations in the match against Tanzania. However, this year's tournament has provided valuable learning experiences for both me and the players. I believe the team has the potential to achieve great things in the future."

Despite the challenges faced by the team, there were notable individual achievements. Scorchers' captain, Tabitha Chawinga, was recognized for her outstanding performance and was named in the tournament's official team. Additionally, defender Chimwemwe Madise was honoured by being named among the substitutes.

Looking ahead, the Malawi National Women's team remains focused on refining their skills and strategies, as they aspire to achieve greater success in future competitions. The team's commitment and potential provide optimism for the future, and with the guidance of coach Lovemore Fazili, they aim to build on these experiences and continue their journey towards excellence.

SCORCHERS STATISTICS

7 September, 2022

Malawi **1 – 3** Mauritius

Stadium Nelson Mandela

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Ruth Mhango ➡ Martha Banda 45' • Patricia Nyirenda
• Chimwemwe Madise • Ruth Nyirongo • Ireen Khumalo
• Limbikani Chikupira ➡ Asimenye Simwaka 19' • Madyina Nguluwe • Wezzie Mvula • Rose Kabzere • Sabina Thom
➡ Mary Chavinda 45' • Chembekezo.

5 September 2022

Malawi **6 – 0** Comoros

Stadium Nelson Mandela

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Ruth Mhango • Patricia Nyirenda • Chimwemwe Madise
• Ruth Nyirongo • Ireen Khumalo • Madyina Nguluwe
• Sabina Thom ➡ Rose Kabzere 28' • Asimenye Simwaka
➡ Limbikani Chikupira 38' • Wezzie Mvula • Tabitha Chawinga • Fazila Chembekezo ➡ Mary Chavinda 45'

2 September 2022

Malawi **1 – 1** Botswana

Stadium Madibaz

👤 Malawi Line-Up

• Ruth Mhango • Patricia Nyirenda • Chimwemwe Madise
• Ruth Nyirongo • Ireen Khumalo • Madyina Nguluwe
• Sabina Thom • Asimenye Simwaka • Wezzie Mvula • Tabitha Chawinga • Fazila Chembekezo ➡ Rose Kabzere 54'

Women's COSAFA Championship full squad

Goalkeepers

Mercy Sikelo
Ruth Mhango
Martha Banda

Defenders

Emily Jossam
Ruth Nyirongo
Chimwemwe Madise
Patricia Nyirenda
Ireen Khumalo
Fatsireni Kazembe
Bernadettar Mkandawire

Midfielders

Rose Kabzere
Chikondi Gondwe
Mphatso Gondwe
Wezzie Mvula
Madyina Nguluwe
Jessy Yosefe

Strikers

Asimenye Simwaka
Sabina Thom
Tabitha Chawinga
Mary Chavinda
Fazila Chembekezo
Limbikani Chikupira



Scorchers pose before their game against Botswana

National Team Under-17 Boys

Junior Flames win COSAFA Bronze

Malawi Under 17 boys national team beat Botswana 5-2 to finish third at the Total Energies U-17 AFCON Algeria 2023/ COSAFA Qualifier played at the Bingu National Stadium in Lilongwe on 11 December 2022

However, the third place finish was not enough for the Junior Flames to qualify for the AFCON finals after they lost 5-1 to South Africa in Semi-finals.

South Africa and eventual winners Zambia are the two teams that qualified for the final.

MALAWI UNDER 17 STATISTICS

Third-Place Play-Off

11 December 2022

Malawi **5 – 2** Botswana

Stadium Bingw National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Shabir Muhammad • Hermas Masinja • Misheck Billiat
➡ Vincent Harrison 24' • Washali Jaziya • Hollyce Chuzu
• Mwisho Mhango • Elias Muywanga • Lucky Mkandawire
➡ Charles Matanda 76' • Comfort Unyolo • Modric
Kambendera • Webster Mzunda

Semi-final

9 December, 2022

Malawi **1 – 5** South Africa

Stadium Bingw National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Julius Banda: Expelled 85' • Hermas Masinja • Charles
Matanda • Misheck Billiat ➡ Shabir Muhammad 85'
• Washali Jaziya • Mwisho Mhango • Vincent Harrison
➡ Webster Mzunda 51' • Blessings Kanowa • Alias Muywanga
• Lucky Mkandawire ➡ Dominic Kayamba 51' • Modric

Group Stages

4 December 2022

Malawi **2 – 1** Namibia

Stadium Bingw National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Julius Banda • Hermace Masinja • Charles Matanda
• Misheck Billiat • Washali Jaziya • Mwisho Mhango
Vincent Harrison ➡ Hollyce Chuzu • Blessings Kanowa
• Elias Muywanga • Lucky Mkandawire ➡ Webster
Mzunda 66' • Dominic Kayamba ➡ Modrick Kambendera 66'

FULL SQUAD

Goalkeepers Julius Banda
Shabiru Muhammad
Raheem Chimwaza

Defenders Gannet Kamwambe
Charles Matanda
Elias Muywanga
Hermace Masinja
Washari Jaziya
Comfort Unyolo
Misheck Jere

Midfielders Blessings Kanowa
Hollyce Chuzu
Dominic Kayamba
Mwisho Mhamgo
Mphatso Likhunya
Misheck Billiat
Modrick Kambendera

Strikers Vincent Harrison
Webster Nzunda
Lucky Mkandawire

2 December 2022

Malawi **2 – 2** Botswana

Stadium Bingw National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Julius Banda • Hermas Masinja • Charles Matanda
• Misheck Biliat • Washali Jaziya • Mwisho Mhango • Vincent
Harrison ➡ Webster Mzunda 75' • Blessings Kanowa • Elias
Muywanga • Dominic Kayamba ➡ Lucky Mkandawire 57'
• Modric Kambendera ➡ Hollyce Chuzu 75'.

National Team Under-17 Girls

Under-17 Girls Secure Bronze in International Debut

In a remarkable display of talent and determination, the Malawi Under-17 girls' team clinched the bronze medal at the 2022 COSAFA U17 Girls' Championship, marking their inaugural international appearance. The Junior Scorchers delivered an astounding 9-0 victory against Botswana in the third-place play-off.

Moreover, their performance in the semi-finals was nothing short of extraordinary as they held Zambia to a thrilling 2-2 draw, narrowly losing in a dramatic post-match penalty shootout. Notably, the team's captain, Rose Kabzere, emerged as the tournament's leading goal scorer with an impressive tally of 8 goals.

Coach Trevor Kajawa expressed his delight with the girls' accomplishments in their maiden international endeavour, stating, "Securing the bronze in our debut COSAFA tournament is a significant achievement. Looking ahead, it is vital to maintain cohesion among the girls, as they represent the future of women's football in Malawi."



Under 17 girls receive their bronze medals from dignitaries

MALAWI UNDER 17 GIRLS STATISTICS

Third-Place Play-Off

10 December 2022

Malawi **9 – 0** Botswana

Stadium Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Shakira Austin • Mercy Wasi ➡ Chikondi Mgodí 56' • Faith Chinzimu • Ruth Mandala • Rose Kabzere • Evelyn Nthala • Sarah Mlimbika • Leticia Chinyamula • Talandira Chinyamvula • Mary Mbalangwe ➡ Mary Chindeya 51' • Linda Manda.

Semi-final

7 December, 2022

Malawi **2(1) – 2(3)** Zambia

Stadium Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Shakira Austin • Mercy Wasi ➡ Chikondi Mgodí 56' • Faith Chinzimu • Ruth Mandala • Rose Kabzere • Evelyn Nthala • Sarah Mlimbika • Leticia Chinyamula • Talandira Chinyamvula • Mary Mbalangwe ➡ Mary Chindeya 51' • Linda Manda.

Group Stages

5 December 2022

Malawi **12 – 0** Namibia

Stadium Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Shakira Austin • Mercy Wasi • Ruth Mandala • Rose Kabzere • Annah Baziliyo 70' • Evelyn Nthala • Mary Chindeya ➡ Chikondi Mgodí 30' • Carolyne Mlezo 70' • Sarah Mlimbika • Leticia Chinyamula • Talandira Chinyamvula ➡ Olivia Phikani 70' • Mary Mbalangwe ➡ Faith Chinzimu 45' • Linda Manda.

FULL SQUAD

Goalkeepers

Ester Maulidi
Shakira Austin

Defenders

Kettie Munthali
Faith Chinzimu
Talandira Chinyamvula
Evelyn Nthala
Ruth Mandala
Mercy Wasi
Olivia Phikani

Midfielders

Anna Baziliyo
Linda Manda
Rose Kadzele
Salah Mulimbika
Caroline Mlezo
Mary Mbalangwe
Tiwonge Chirwa
Chikondi Mgodí

Strikers

Glory Sichinga
Mary Chindeya
Leticia Chinyamula

Group Stages

1 December 2022

Malawi **1 – 4** South Africa

Stadium Bingu National Stadium, Lilongwe

Malawi Line-up

• Esther Maulidi • Mercy Wasi • Faith Chinzimu • Rose Kabzere • Evelyn Nthala ➡ Kettie Munthali 52' • Mary Chindeya ➡ Leticia Chinyamula 74' • Sarah Mlimbika, Chikondi Mgodí ➡ Mary Mbalangwe 62' • Talandira Chinyamvula • Linda Manda • Tionge Chirwa ➡ Olivia Phikani 77'.

Top goal scorer and captain Rose Kabzere



Isaac Kajamu in action against Morocco

Beach Soccer Makes AFCON Debut

The Malawi National Beach Soccer team made an impressive debut at the Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations held in Mozambique from October 21 to 28. Despite finishing sixth overall, their participation marked a significant milestone for Malawi.

In a remarkable first attempt, the team secured their qualification during the qualifiers by defeating Tanzania in August 2022. This achievement showcased their potential and determination to compete at the highest level. During the AFCON tournament, the team faced tough challenges, including a loss to Uganda on penalties in the 5th and 6th place classification match. In the group stage, they finished third in Group A after suffering defeats against hosts Mozambique (4-2) and Morocco (7-2).

Reflecting on the team's performance, Malawi coach Willy Kumilambe expressed pride in his players while acknowledging the lack of experience that affected their game management. He

stated, "It's disheartening that we emerged as losers in all the matches. On two occasions, we held a comfortable lead but failed to maintain it. Our inexperience ultimately cost us, as we couldn't preserve the lead in the final seconds."

Kumilambe emphasized the valuable lessons learned from the tournament, highlighting the determination of the boys he brought with him. He expressed confidence in their ability to bounce back stronger in the next edition, noting, "We return home with a wealth of knowledge gained from this competition. I firmly believe in the potential of our boys. Next time, people will witness the strength of Malawi Beach Soccer as we continue to progress."

This inaugural participation in the Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations signifies a remarkable achievement for the Malawi National Beach Soccer team. Their commitment, coupled with the valuable experience gained, sets a promising foundation for future success in the sport.

BEACH SOCCER AFCON STATS STATISTICS



Malawi Beach Soccer team pose before their first match against Mozambique

26 October, 2022

Malawi 6 – 6 Uganda

Stadium Vilankulo Arena, Vilankulo

Malawi Line-up

- Eddie Jamu ↔ Justin Bonongwe 13' • Eddie Jamu 25'
- Watson Frazer ↔ Frank Mwenelupembe 10' • Blessings Likupe 33' • Arnold Lasten ↔ Martin Billiat 13' ↔ Sandram Saddi 20' • Sandram Saddi ↔ Isaac Kajam 8' ↔ Oblen Khumbula 16' • Dala Simba ↔ Ganizani Mphande 14' ↔ Dala Simba 26'

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21 October, 2022

Malawi 2-4 Mozambique

Stadium Vilankulo Arena, Vilankulo

Malawi Line-up

- Justine Bonongwe Phiri ↔ Eddie Jamu 9' • Isaac Kajam
- ↔ Frank Mwenelupembe 18' • Martin Biliati ↔ Arnold Lasten 23'
- Sandram Saddie • Dala Simba ↔ Oblen Khumbula 12'

24 October, 2022

Malawi **3-7** Morocco

Stadium Vilankulo Arena, Vilankulo

Malawi Line-up

• Justine Bonongwe ➡ Eddie Jamu 28' • Isaac Kajam
Dala Simba 9' ➡ Frank Mwenelupembe 26' • Martin
Billiat ➡ Arnold Lasten 19' • Sandram Saddie • Arnold
Lasten ➡ Blessings Likupe 13' • Isaac Kajam 15' ➡ Frazer
Watson 28'.

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President Chakwera and Vice President Chilima Rally Support for the Flames

President Lazarus Chakwera and Vice President Saulos Chilima took the lead in showing their support for the Malawi national football team, the Flames, as they secured a 2-1 victory over Ethiopia in the opening qualifier of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Group D.

The match, held at Bingu National Stadium on June 5, marked a significant moment, with a sitting President attending a competitive Flames game for the first time in 27 years.

President Chakwera witnessed the first half, during which the Flames established a 2-0 lead, while Vice President Chilima remained for the entire game. This display of support from the nation's leaders further emphasized the importance of the match.

In the past, only former President Bakili Muluzi (1994-2004) had the opportunity to witness the national team in action. He watched the Flames face South Africa's Bafana Bafana, resulting in a 1-0 loss at Kamuzu Stadium in 1996. The same year, Muluzi witnessed another Flames defeat, this time against Cameroon's Indomitable Lions, with a final score of 3-1 at Kamuzu Stadium. Since then, Presidents Bingu wa Mutharika (2004-2012), Joyce Banda (2012-2014), and Peter Mutharika (2014-2020) did not attend competitive matches involving the Flames.



Chakwera acknowledges the Malawi fans



COMPETITIONS

Bullets Stumble in CAF League

Nyasa Big Bullets in action against Simba FC

Nyasa Big Bullets, for the fourth consecutive time, participated in the CAF Championship League. However, similar to their previous three attempts, they faced disappointment in the preliminary round. The team went up against Tanzania Champions Simba Sports Club, suffering a 4-0 aggregate defeat after losing both legs with 2-0 scorelines.

Suzgo Nyirenda, Bullets' Chief Executive Officer, expressed their determination to continue participating in the competition, despite the lack of success in the previous four outings. The commitment to compete in the continental arena remains unwavering, showcasing the club's dedication to reaching greater heights.



Bullets Crowned FDH Bank Cup Champions

Nyasa Big Bullets emerged as the champions of the 2022 FDH Bank Cup after securing a 3-1 victory over Nyasa Big Bullets Reserves at Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre on October 22. The final showcased an exhilarating showdown between the senior team and their junior counterparts, exceeding all expectations. The juniors proved their mettle by eliminating TNM Super League teams Red Lions and Mighty Tigers on their path to the final.

The match witnessed a clash between the experience of the seniors and the talent of the juniors. As both teams adopted a similar playing style, the outcome was determined by the strategic tactics employed by their respective technical panels.

The senior team took an early lead with Nigerian striker Babatunde Adepolu's 13th-minute strike. However, the Reserves managed to level the

scores just before halftime, as Mphepo capitalized on a free kick and buried the second attempt. In the second half, Idana restored Bullets' lead in the 66th minute, assisted by Chirwa. The victory was sealed in the 77th minute when striker Mfune headed in an impressive outswinging ball from Chirwa. As champions, Bullets received a prize of K25 million, while the runners-up earned K7 million.



Bullets players receive their medal



Nyasa Big Bullets in action against Simba FC



Bullets players Bullets officials show-off the trophy their medal



Nomads celebrate their Airtel Top 8 triumph



Nomads Win First Airtel Top 8 Title

Mighty Mukuru Wanderers clinched the 2022 Airtel Top 8 championship by triumphing over rivals Nyasa Big Bullets in a thrilling match that ended in a 5-3 victory during the post-match penalties at Bingu National Stadium in Lilongwe on Saturday, December 17, 2022. The Nomads, who had not defeated Bullets in a cup competition in four years, entered the match as underdogs, having suffered a 4-0 defeat in the previous fixture during the FDH Bank Cup semi-finals.

Nonetheless, the Nomads displayed their determination and desire to claim the cup, outshining their opponents even in the post-match penalties, where Bullets goalkeeper Richard Chimbamba failed to make an impact. The Nomads converted all their spot kicks through Stanley Sanudi, Francisco Mkonda, Miracle Gabeya, and Peter Cholopi, with Nyangulu scoring the decisive penalty.

Bullets managed to convert their first spot kick through Hassan Kajoke, but Kesten Simbi missed his opportunity. Although Yamikani Fodya and Babatunde Adepoju successfully converted their penalties, it proved to be insufficient as Nyangulu's well-taken penalty secured a historic first Airtel Top 8 final victory for the Nomads.



Nomads captain Stanley Sanudi receives the trophy from Sports Minister Richard Chimwendo



Bullets Win 16th League Title

On November 12, Nyasa Big Bullets defeated Moyale Barracks 3-1 to secure their 16th TNM Super League championship, establishing a record for the most titles won. A brace from Lanjesi Nkhoma and a goal from

Gomezgani Chirwa were sufficient for Bullets to retain the championship. Bullets coach Kalitso Pasuwa praised his team for their spirited and consistent performance throughout the season, crediting their success to effective

planning. Pasuwa emphasized the importance of strategic planning and providing opportunities for all players within the Bullets squad. Meanwhile, Sable Farming, TN Stars, and Rumph United were relegated from the league.



Bullets players show off their league medals



Chitipa Back in the Super League

Chitipa United triumphed as champions of the Northern Region Football Association Simso Innobuild Premier Division, earning their promotion back to the TNM Super League. In December 2022, they sealed their return with a 2-1 victory over Mayamiko Stars at Base

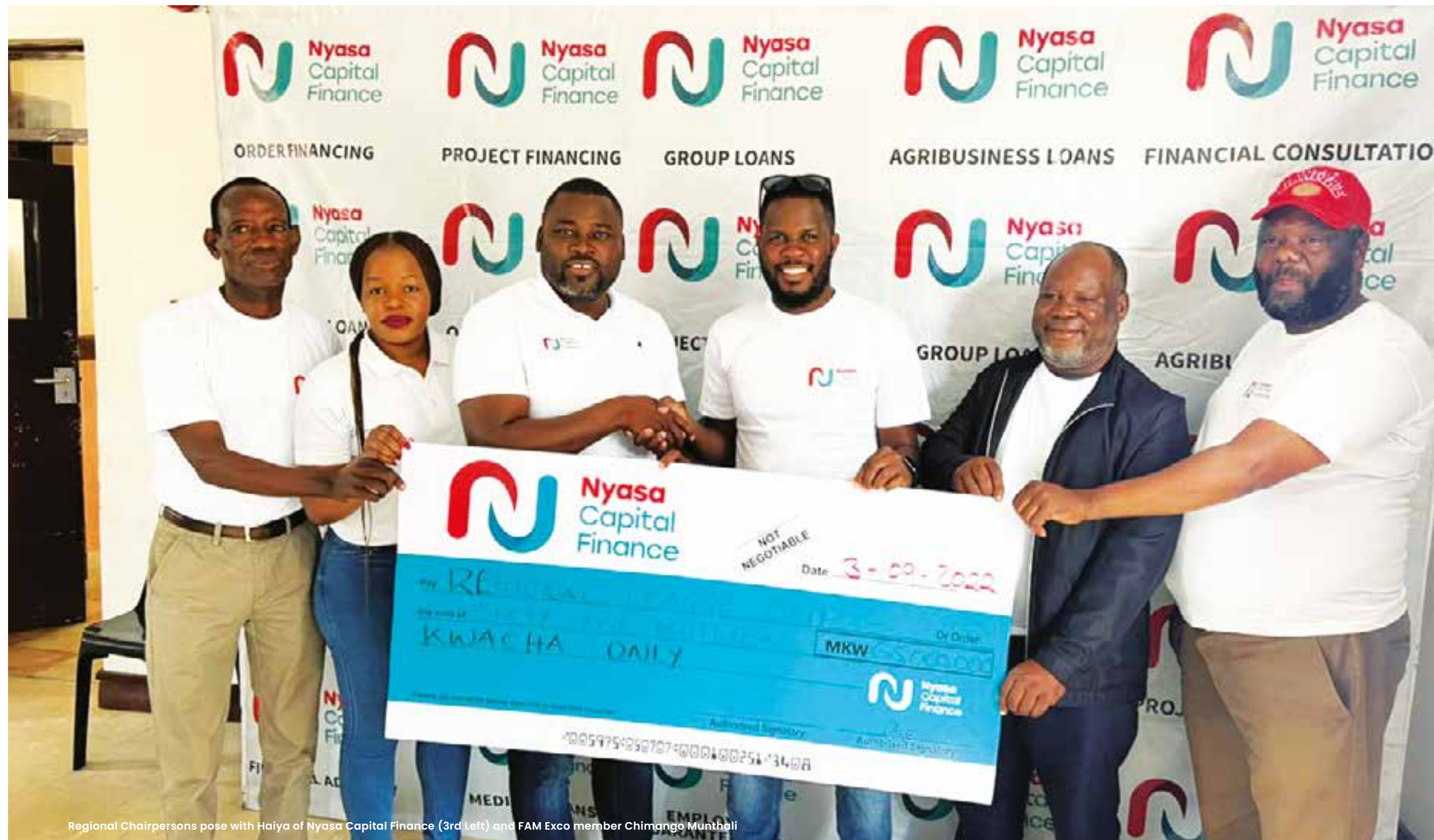
Ground in Chitipa. Following their relegation the previous season, Chitipa spent a year in the lower tier before making a successful comeback. Chitipa Coach Nathaniel Mkangama expressed satisfaction with their achievement, acknowledging the

challenging journey due to stiff competition in the league. He expressed excitement over their emergence as the champions of the Northern Region and their subsequent return to the Super League. In the South, the League Championship was yet to be decided,

with Bangwe All Stars awaiting the winner of the match between Nyasa Big Bullets Reserves and Chingalume / FOMO. The group stages were still ongoing at the time of reporting in that region.



Chitipa United are back in the Super League



Regional Chairpersons pose with Haiya of Nyasa Capital Finance (3rd Left) and FAM Exco member Chimango Munthali



BB Reserves, ST Grabier, and Mayamiko Win Nyasa Capital Titles

In a display of outstanding football prowess, Nyasa Big Bullets, St Gabriele, and Mayamiko emerged victorious in their respective regions to claim the Nyasa Capital Finance Cup titles for the South, Centre, and North regions. Nyasa Big Bullets Reserves successfully defended their Nyasa Capital Finance Cup title with a 2-1 triumph over Ndirande Stars on Thursday, December

29, 2022, at Kamuzu Stadium. Emmanuel Saviel and Chikumbutso Salima scored in the second half, sealing the victory and completing a treble for the team. In the Centre region, Gabriel Medicals FC secured a 1-0 victory over Extreme FC at Aubrey Dimba ground on Sunday, January 8, 2022, with Kondwani Nyirenda scoring the lone goal of the match. Debutants Mayamiko Stars

emerged victorious in the North region, defeating the Super League-bound Chitipa United 4-3 in a post-match penalty shootout at Mzuzu Stadium on Saturday, December 24, 2022. The match ended goalless in regulation time, making the penalty shootout even more thrilling, especially amidst heavy rainfall. The champions in each region received a prize of K1.5 million,

along with a trophy and medals, while the runners-up received K600,000 and medals. The third and fourth-placed teams were awarded K300,000 and K200,000 respectively. Caroline Haiya, the Chief Executive Officer of Nyasa Capital Finance Company, expressed the company's intention to increase the sponsorship package for each region in the upcoming season.

Zingwangwa United Win Unayo South Championship

Zingwangwa United made history by becoming the first team to secure the Standard Bank Unayo Southern Region Football Association (SRFA) Division One League championship. They achieved this feat by defeating Ndirande Stars

6-5 in a thrilling penalty shootout at Balaka Stadium on January 8, 2023. The match ended in a 1-1 draw in regulation time, with Kondwani Kucheza of Stars equalizing Mervin Suleiman's early goal for Zingwangwa United. Kucheza and

Balaka's Victor Shonga finished as joint top scorers of the league, with each player scoring 43 goals. Zingwangwa United avenged their earlier losses to Stars and secured their promotion to the Premier Division, making it a double

celebration for the team. Zingwangwa United, Ndirande Stars, Balaka FC, and Mpondasi were promoted to the Premier Division. The Centre and North regions were yet to conclude their competitions at the time of reporting.



Zingwangwa United are crowned South champions



Silver Strikers Youth Win FCB U-20 Championship

Silver Strikers Youth emerged as the national champions of the 2022 First Capital Bank Katswiri U20 League. They claimed a 2-0 victory over hosts Chigw-ere II FC at Kasungu Stadium on Saturday, December 2022. Adrian Kaduya was the

hero for the Junior Bankers, scoring a brace within two minutes to secure the national championship. Kaduya opened the scoring at the 40th minute, assisted by Dan Boston, before adding another goal a minute later from an Emmanuel

Jumpha pass. The second half remained goalless, confirming Silver Strikers' status as the champions. Mpondasi United, the defending champions, failed to reach the national finals as they were unable to defend their Southern region championship.



Silver Reserves pose with their trophy and medals



Bullets players lift their coach Maggie Chombo



CY Sisters and Bullets Defend Regional Women's Championships

CY Sisters and Nyasa Big Bullets Women successfully defended their titles as champions of the FAM Women's Regional Championships in the North and South regions respectively. CY Sisters finished the season with 38

points from 14 games, securing a seven-point lead over second-placed Moyale Sisters. Meanwhile, Nyasa Big Bullets Women dominated the Southern Region League, going unbeaten and demolishing Bvumbwe United Women

20-0 at Kamuzu Stadium. They finished the league with 42 points, scoring 169 goals and conceding only three from 14 games. Ntopwa finished second with 36 points, while Evrom clinched third place with 30 points.

In the Centre region, the title was yet to be decided, with Ascent Academy leading the table on goal difference tied with DD Sunshine at 27 points, and three games remaining for each team. The top three teams from each region would qualify for the FAM Women's National Championship, scheduled to take place between February and March 2023.



Bullets Win NBS Bank Charity Shield

Nyasa Big Bullets, the reigning champions of the 2021/22 TNM Super League, secured their fifth successive Charity Shield by defeating Silver Strikers, last season's FDH Cup winners, 1-0 in the NBS Charity Shield at

Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre. Hadji Wali, a former Silver Strikers defender who had recently joined Nyasa Big Bullets, scored the decisive goal in the 36th minute from a corner kick delivered by Patrick Mwaungulu.

This victory marked a third consecutive loss for Silver Strikers against Nyasa Big Bullets at the Kamuzu Stadium. Nyasa Big Bullets have triumphed in every edition of the Charity Shield since its inception.



Bullets show off their 6th Shield



BT Zero Triumphs in FAM Women's National Championship

BT Zero showcased a remarkable performance to secure the title of the 2021 FAM Women's National Championship. They emerged victorious by defeating DD Sunshine with a convincing score of 3-1 at Civo Stadium in Lilongwe on May 1.

The triumph marked the end of Sunshine's six-year dominance in women's football, as BT Zero displayed their exceptional skills and determination throughout the match. Mary Chabvinda, who displayed exceptional prowess, scored two goals to break the deadlock after 12 minutes with a splendid finish that left goalkeeper Ruth Mhango helpless. In the later stages of the game, Limbikani Chikupira sealed the victory by converting a penalty, while substitute Gladys Banda scored a consolation goal for Sunshine.

As champions, BT Zero received a well-deserved reward of K3 million and a trophy, while Sunshine was awarded K1.5 million for their commendable performance. In the third-place playoff held at the same venue, Skippers claimed victory by defeating Ascent Soccer with a score of 2-1. Linda Kasenda displayed her talent by scoring a brace for Skippers, while Catherine Gaudi scored the consolation goal for Ascent. Skippers were rewarded with K750,000 for their achievement, while Ascent received K500,000.

Vitumbiko Mkandawire of CY Sisters emerged as the top goal scorer of the tournament, netting an impressive tally of 11 goals. The media awards recognized the exceptional contributions of journalists covering the event.



Blantyre Zero players celebrate their famous win

Mabvuto Kambuwe from Times Group was honored as the best print media journalist, while Mwakhele Kaliyande from MIJ was acknowledged as the best radio presenter.

BT Zero's triumph in the FAM Women's National Championship signifies their outstanding performance and commitment to women's football.



DEVELOPMENT

FAM Hosts Successful CAF Schools COSAFA Qualifier

In October 2022, Malawi successfully hosted the inaugural CAF African Schools Football Championship COSAFA Qualifier at the Bingu National Stadium in Lilongwe. The competition featured teams from six countries: Malawi, South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Seychelles, and Comoros.

South Africa emerged as the dominant force, securing victories in both the boys' and girls' categories. Clapham High School clinched the boys' title after defeating the home side, Salima Secondary School, in the finals. Meanwhile, Edendale Technical High School emerged victorious in the girls' competition, finishing with a perfect score of 12 points in the round-robin format.

In the girls' category, Anse Boileau secured the silver medal, while Malindi Secondary School from Malawi claimed the bronze. However, Malindi's chances of winning were hindered when it was discovered that they had fielded two ineligible players on the opening day. Although the organizers believed it was an honest mistake, Malindi was stripped of the two wins they had previously secured.

Victoria Nkwala from Malindi was awarded the Player of the Tournament prize in the girls' competition. Mdelwa won the Golden Boot, and Emily Maulidi from Malindi received the Golden Glove. Anse Boileau was honored with the Fair Play award.

In addition to advancing to the continental finals, the winners in each category received a substantial first prize of \$100,000, while the second-placed teams were awarded \$75,000. The teams that finished third received \$50,000.



Under-17 girls in action against Botswana

COSAFA Organizes Football Administration Course

As part of the legacy programs during the COSAFA U17 Girls' and Boys' Championships held in Malawi in December 2022, the Council for Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) conducted a Football Administration Course. The objective of this course was to train administrators who would contribute to the development of Youth and Women's Football.

The five-day course brought together 30 administrators from across the country and was facilitated by renowned Southern African football administrator, Mr. Ashford Mamelodi. The course covered various topics, including principles of teamwork, marketing, leadership, governance, event management, transparency and accountability, as well as internal and external communication.

David Daniel Dauda from Silver Strikers, one of the participants, expressed his gratitude, stating, "We learned a lot of things that will help me become one of the best football administrators in the country. The comprehensive insights into every dimension of football and their interconnections were truly eye-opening."



Some of the female participants of the COSAFA tournament.

FAM Secures Funding for Nsanje Stadium

The Football Association of Malawi (FAM) secured \$500,000 (approximately K520 million) in funding from FIFA for the upgrading of the Nsanje Community Youth Centre to a modern mini-stadium. This financial support was provided under the FIFA Foundation as relief for communities affected by Cyclone Idai in 2019 and Cyclone Anna in 2021.

Alfred Gunda, FAM's general secretary, explained that the association approached FIFA to alleviate the plight of the victims and displaced families in the Shire Valley, which suffered from the devastating effects of the two cyclones. FIFA responded by sending a special mission led by Nigerian football legend Yakubu Ayigbeni in 2019,

followed by officers from the FIFA Foundation who inspected the affected areas.

"The approval signifies the successful completion of assessments conducted by FIFA, which included reviewing the project proposal for Disaster Relief Support in the Lower Shire. FAM has collaborated with Nsanje District Council to co-design the stadium, and a competitive bidding process will be facilitated through a tender that will be advertised in due course," said Gunda. He also expressed the expectation that construction of the project would commence early next year, after FAM completes the necessary due process with FIFA.



Football action at Nsanje Stadium



Chombo Sadik (Front row, third right)

Chombo Sadik Participates in FIFA Programme in Costa Rica

Maggie Chombo Sadik, the head coach of the Malawi Under-20 National Women's Team, attended a three-day FIFA Women's Football Coaches Mentorship course in Costa Rica in August 2022. Chombo was among 20 women's football coaches from around the world who took part in an 18-month mentorship programme designed to enhance their knowledge, skills, and career development.

As part of the programme, each coach was individually mentored by a top women's football coach. Chombo had the privilege of being mentored by Desiree Ellis, the gold medal-winning coach of the 2022 Wafcon tournament from South Africa.

FIFA approves Malawi Referees for 2023

In December 2022 FIFA approved all the 15 Malawian referees whose names were submitted for the 2023 International Referees Panel. There is no new face among the six centre referees as FIFA has retained the same group from 2022 while Pondamali Tembo is the only new name on the list of nine Assistant referees after replacing Innocent Kaundula. For first time Malawi now has two referees on the FIFA Beach Soccer Referees List following the acceptance of Mathews Ngwira and Rose Zimba.

Referees

Centre Referees

- Godfrey Nkhakananga
- Gift Chicco
- Mercy Kayira
- Easter Zimba
- Eness Gumbo
- Newton Nyirenda

Assistant Referees

- Bernadettar Kwimbira
- Clemence Kanduku
- Eliza Sichinga
- Pondamali Tembo
- Happiness Mbandambanda
- Edward Kambatuwa
- Joseph Nyauti
- Jonizio Luwizi
- Evance Msonda

Beach Soccer Referees

- Mathews Ngwira
- Rose Zimba



The 2023 FIFA Malawian referees

Kwimbira Officiates at WAFCON



Kwimbira working as a VAR referee during the CHAN tournament

We are proud to acknowledge the exceptional achievements of Bernadettar Kwimbira, a celebrated Malawian assistant referee, who officiated at the 2022 TotalEnergies Women Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) held in Morocco in July.

Kwimbira's participation in the tournament included officiating the opening match, where hosts Morocco secured a narrow 1-0 victory against Burkina Faso on July 2.

This marked Kwimbira's seventh consecutive appearance at the AFCON, highlighting her remarkable consistency and expertise.

Another accomplished assistant referee, Clemence Kanduku, was also appointed to officiate at the African Nations Championship (CHAN) held in Algeria from January 13 to February 4.

Kanduku's selection was a result of his impressive performance during the preparatory course held in Egypt. It is worth noting that Kanduku had previously officiated at the AFCON Under-20 Games in Mauritania in 2021, expressing his excitement about the opportunity.

FAM Committed to Refereeing Excellence

In further pursuit of excellence in refereeing, the Football Association of Malawi (FAM), with the support of FIFA, organized two significant initiatives. In August and October 2022, FAM conducted the five-day Member Associations Elite Refereeing and Assessors courses. These courses brought together 30 elite participants from across the country, ensuring a comprehensive and high-quality training experience.

Renowned South African FIFA Referees Technical Instructor Carlos Henriques and Malawian FIFA Physical Fitness Instructor Mark Mzenge facilitated the referees' course, while South African FIFA Technical Instructor Enock Molefe led the Assessor course.

FAM's Referees Subcommittee Chairperson and FAM Exco Member, Rashid Ntelera, emphasized the importance of well-trained referees and their role as crucial stakeholders in the game. FAM also organized six basic Referees qualification courses at Nkhoma in Lilongwe, Kasungu, Chintheche, Mzuzu, Dowa (September 14-18), Chileka in Blantyre (October 11-15), and Balaka (December 19-23, 2022).



FIFA Elite Assessors course participants pose with FAM officials and FIFA instructors

Launch of the FIFA Football for Schools Program

On November 4, 2022, the Football Association of Malawi proudly launched the FIFA Football for Schools program. FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed his commitment to maintaining the program beyond its initial two-year pilot phase.

The program holds the potential to be integrated into the Physical Education (PE) subject, which is no longer offered in schools across the country.

As the 20th nation worldwide to implement the FIFA Football for Schools program, Malawi received a grant of \$50,000, along with 32,000 match balls for the initiative.

FAM is collaborating with the Malawi Schools Sports Association (MASSA) and the Ministry of Education to ensure the successful implementation of the project, which will be introduced in twelve primary schools nationwide.



Youngsters enjoying the game during the launch



Sangala (squatting left) with some legends

James Sangala Participates in FIFA Legends Program

James Sangala, FAM's Youth Development Officer and former Flames captain, travelled to Zurich, Switzerland, in June 2022 to participate in a FIFA educational program called "The Next 90."

This program aims to empower former players in their second careers and includes 35 former players from around the world. The one-year program began with virtual lessons in January and subsequently transitioned to physical lessons in Zurich.

Sangala shared his positive experience, stating that the program equipped him with the necessary knowledge and experience to succeed in his post-football endeavours, particularly in his role with FAM.

Organized by FIFA Legends and the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES), this program aims to provide former footballers with the skills, tools, and confidence for their lives after retiring from professional football.



Jangale (second left) shows off his certificate alongside his group members

Casper Jangale's CIES Research Award

We extend our congratulations to Casper Jangale, FAM's Club Licensing and Compliance Manager, for his remarkable achievement in winning the FIFA/CIES Sports Management Project's overall award.

In June, Jangale travelled to Zurich to receive this prestigious accolade on behalf of his group from Nelson Mandela University.

The group, which included Chichi Sabeta from Zimbabwe, Damilola Bello from Nigeria, Gareth Corjee and Daryll Roefie from South Africa, emerged as the winners among numerous entries from other universities.

Their project focused on identifying the critical factors necessary for the successful implementation of an eSports League System in Africa. Jangale was honoured to receive the award from Arsene Wenger, former Arsenal manager and FIFA's current Chief of Global Development.



Kumwenda in Cairo

Kumwenda Participates in FIFA Course

Benjamin Kumwenda, the Technical Director of the Football Association of Malawi (FAM), embarked on a journey to Cairo, Egypt, to attend a three-day FIFA New Standard Technical Directors workshop. The workshop catered to English and French speaking countries from the CAF and OFC regions and aimed to enhance the expertise of Technical Directors in various football associations.

Originally scheduled to be held in Qatar in February, the workshop had to be postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions in the country. Nevertheless, between May 31 and June 2, Kumwenda and the team delved into an array of topics, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of a Technical Director. Additionally, each participant had the opportunity to present their respective projects planned for the year within their associations.

Reflecting on the workshop, Kumwenda expressed his appreciation for the knowledge-sharing aspect of the event. He stated, "One notable element of the workshop was the exchange of ideas, where each participant presented their planned projects for the year within their respective associations. This allowed me to gain valuable insights and learn from the experiences of others."

By attending the FIFA workshop, Kumwenda actively pursued opportunities to expand his knowledge base and contribute to the development of football in Malawi. This experience not only facilitated networking among Technical Directors but also provided a platform for collaboration and the exchange of innovative ideas. The Football Association of Malawi remains committed to promoting the growth and advancement of football within the country, and Kumwenda's participation in the FIFA course exemplifies this dedication.

Malawi Pilots FIFA Football Nurses Research

We are proud to announce that FIFA has chosen Malawi as the pilot country for the groundbreaking Football Nurses Project.

This initiative aims to develop a community and strength-based, task-sharing approach by actively recruiting and training nurses as pitch-side responders in grassroots women's football. A FIFA delegation, consisting of Solomon Mudege, FIFA Group Leader Development Programs, Salome Liyambo, FIFA Women's Football

Officer, and esteemed Women's Football Consultants Dr. Nonhlanhla Mkumbuzi from the University of Cape Town and Dr. Enock Chisati from Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, visited Malawi from April 11 to 15.

They met with representatives from women's football across the country to gain insights into medical issues faced in women's football. This project aims to incorporate nurses into sports and exercise medicine practice in low-income settings, providing an effective,

affordable, and sustainable solution to bridge the treatment gap experienced by female football players.

As part of the pilot project, a randomized control trial will be conducted with teams in the Women's Football League in Malawi. A cohort of 24 nurses will receive a comprehensive seven-day training in basic football [medicine, utilizing the latest version of the FIFA Football Medicine training manuals.



FIFA nurses pose with FAM president and FIFA delegates

FAM Trains Match Commissioners and General Coordinators

The Football Association of Malawi (FAM) has taken significant strides in standardizing the organization of elite matches by mandating the designation of trained general coordinators and match commissioners for Super League matches.

FAM identified inconsistencies in match organization due to a lack of capacity among coordinators and commissioners, prompting a series of workshops.

Facilitated by CAF Match Commissioners Instructor Maxwell Mtonga and FAM Competitions Director Gomezgani Zakazaka, these workshops drew participation from 84 individuals across the entire country.

The objective was to enhance the knowledge and skills of match coordinators and commissioners, ensuring a higher level of consistency and professionalism in the organization of football matches.



Tonex(L), Mwenelupembe (C) and Chinkhandwe (R) during the training



CAF B participants pose with FAM officials

FAM Officials Attend UEFA Workshop

Three officials from the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) had the privilege of attending a four-day UEFA Senior Team Executive Programme (STEP) workshop hosted by the Council for Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) in South Africa. The workshop, held at Edward Hotel in Durban, focused on developing leadership and interpersonal skills for secretariat staff from COSAFA Member Associations, including FAM Marketing and Broadcasting Manager Tulipo Mwenelupembe, Management Accountant Sebastian Chinkhandwe, and Media Officer Patuma Tonex. The program aimed to enhance their abilities in managing the game effectively.

Additionally, former Malawi National Women's Team captain Linda Kasenda participated in the UEFA Career Transition Program (CTP) workshop, which catered to professional players from COSAFA Member Associations who have recently retired or are on the verge of retirement. These workshops provided valuable opportunities for capacity building and career development within the football fraternity.

CAF Coaching Courses Make a Resounding Return

In a highly anticipated development, the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) has successfully revived the CAF Coaching courses after a hiatus of nearly six years. The eagerly awaited return saw the organization host the CAF B and CAF C courses in 2022.

Previously, CAF had temporarily suspended these courses in 2016, urging member Associations to devise customized syllabuses. However, FAM's recent efforts have reignited the passion for coaching education within the country.

The opening ceremony for both courses proved to be a momentous occasion, drawing an impressive attendance of 30 participants each. FAM President Walter Nyamilandu took the opportunity to challenge the coaches, emphasizing the crucial role of technology in their pursuit of excellence.

Addressing the gathering at the official course launch, FAM's first Vice President stated, "The football industry is

incredibly vast, with countless individuals making a livelihood from it. To compete in this ever-changing world, coaches must embrace new techniques and innovations. Only then can they bring about transformative change in society through football."

He further added: "By the conclusion of this course, FAM expects coaches to inspire confidence among football administrators, enhance media relations, and elevate the performance of players within their respective clubs. We aim to nurture the finest crop of coaches in Malawi."

The resurrection of the CAF Coaching courses is a significant milestone for FAM, as it signals the organization's commitment to raising coaching standards in Malawi. By equipping coaches with up-to-date knowledge and skills, FAM endeavours to fortify the foundations of the country's footballing landscape and foster a brighter future for the sport.



CAF B participants pose with FAM officials

FAM Launches Ground-breaking Youth Football Initiative

On July 2, Football Association of Malawi (FAM) President Walter Nyamilandu unveiled an ambitious project called the Mmera Mpoyamba Football Initiative. The primary objective of this initiative is to foster the development of grassroots football within the country. Speaking during an interview following the launch, which took place at Nsedi Ground in Chiradzulu, Nyamilandu emphasized the importance of nurturing young football players aged between 14 and 16. Under this program, volunteer coaches will be assigned to different townships in Blantyre city, where they will dedicate their time and expertise to shape the skills of these budding athletes.

"We aim to provide our young players with productive engagement during weekends by imparting essential football skills to them," stated Nyamilandu. "We have full confidence in the abilities of our volunteer coaches, who will make a valuable contribution to football development within the townships."

In a show of support, FAM generously donated a range of football-related items during the event. These contributions included footballs, uniforms, shin pads, and cones. This gesture underlines FAM's commitment to providing the necessary resources for the successful implementation of the Mmera Mpoyamba Football Initiative.

By initiating this ground-breaking program, FAM is demonstrating its dedication to the holistic growth of football in Malawi. By engaging young players at the grassroots level, FAM aims to unearth and nurture exceptional talent that could potentially shape the future of the sport in the country. The Mmera Mpoyamba Football Initiative holds great promise as it paves the way for a thriving football ecosystem, further bolstering Malawi's position on the global footballing stage.



Youngster in action during the Sedi launch

Football Dominates Malawi Sports Awards

The Malawi Sports Awards, hosted by the Malawi National Council of Sports at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) on September 24, showcased the immense influence of football in the event.

Gabadinho Mhango, a prominent player for Flames, emerged as the evening's most celebrated individual, claiming the highly coveted Overall Sports Personality of the Year award. Additionally, Mhango, who currently shines as a striker for AmaZulu FC, was honored with the Sportsman of the Year award, accompanied by a K2 million prize from the council.

Tabitha Chawinga, the esteemed captain of the Malawi National Women's Football team and a revered talent at Inter Milan in Italy, received well-deserved recognition as the

Sports Woman of the Year. The Scorchers, Malawi's national cricket team, were honoured with the distinction of being named the best National Team of the Year.

In the coaching realm, Enos Chatama, the esteemed coach of Nyasa Big Bullets Reserves, earned the title of Coach of the Year, surpassing former Flames coach Meke Mwase and athletics coach Pachisi Nyasuku. Meanwhile, FIFA Referee Bernadettar Kwinbira triumphed as Referee of the Year, surpassing competitors Mercy Kaira and Easter Zimba.

Ascent Academy, a football academy based in Lilongwe, earned well-deserved recognition by securing the esteemed Best Executed Sports Development Program of the Year award. Furthermore, George Magure,

the visionary founder of Ascent Academy, was honoured with the Non-Citizen Award for his outstanding contributions.

The overwhelming presence of football throughout the Malawi Sports Awards reaffirms the sport's profound impact on the nation's sporting landscape.

The achievements and recognition bestowed upon these exceptional individuals and institutions highlight the tremendous growth and success of football in Malawi. These accolades serve as a testament to the dedication, talent, and relentless pursuit of excellence within the Malawian football community.



Martha Nyekanyeka walked away with the Lifetime Achiever Award



Chatama(R) was voted Coach of the Season



Kwinbira won Referee of the Year

COMMERCIAL AND MARKETING



Kwimbira won Referee of the Year

Mpira TV achieves revenue growth of K103 million

The Football Association of Malawi (FAM) experienced an extraordinary 415 percent increase in broadcasting rights revenue for the 2022 season through Mpira TV.

The association generated K103 million, surpassing the previous season's revenue of K20 million. Limbani Matola, FAM's Commercial and Marketing Director, highlighted the significance of this achievement, stating, "The K103 million realized from Mpira TV alone exceeds the value of any competition sponsorship in our local scene."

"The revenue will be shared equally among the clubs, as agreed upon during consultative meetings at the inception of the Mpira TV project. The future looks incredibly promising."



The Airtel Top 8 final

Airtel Top 8 Cup final sets new record

The highly anticipated 2022 Airtel Top 8 Cup final between Mighty Mukuru Wanderers and Nyasa Big Bullets saw a record-breaking gate revenue of K53.5 million at the Bingu National Stadium on December 17, 2022. This figure represents the highest gross gate revenue for a domestic football competition in 2022. The FDH Bank Cup semi-final match between the same teams, held at the same venue in September, generated K48.9 million.

Football Association of Malawi (FAM) announced that K30.9 million was raised through advance ticket sales, while K22.6 million was generated through match-day ticket sales. After deducting expenses for ticketing and sales commission, security, first aid, and other service providers, a total of K42.7 million was distributed among the stakeholders.

Flames match sets Bingu Stadium revenue record

The 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifier between Malawi and Ethiopia at the Bingu National Stadium on June 5 witnessed a historic gross gate revenue of K72.7 million. This revenue figure surpassed the gate revenue generated during the Airtel Top 8 Cup final between Silver Strikers and Mighty Wanderers in the same year, which amounted to K52 million.

Limbani Matola, FAM's Commercial and Marketing Director, attributed this record-breaking revenue to effective marketing and communication strategies. He also acknowledged the presence of President Lazarus Chakwera and Vice-President Saulos Chilima, which contributed significantly to the increased revenue.

Furthermore, all tickets for the match were sold out, further emphasizing its popularity.



Part of the crowd at the Flames match

FDH donates K190 million bus to Flames

FDH Financial Holdings Limited reaffirmed its commitment to the development of football in Malawi by donating a state-of-the-art customized Yutong bus worth MK190 million to the Flames.

The bus was pledged during the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon. The handover ceremony took place in October at FDH Bank headquarters in Blantyre and was witnessed by hundreds of fans.

William Mpinganjira, the Chief Executive Officer of FDH Bank, expressed the bank's delight in continuing its partnership with the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) and supporting the Flames.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed gratitude for the gesture and emphasized FAM's unwavering support for FDH Bank.



Nyamilandu receives the bus keys from Mpinganjira



Flames players were part of the event

FAM demonstrates commitment to community impact

The Football Association of Malawi (FAM) remains dedicated to giving back to the football fraternity and supporting vulnerable communities.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu reiterated this commitment during a charitable event held in partnership with NBS Bank, Nyasa Big Bullets Football Club, Silver Strikers Football Club, and the Malawi Red Cross Society. The event, made possible by the K10.3 million raised from the 2022 Charity Shield, involved the donation of food items to communities in Chikwawa that had been displaced by Cyclone Ana.

Nyamilandu highlighted that football extends beyond entertainment and can serve as a powerful tool for social and economic development. NBS Bank's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Temwani Simwaka, expressed the bank's excitement in assisting the affected families. The event demonstrated FAM's belief in using football's popularity to make a lasting impact on the lives of those facing adversity.



FAM and NBS official make the Charity Shield donation in Chikwawa

HTD sponsors Beach Soccer National Championship

In a historic move, Halls Truck Division (HTD) became the first company to sponsor a Beach Soccer national competition in Malawi. HTD's Chief Executive Officer, Harris Sidik, revealed a two-year deal worth K20 million annually for the Beach Soccer National Championship.

Sidik expressed the company's passion for Beach Soccer and its belief that the sport goes beyond mere competition, promoting both culture and tourism in Malawi.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed excitement over the partnership, stating that HTD's sponsorship is a significant milestone for Beach Soccer in the country. The Beach Soccer National Championship was scheduled to take place in February 2023.



FAM, HTD and BSA sign the two year deal



Nyamilandu and Mughogho seal the deal as other FAM officials look on

Standard Bank renews commitment to regional leagues

Standard Bank Malawi plc returned to football by signing a three-year sponsorship deal with the Football Association of Malawi (FAM) to support regional Division One leagues. The agreement involves an annual injection of K46.1 million into the leagues, which will be played in all three regions.

The sponsorship complements the existing sponsorships from regional football associations for their Premier Divisions. Charity Mughogho, Standard Bank's Head of Consumer and High Net Worth Clients, expressed the

company's excitement in supporting the competitions under their Unayo brand, which serves as the bank's digital platform connecting people, businesses, and communities.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu expressed optimism that the sponsorship will contribute to grassroots football development, which is a key focus area for FAM. The sponsorship marks Standard Bank's return to football after six years since it discontinued sponsoring the Standard Bank Cup involving Super League teams.



Kamphinda Banda (right) captured during Sepp Blatter's visit to Malawi

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering notable football personalities

The football fraternity mourned the loss of several high-profile football personalities between January and December 2022. These individuals made significant contributions to the sport in Malawi

Lenox Kishombe

Former Flames Goalkeeper. Kishombe was one of the pioneers of the Flames and played in their first international match against Ghana on October 15, 1962. He passed away on August 3 in Karonga.

Chris Kamphinda Banda

Former FAM and Sulom General Secretary. He served as FAM GS from 2000 to 2004 and later joined the Super League of Malawi as General Secretary until 2007. Kamphinda Banda passed away in August 2022 at the Queens Elizabeth Central Hospital after a brief illness.

Akim Magesh Kondole

Dedza Dynamos supporters' chairperson. Kondole lost his life in a car accident on June 26, shortly after cheering his team's victory over Ekwendeni Hammers in a TNM Super League match at Dedza Stadium.

Dennis Kambalambe

Former Mighty Mukuru Wanderers Chairperson. Kambalambe guided Wanderers to victory in the inaugural Carlsberg Cup in the 1999-2000 season and also served as Wanderers' General Secretary in the 1983-84 season. He passed away on December 20 and was laid to rest at St. Montfort Catholic Institute (CI) cemetery in Blantyre.

Humphrey Gondwe

Owner of Northern Regional Women's Football League side CY Sisters FC and husband to National Women's Football Association treasurer Clara Luhanga. Gondwe passed away on April 27 at Mzuzu Central Hospital in Mzuzu after a prolonged illness.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022

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Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022

Executive Committee's Responsibilities and Approval

The Executive Committee members are required in terms of the Association's constitution to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with the Provisions of the Association's Constitution and International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

The Executive Committee members acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the Association and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the Executive Committee to meet these responsibilities, the Executive Committee sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the Association and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the association's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the Association is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the Association. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the Association endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Executive Committee members are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Executive Committee members have reviewed the Association's cash flow forecast for the year to December 31, 2023 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the Association has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.


The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the Association's financial statements. The financial statements have been examined by the Association's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 4 to 6.

The financial statements which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Association's Executive Committee on 29 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Approval of financial statements:



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President


General Secretary

Football Association of Malawi

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Executive Committee's Report

The executive committee members submit their report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

1. Review of activities

Main business and operations

The Association is responsible for administration of football in Malawi.

2. Members

The Executive Committee members of the Association during the year and to the date of this report are as follows:

Name	Designation
Walter Nyamilandu Manda	President
Jabbar Alide	First vice president
Othaniel Hara	Second vice president
Tiya Somba Banda	Committee member
Felister Dossi	Committee member
Suzgo Ngwira	Committee member
Muhammad Selemani	Committee member
Rashid Ntelera	Committee member
Chimango Munthali	Committee member
Christopher Kuyera	Committee member

3. Secretary

The General secretary is Alfred Gift Gunda.

4. Business Address

Mpira Village,
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5. Independent Auditors

AMG Global of P.O. Box 2051, Blantyre are the current auditors of Football Association of Malawi and have expressed interest to continue in office and a motion will be moved during the next Annual General Meeting to that effect.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Football Association of Malawi

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Football Association of Malawi, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December, 2022, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Football Association of Malawi as of 31 December, 2022 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Constitution and in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Association's financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Association's constitution and in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as members determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, members are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless members either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Independent Auditor's Report

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board’s internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by members.

Conclude on the appropriateness of members’ use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Board’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Board to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Association to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor’s report is Ali Nyondo.

AMG Global

Signature of the Audit Firm

AMG Global, Chartered Accountants
P. O. Box 2051, Blantyre, Malawi

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Signature of the Engagement Partner

Date: 29 May 2023

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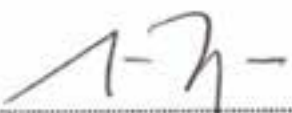
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Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2022

Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	Note(s)	2022	2021
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property and equipment	2	1,920,752	1,743,830
Intangible assets	3	7,736	9,946
Other financial assets	4	6,000	5,500
		1,934,488	1,759,276
Current Assets			
Inventories	5	160,042	105,634
Trade and other receivables	6	162,609	346,247
Cash and cash equivalents	7	164,416	79,088
		487,067	530,969
Total Assets		2,421,555	2,290,245
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Capital fund	8	1,415,236	1,290,272
Retained earnings		751,490	777,548
		2,166,726	2,067,820
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	161,577	222,425
Deferred income		93,252	-
		254,829	222,425
Total Equity and Liabilities		2,421,555	2,290,245

The financial statements and the notes were approved by the board on 29 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Approval of financial statements


 President


 General Secretary

The accounting policies on pages 11 to 16 and the notes on pages 17 to 23 form an integral part of the financial statements.

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	Note(s)	2022	2021
Share of gate takings	10	141,121	8,472
Fees and fines	11	9,190	3,030
Grants	12	3,117,138	3,169,473
Competitions	13	108,851	62,202
Investment income	14	313,457	196,262
TV rights	15	347,980	16,336
Other income	16	123,378	82,447
Total revenue		4,161,116	3,538,222
Operating expenses	17	(2,446,289)	(2,443,774)
Administration expenses	18	(1,745,499)	(1,136,267)
Operating deficit		(30,672)	(41,819)
Net finance income	19	4,614	2,192
Deficit for the year		(26,058)	(39,627)

The accounting policies on pages 11 to 16 and the notes on pages 17 to 23 form an integral part of the financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Funds

Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	Capital fund	Retained income	Total equity
Balance at January 1, 2021	1,354,816	817,176	2,171,992
Surplus for the period	-	(39,627)	(39,627)
Additions	3,780	-	3,780
Amortisation	(68,324)	-	(68,324)
	(64,544)	-	(64,544)
Balance at January 1, 2022	1,290,272	777,549	2,067,821
Deficit for the year	-	(26,058)	(26,058)
Additions	166,836	-	166,836
Amortisation	(41,872)	-	(41,872)
	124,964	-	124,964
Balance at 31 December 2022	1,415,236	751,491	2,166,727
Note(s)	8		

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Statement of Cash Flows

Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	Note(s)	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	20	342,764	(74,890)
Interest received		4,614	2,192
Net cash from operating activities		347,378	(72,698)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment	2	(264,550)	(109,619)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	2	2,500	5,786
Net cash from investing activities		(262,050)	(103,833)
Total cash movement for the year		85,328	(176,531)
Cash at the beginning of the year		79,088	255,619
Total cash at end of the year	7	164,416	79,088
Additional information			
Decrease in net working capital		(76,306)	(118,535)

The accounting policies on pages 11 to 16 and the notes on pages 17 to 23 form an integral part of the financial statements.

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Accounting Policies

1. Presentation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for equity investments at fair value, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in Malawi Kwachas.

1.1 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the financial statements.

Trade receivables, Held to maturity investments and Loans and receivables

The company assesses its trade receivables, held to maturity investments and loans and receivables for impairment at the end of each reporting period. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in profit or loss, the company makes judgements as to whether there is observable data indicating a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset.

The impairment for trade receivables, held to maturity investments and loans and receivables is calculated on a portfolio basis, based on historical loss ratios, adjusted for national and industry-specific economic conditions and other indicators present at the reporting date that correlate with defaults on the portfolio. These annual loss ratios are applied to loan balances in the portfolio and scaled to the estimated loss emergence period.

Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the company is the current bid price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over the counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt. Other techniques, such as estimated discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments. The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using quoted forward exchange rates at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the company for similar financial instruments.

Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available.

1.2 Property and equipment

The cost of an item of property and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association; and
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property and equipment is initially measured at cost.

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1.2 Property and equipment (continued)

Costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

The revaluation surplus in equity related to a specific item of property and equipment is transferred directly to retained earnings when the asset is derecognised.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight line basis over their expected useful lives to their estimated residual value.

Property and equipment is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

The useful lives of items of property and equipment have been assessed as follows:

Item	Average useful life
Buildings	50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method of each asset are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. If the expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in profit or loss unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

1.3 Intangible assets

An intangible asset is recognised when:

- it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the association; and
- the cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost.

Cost is determined as the amount paid for the asset by the Association or fair value of the asset received from the donor.

Amortisation is recognised together with depreciation in the statement of profit or loss.

The assets are amortised on a straight line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost of each intangible assets, over its expected useful life as follows:

Item	Useful life
Computer software	10 years
Hotel Master System	10 years
Transfer Matching System	10 years

1.4 Financial instruments

Other financial assets

Other financial assets are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in statement of profit or loss.

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1.4 Financial instruments (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other payables

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. These are initially and subsequently recorded at fair value.

1.5 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value on the first-in-first-out basis.

1.6 Impairment of assets

The Association assesses at each end of the reporting period whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. That reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in profit or loss. Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

1.7 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when:

- the Association has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

The amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation.

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised. Contingencies are disclosed in note .

1.8 Grants

Grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Association will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and
- the grants will be received.

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1.8 Grants (continued)

Grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs that they are intended to compensate.

A grant that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs is recognised as income of the period in which it becomes receivable.

Grants related to assets, including non-monetary grants at fair value, are presented in the statement of financial position as Capital Fund.

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1.9 Revenue

- Revenue represents share of gate takings, donations net of direct expenditure and miscellaneous income received in the year.
- Dividend income is recognized in the financial statements when they are declared and the Association has rights to receive.
- Share of gate takings is recognised on cash basis, on a predetermined sharing pattern of the net proceeds from gate collections.

1.10 Finance income and expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and foreign currency gains. Interest income is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the asset.

Finance expenses comprise interest expense on borrowings, foreign currency losses, changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, impairment loss recognized on financial assets. All borrowing costs are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

1.11 Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions

A foreign currency transaction is recorded, on initial recognition in Malawi Kwacha, by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

At the end of the reporting period:

- foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition during the period or in previous financial statements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

Cash flows arising from transactions in a foreign currency are recorded in Malawi Kwacha by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the Malawi Kwacha and the foreign currency at the date of the cash flow.

1.12 New and amended standards adopted by the Association

The following amendments became effective as at 1 January 2022:

• Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use – Amendments to IAS 1

The amendment prohibits entities from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment, any proceeds of the sale of items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling such items, and the costs of producing those items, in profit or loss.

• Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract – Amendments to IAS 37

The amendments specify that when assessing whether a contract is onerous or loss-making, an entity needs to include costs that relate directly to a contract to provide goods or services including both incremental costs (e.g., the costs of direct labour and materials) and an allocation of costs directly related to contract activities (e.g., depreciation of equipment used to fulfil the contract and costs of contract management and supervision). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract.

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1.12 New and amended standards adopted by the Association (continued)

• Reference to the Conceptual Framework – Amendments to IFRS 3.

The amendments replace a reference to a previous version of the IASB's Conceptual Framework with a reference to the current version issued in March 2018 without significantly changing its requirements. The company also elected to adopt the following amendments early:

• Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – amendments to IAS 12

In May 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12, which narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception under IAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

IFRS 17: Insurance Contracts

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

Definition of Accounting Estimates - Amendments to IAS 8

Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	2022	2021
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2. Property and equipment

	2022		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Land and buildings	1,867,717	(235,707)	1,632,010
Furniture and fixtures	58,154	(49,990)	8,164
Motor vehicles	390,696	(143,118)	247,578
Office equipment	115,141	(82,744)	32,397
Work in Progress	603	-	603
Total	2,432,311	(511,559)	1,920,752
	2021		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Land and buildings	1,867,717	(199,731)	1,667,986
Furniture and fixtures	54,376	(47,697)	6,679
Motor vehicles	137,441	(108,595)	28,846
Office equipment	109,692	(69,373)	40,319
Work in Progress	-	-	-
Total	2,169,226	(425,396)	1,743,830

Reconciliation of property and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals Cost	Disposals Depreciation	Depreciation	Total
Land and buildings	1,667,986	-	-	-	(35,976)	1,632,010
Furniture and fixtures	6,679	3,778	-	-	(2,293)	8,164
Motor vehicles	28,846	253,708	-	-	(34,977)	247,578
Office equipment	40,319	6,460	(1,010)	269	(13,641)	32,397
Work in Progress	-	603	-	-	-	603
	1,743,830	264,549	(1,010)	269	(86,887)	1,920,752

Reconciliation of property and equipment - 2021

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals Cost	Disposals Depreciation	Transfers and other changes/mov ements	Depreciation	Total
Land and buildings	1,623,965	96,548	(3,005)	1,402	(10,704)	(40,220)	1,667,986
Furniture and fixtures	7,134	2,530	-	-	(665)	(2,320)	6,679
Motor vehicles	5,523	528	(57,211)	35,720	63,434	(19,149)	28,846
Office equipment	29,387	10,013	-	-	16,634	(15,715)	40,319
Capital work in progress	63,433	-	-	-	(63,433)	-	-
	1,729,442	109,619	(60,216)	37,122	5,266	(77,404)	1,743,830

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Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	2022	2021
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2. Property and equipment (continued)

Cash reconciliation for additions to property and equipment in the statement of cashflow

Total additions	264,549	173,052
Transfers from Work in Progress	-	(63,433)
Cash out flow	-	109,619

3. Intangible assets

	2022		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation	Carrying value
Accounting software	10,246	(6,660)	3,586
Hotel master system	2,400	(1,920)	480
Transfer matching system	14,580	(11,664)	2,916
Total	27,226	(20,244)	6,982

Total

	2021		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation	Carrying value
Accounting software	5,123	(2,818)	2,305
Hotel master system	2,400	(1,320)	1,080
Transfer matching system	14,580	(8,019)	6,561
Total	22,103	(12,157)	9,946

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2022

	Opening balance	Amortisation	Total
Accounting software	2,305	(512)	1,793
Hotel master system	1,080	(240)	840
Transfer matching system	6,561	(1,458)	5,103
	9,946	(2,210)	7,736

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2021

	Opening balance	Other changes, movements	Amortisation	Total
Accounting software	2,562	255	(512)	2,305
Hotel master system	1,200	120	(240)	1,080
Transfer master system	7,290	729	(1,458)	6,561
	11,052	1,104	(2,210)	9,946

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Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	2022	2021
4. Other financial assets		
At fair value through profit or loss - designated		
Listed shares - NICO Holdings	6,000	5,500
The total cost of 100,000 shares at acquisition was K20,000 and market value at 31 December 2022 was K44.20 each (As at 31 December 2021: K44.20).		
Non-current assets		
At fair value through profit or loss - designated	6,000	5,500
5. Inventories		
Replica Jerseys	4,250	13,357
Footballs	-	2,710
Other equipment-National teams	47,111	3,110
Bar stock	561	416
Hotel and Restaunt food stock	1,892	1,270
Pennants	340	-
In-transit equipment	87,065	70,528
Holograms	1,477	2,616
Other equipment - Other teams	17,346	9,340
Hotel linen	-	2,287
	160,042	105,634
6. Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables	121,904	106,848
Employee costs in advance	15,383	6,231
Prepayments	8,810	15,555
Other receivables	16,512	32,758
Confederation Africain De Football receivables	-	184,855
	162,609	346,247
7. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash on hand	-	1,006
Bank balances	164,416	78,082
	164,416	79,088
8. Capital fund		
Land and buildings	1,258,827	1,290,272
Flames Bus	156,409	-
Total	1,415,236	1,290,272

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Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	2022	2021
9. Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	14,634	66,768
Sundry payables	47,628	20,943
Accrued expenses	99,315	134,714
	161,577	222,425
10. Share of gate takings		
Cup games	43,078	8,356
International Games	56,814	-
League games	41,229	116
	141,121	8,472
11. Fees and fines		
Fines Received	2,060	500
Registration Fees	3,880	2,514
Club licensing, ID Production and intermediary fees	3,250	16
	9,190	3,030
12. Grants		
FIFA Operational costs	919,045	786,450
Other grants - National Council of Sports	632,595	738,871
FIFA-Other Grants	236,701	364,844
FIFA Travel Subsidy	162,400	153,490
Donations-Companies and individuals	161,468	21,735
Amotisation of	41,872	68,325
CAF-Prize money (AFCON qualifiers)	569,957	202,227
FIFA Equipment	-	76,745
FDH Sponsorship	120,000	52,874
CAF Financial	256,523	202,113
Covid relief Funds	-	388,225
Fund raising - National Team	16,577	113,574
	3,117,138	3,169,473
13. Competitions		
First Capital Bank - U20	-	16,501
FDH Cup	29,175	27,575
STD Bank Unayo	46,125	-
Charity Shield	15,190	-
Airtel Top 8	18,361	18,126
	108,851	62,202

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14. Investment income		
Laundry income	7,460	5,575
Dividend income	375	2,268
Sales of Replica Jerseys	100,914	41,440
Income From Rooms	51,979	44,089
Conference Hall	1,792	845
Ground Hire Fee	7,786	1,279
Bus Hire Fees	7,034	2,310
Car Park Fee	1,229	1,229
Bar Income	16,168	7,341
Restaurant Income	114,067	87,472
Gym fees	4,653	2,414
	313,457	196,262
15. TV Rights		
TV and broadcasting rights	347,980	16,336
16. Other income		
Perimeter Board Advertising-Local Clients	-	9,564
Sale of tender documents	210	20
Exchange gains	119,695	61,667
Insurance refunds	-	2,879
Radio rights	447	100
Increase in share valuation	500	1,080
Funds for third parties	-	982
Disposal for assets	-	5,774
Printing fees	-	381
	120,852	82,447
17. Operating expenses		
Referees expenses	43,897	13,388
National teams	1,584,502	1,379,030
Youth Football	82,139	115,408
Competitions	129,391	122,256
Coach education	48,224	28,014
Women football	203,513	316,381
Miscellaneous operating expenses	34,569	53,202
Subscriptions	4,898	16,657
Beach Soccer	257,952	5,153
Club licensing	8,330	6,933
FIFA Connect Project	6,124	3,343
Affiliates Grants	42,750	40,500
Covid 19 expenses	-	343,509
	2,446,289	2,443,774

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Figures in thousands Malawi Kwacha	2022	2021
18. Administration expenses		
Annual General Meeting	54,776	28,408
Auditors remuneration	9,974	10,456
Provision for bad debts	-	22,264
Bank charges	6,290	6,148
Executive members' accomodation, transport and communication costs	74,928	79,037
Depreciation	89,098	79,316
Other Governance meetings and workshops	70,759	87,501
Events and marketing	356,258	168,100
Faxes, phones, printing and stationery	27,007	23,911
Fuels	84,631	38,898
Hotel general expenses	42,583	47,522
Laundry and cleaning	95	622
Litigation costs and legal fees	25,185	10,626
Vehicle maintenance and insurance	53,290	49,587
Other professional fees	9,320	9,186
Fines	4,060	40,830
Premises expenses	47,350	39,552
Repairs and maintenance	1,979	4,967
Staff costs	625,731	337,165
Travelling	145,945	34,135
Utilities	16,240	18,036
	1,745,499	1,136,267
19. Net Financing Income		
Interest received	4,614	2,192
20. Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(26,058)	(39,627)
Adjustments for:		
Profit on sale of assets	(2,526)	(5,774)
Depreciation and amortisation of assets	89,098	79,316
Amortisation of capital grants	(41,872)	(68,325)
Net financing income	(4,614)	(2,192)
Provision for bad debts	(1,800)	10,035
Fair value movement on equity investment	(500)	(1,080)
Movement of other capital financing	166,836	3,780
Other non-cash items (Depreciation reconciliation)	-	(6,071)
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(54,408)	56,272
Trade and other receivables	185,438	(277,924)
Prepayments	767	23,081
Trade and other payables	(60,848)	153,619
Deferred income	93,251	-
	342,764	(74,890)

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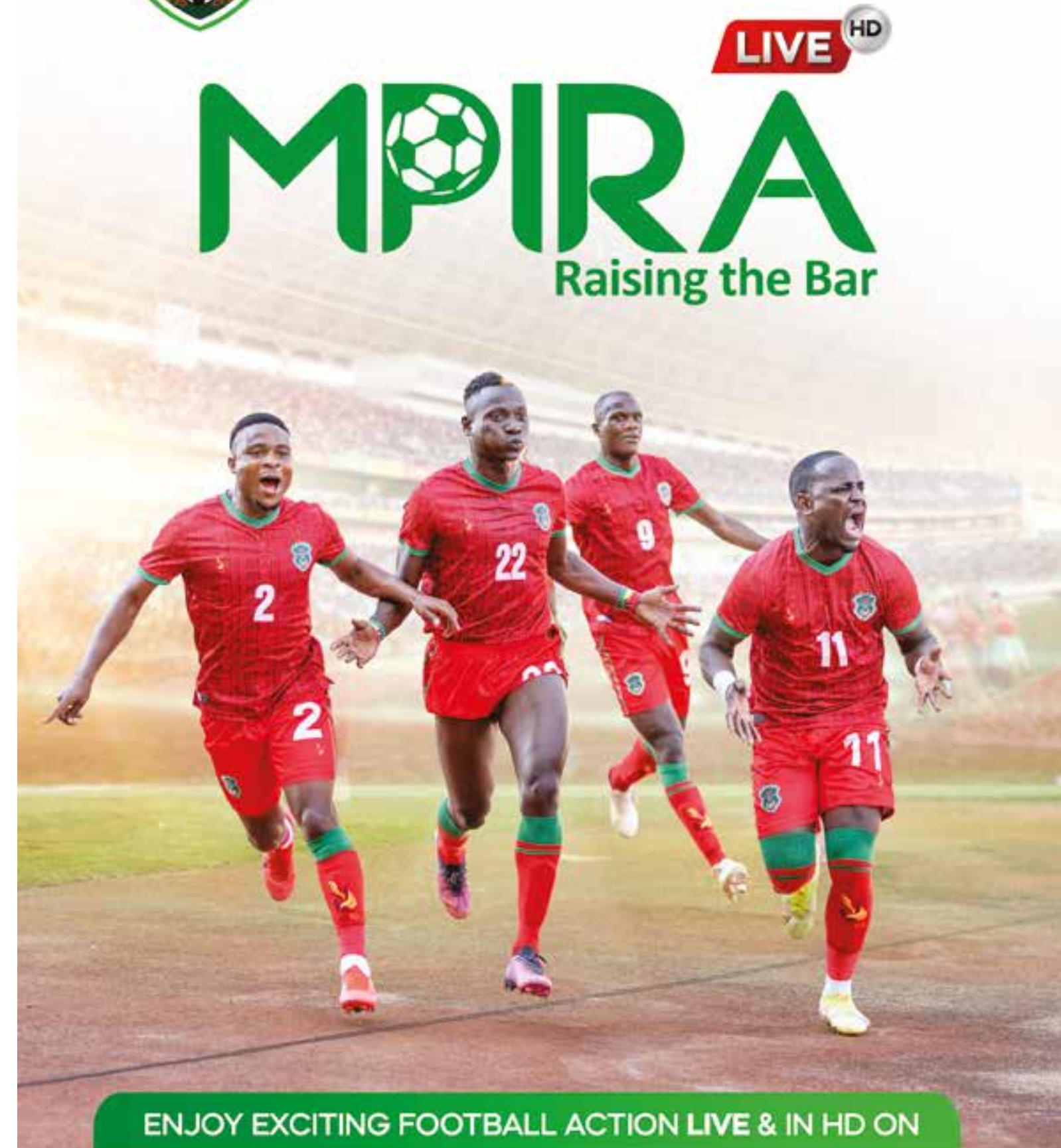
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21. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

22. Events after the reporting period

There have been no material events occurring after the statement of financial statement position date that require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.



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