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MSUNGWANA OVAYA REVAMPED

After a two-year hiatus, we are thrilled to announce the return of the Msungwana Ovaya program.

Msungwana Ovaya is a program that was introduced in 2019 with the aim of providing educational support to primary school girls who are in need.

This year, over 50 pupils have benefited from the program.



UPLIFTING GIRL EDUCATION THROUGH MSUNGWANA OVAYA

"This is the best day of my life, thank you;"

Said 10 year old Hajira Sharrif while holding notebooks, an instrument, pens, a pair of school uniform, and sanitary pads.

This day, FACT Malawi had visited Hajira's school, Chimwankhunda Primary, to provide educational support to beneficiaries of the Msungwana Ovaya program.

FACT Malawi Programs Manager, Madalitso Juwayeyi said the organization is on a quest to leave no young person behind, and that means making sure that young primary school girls are not dropping out of school due to lack of financial support.



UKUTSATA

In its efforts to close the knowledge gap on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV, and gender inequalities among the youth, FACT Malawi launched a new program called Ukutsata.

Translated as "Are you following?" Ukutsata is an edutainment program where young people are quizzed and educated on issues that affect them.



WORLD AIDS DAY

Every 1st of December is World AIDS Day and the day is dedicated to honoring those living with HIV and encouraging communities to take the lead in fighting the disease.

To commemorate World AIDS Day, FACT Malawi organized an event which took place on 2nd December at Zingwangwa Youth Center ground in Blantyre.

Together with the youth in our community, we engaged in crucial conversations on HIV prevention, offered HIV testing and STI screening, and addressed the pressing issue of gender-based violence with the help of Blantyre Police Victim Support Unit.

We also had various fun activities such as dance and singing competitions, educative dramas, and sports.



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In the last quarter of 2023, FACT Malawi has managed to reach over 500 youths with HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health services and information.

As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, it is essential to break down barriers and ensure that every young person, regardless of socio-economic status, can exercise their fundamental right to SRHR.

Hence FACT Malawi continues reaching out to more communities to empower young people with knowledge about their bodies, contraception options, and the importance of safe practices.