



2024 CONSERVATION ARTS ANNUAL UPDATES

Hello!

Conservation Arts is committed to fostering environmental preservation and improving livelihoods through creative, community-driven initiatives. Guided by our Theory of Change, we believe that equipping youth with the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources empowers them to drive meaningful change in their communities. This report highlights our achievements, impact, implemented programs, areas for improvement, and our vision for the coming year.



ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES



TAKONDWA ORPHANAGE AND FEEDING CENTER

2024 INSIGHTS



- Provided seed and seedlings, watering cans, and training to promote self-reliance in food production.



- Enhanced the orphanage's capacity for sustainable agriculture, contributing to improved nutrition and food security.



- Facilitating partnerships for Takondwa Orphanage to seek support
- Facilitating agricultural extension services for the community



- Learn more about Takondwa here <https://youtu.be/FDgscZYeT3A?si=fciCvIYvJt2XRWZO>



CONSERVATION ARTS FELLOWSHIP



Mirriam Mpumila



Everson Kapachika



Edith Malemba - Coordinated and facilitated the fellowship activities

Mirriam Mpumila and Everson Kapachika served as research and advocacy fellows, undertaking the study “Exploring the Barriers and Opportunities for Youth Engagement in Environmental Stewardship.” The findings revealed that while many youths know about environmental issues, this awareness does not necessarily translate into action.

Key barriers include sociocultural norms, lacking essential resources, and limited leadership opportunities, significantly impacting youth motivation and engagement. Addressing these underlying factors is crucial for fostering meaningful and sustained youth participation in environmental stewardship.



‘PLASTIC TO ART’ INITIATIVE

- Sixteen youths from Chnsapo Arts Theatre were selected to be the first cohort of the Plastic to Art training which was provided through both theory and practice.
- Graduated 16 youth participants from Chinsapo Arts Theatre in upcycling plastic waste, empowering them with artistic and entrepreneurial skills.



- During the graduation, we had themed drama addressing DRR and displays of all the art they have made.





GREEN MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN ACTIVITIES

- The Green Mountain Guardian initiative focuses on the restoration of mountain ecosystems in Nkhoma, Ngala ya Pakamwa, and Bunda Mountains while promoting eco-tourism.
- As part of our Environmental Education initiative, we collaborated with Chiseka CDSS to deliver training sessions emphasizing climate action and

creative approaches to addressing environmental issues. Participants were educated on global and local environmental challenges through theoretical lessons and practical sessions, including constructing fuel-efficient cookstoves and engaging in tree-planting activities.



- Efforts are underway to revamp and support Village Natural Resources Management Committees in the communities surrounding these mountain ecosystems. This support empowers local governance structures for sustainable resource management and ecological restoration.



MALUSO NDI CHILENGEDWE

Maluso ndi Chilengedwe on Timveni TV and Radio. In 2024 we partnered with Timveni Youth Organisation to combine arts and environmental education, fostering creativity in tackling environmental challenges. You can also watch on YouTube Conservation Arts_Malawi We look forward to engaging more youth through these platforms. We would love to hear your thoughts, email us g.chisamba@conservationarts.org



WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

We are excited to launch a fully functional dynamic website that corresponds to the needs of the audience in communicating the mission, vision and strategies of Conservation Arts. We are optimistic that the website will enhance our brand visibility and stakeholder engagement. Get the full updates of the projects and activities being undertaken by visiting the website: <https://conservationarts.org/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. OWEN CHOMANIKA ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Owen Chomanika on his appointment as Malawi's Minister of Natural Resources and Climate Change. His proven expertise and unwavering dedication to sustainable development inspire great optimism for transformative progress in managing our natural resources, addressing climate change challenges, and fostering environmental stewardship.

We look forward to seeing his leadership drive innovative policies and inclusive strategies that benefit all Malawians while safeguarding our nation's natural heritage for future generations. Best wishes for a successful tenure!

A PEEK INTO



2025 IN THE OVEN

In 2025, Conservation Arts aims to:

- Expand the Green Mountain Guardian initiative by integrating research insights with practical conservation actions. We believe Income generation through community-managed ecotourism and capacity strengthening for sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship are the pathways for mountain ecosystem restoration agriculture.
- Enhance the Plastic to Art project to reach more youth and diversify income-generating opportunities. We seek to train our second cohort while maintaining support for those who graduated
- Support Takondwa Orphanage with agricultural extension and targeted training such as the production and sale of Neem products to promote sustainable agriculture and generate income.
- Develop and launch a Conservation Arts curriculum on environmental education. A simplified tool that guide step by step of facilitating environmental education. It offers unique insights into blending theory and practice utilizing a competence-based approach that allows participants to learn and hone skills for effective environmental stewardship, eco-entrepreneurship, and climate-smart solutions.
- Conservation Arts remains dedicated to driving sustainable change through creativity and collective action. By addressing gaps and building on this year's successes, we are poised to make an even greater impact in 2025. Together, we can empower youth, preserve the environment, and create sustainable livelihoods, advancing our mission to foster environmental stewardship and improved livelihoods.



JOIN THE COURSE



VOLUNTEER OPENING

We are looking for a volunteer to work online and support social media management and website maintenance.

If interested email e.gaveta@conservationarts.org



INTERN OPENING

Accounts assistant. We are looking for an account assistant to support our financial management and accountability efforts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our gratitude to our partners, volunteers, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment to our vision.

We extend our invitation for partnership and support.
Email us: info@conservationarts.org

Regards

