



## FAST STARTER KIT REPORT | MPONELA BRANCH, MALAWI

Thank you for your partnership! Because of you, Prisca Manyamba (photo below) has been able to serve 19 savings groups in Malawi with loans to help lift group members out of extreme poverty as they work to build flourishing enterprises.

Loans are made to groups that have been working together for at least two years, based on their total savings the prior year, to a maximum of \$1,000. This new capital supports faster business development, and incentivizes groups to save more money to qualify for a larger loan the following year, creating a virtuous cycle of financial growth and opportunity.

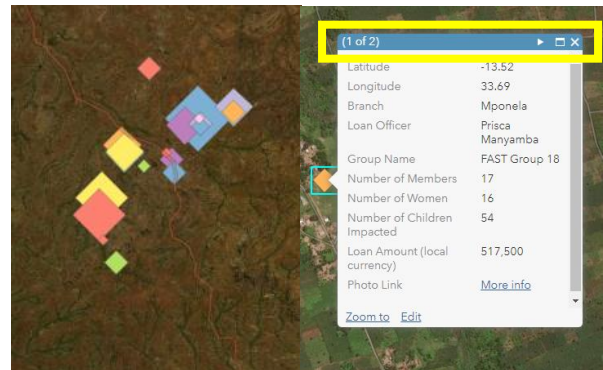
Furthermore, as the groups in Prisca's portfolio repay their loans, the loan capital will be recycled for future loans. This multiplies the impact of your gift many times over, and continuously expands the impact of your initial donation.

Prisca Manyamba is a field officer who serves 19 savings groups, and with the link below you will be able to see a map with each group's profile including a photo of the group, where the group meets, loan size, and the number of children impacted through each group's loan. Please note some groups meet at the same location, so make sure to click the arrow on the blue header to see all groups in an area (example below). Please click [this link](#) or use the QR code to view the map and group profiles.



Additionally, you'll be able to read how this loan impacted Pililani Kanyogole and her business endeavor on the next page.

Thank you for helping our savings group clients in Mponela Branch thrive. We're grateful for your partnership!



## A STORY FROM MALAWI



Pililani Kanyogole (40) is married with four children (1-month, 14 years, 18 years, and 21 years). They live in the Khwema Village where Pililani owns and operates a butcher's shop. Pililani joined the Chimwemwe savings group nine years ago because she wanted to expand her business and improve her economic well-being.

Her group is currently in their first FAST loan cycle with VisionFund Malawi. Because of FAST, Pililani took a loan from her savings group to buy animals. She has gone from managing one goat and one pig at a time to now managing four goats at a time. This increases the amount of meat she is able to sell through her butchery.

She shares that the group has also seen a large increase in their savings, which makes them excited for their share-out.

There are still challenges facing Pililani. While her business has grown, she told us that women often pay more than men for goats and pigs - a result of a gender bias. She hopes that her savings group, along with the rise of successful businesswomen in her community, will inspire a culture change where women get more of a voice in her community. She wants to eliminate the bias against women, so everyone has equal access to resources.

Pililani has seen very positive changes because of her growing business. She told us, "Life is very different now compared to the past. I am now able to pay school fees for my first-born child." She dreams of a future where the profits from her butchery are able to pay for the school fees for all of her children through university. She also wants to grow her inventory so she can sell pig and goat meat in multiple markets.

Pililani plans to diversify her business by expanding into other types of agriculture.

Pililani shares how grateful she is to VisionFund for providing her group with an injection of capital to help them grow their businesses.



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