



2017 Annual Report



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Moving ahead

The 2017-2018 was not a good one for most farmers across Malawi. This was due to spells of droughts, fall army worms and floods that affected most parts of the country. With these challenges however, our members also stepped up with innovations to counter the effects of these disaster to ensure that communities are food secure and that they have resilience.

Looking forward to 2018/2019 financial year Malawi Scotland Partnership's priority will be to harness the enthusiasm and expertise within our membership in the five thematic areas of operation. We shall ensure that members are working within the confines of the country's priorities and the global goals like the SDGs so that they are able to not only respond to these challenges if they recur, but that they are able to prevent them from happening in the first place wherever possible.

The Partnership recognizes that providing valued support to its members through the provision of information, advice, mutual empowerment, training and lobbying is the way in which it can develop and strengthen its partnership approach. MaSP will continue on this path and will engage the membership nationwide on their priorities and on how we can be of service to them as we move ahead and grow together. Additionally, we will focus our energies on sustainability issues especially for resource poor members on how they can achieve sustainability by leveraging their core competences.

We are also going to deliver a substantial piece of work in the Governance sector. Further, in our quest to inspire young people to be meaningfully engaged in development issues, MaSP will establish a Malawian youth group, partnered with a similar group in Scotland as a way of preparing the Malawian climate leaders of the future. More on these plans shall be shared at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

VERA KAMTUKULE (MRS) – Chief Executive Officer

JOIN THE MASP

Any individual, organization, school, church or company interested in Scotland can join the MaSP as a member.

If you already have a link with Scotland, or are looking to establish one, then being a member of MaSP will help you to strengthen and develop your work by:

- Connecting you with others
- Keeping you informed of news from Scotland
- Offering you advice and support through our head office in Lilongwe and in our regional communication and resource centers in Mzuzu and Blantyre or when you attend our regional and national events and forums or indeed through practical advice guides
- Helping you develop and strengthen your links with Scottish partners

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WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Our great deal of focus this year as Malawi Scotland Partnership was centered on refocusing the organization to align with the ever growing needs of our members coupled with the needs of our strategic partners to ensure that we are developing plans aimed at making a significant contribution towards poverty reduction in Malawi.

In 2017/2018 Malawi was hit by droughts, floods as well as fall army worms that affected most part of the country and damaging crops thereby rendering over 2 million people at risk of Hunger. It is comforting to note that some of our members worked so hard to ensure that the effects of these disasters have been mitigated. Through the success registered in various programmes and projects implemented throughout the country supported by the Scottish Government and other Scottish organizations, the evidence is now beyond dispute that partnerships between the two countries are yielding mutually beneficial results in as far as championing the people to people links are concerned.

It is good therefore to recognize that as things move forward, there will be challenges on the way all the time, but that the Malawi Scotland Partnership must use these challenges as lessons for the future. As an organization, we have worked hard in this year to raise awareness of the links existing between Scotland and Malawi, we have built our organizational capacity, we have increased membership and have encouraged more people especially the youth to be involved in Scotland. My sincere gratitude goes towards our committed, talented, hardworking staff, the resilient board of Directors and of course our members who continue to inspire our work and provide the much needed direction to take our organizations forward.

Andrew Namakhoma – Board Chairman



VISION

The MaSP wants to inspire the development and implementation of sustainable development projects in Malawi through meaningful partnerships between the two nations

MISSION

we are a national network organization which exists to inspire, coordinate and support mutually beneficial civic links which Malawi has with Scotland

PRINCIPLES

We are guided and are accountable to 11 principles in everything we do at MaSP and we also encourage members to work within the same as follows:

Planning together Appropriateness Respect, Trust and Mutual Understanding Transparency No one left behind Effectiveness Reciprocity Sustainability Do No Harm Interconnectivity Parity

Sustainability and organizational development



Clarifying mission and core focus: The mission and focus of the MaSP was clarified and agreed upon during the CEO's visit to Scotland in September 2017.

Income diversification: An income diversification strategy has been developed to assist in raising additional funds to sustain MaSP activities.

New office space for secretariat: MaSP went out of the KCN offices in September 2017 and moved into bigger and more spacious space in Scripture Union House in Area 14

Staff Capacity building: 3 out of 5 staff members underwent various CPD trainings in the period under review

All staff were appraised on their performance twice in the period under review.



Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting was held in July 2017 and attended by 60 members. The AGM ushered in three new members onto the MaSP Board. The Mayor of Lilongwe City His Worship Dr Desmond Bikoko presided over the event as Guest of Honor

The MaSP CEO also attended the AGM for the SMP in September 2017 to learn more on how they do their work and interact with members.

Targeted Membership Growth:

5% targeted membership increase from 364 as at March 2017 to 385 as at March 2018.

Enhanced remote participation:

MaSP fed into 4 of the strand meetings held by SMP in Scotland via WhatsApp. WhatsApp groups were created with strand leads and other experts for health, governance, energy, sustainable economic development and education. Questions and responses were anonymously shared among the groups.

Annual Symposium:



One Annual symposium was held in February 2018 under the theme 'Malawi Beyond Aid' and was attended by 170 members. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Emmanuel Fabiano presided over the event as the Guest of Honor. The Scottish Government was represented by MS Joanna Keating who is Head of International Development. The British High Commissioner to Malawi MS Holly Tett also graced the occasion. The SMP was represented by MS Kathy Wright.

The 2018 symposium was a success as can be seen from this comment from the Head of International Development at the Scottish Government:

"MaSP continues to grow from strength to strength, and we're proud to support as a key part of our Malawi prog. [#SDG17](#) [#partnership between](#) [#Scotland / #Malawi](#)"



WHO WE ARE: MEMBERS

Malawi Scotland Partnership is a Malawian owned and led network which exists to support and develop Malawi's many civil society links with Scotland, thereby enhancing the cooperation between Malawi and Scotland government on one hand and the north and south on the other. The network was established in 2005 under the company's Act

We have 385 members across Malawi most of whom have active links with Scotland but they are all joined together for their love of Scotland and its people and the friendships, partnerships and solidarity shared among them.

Members comprise of individuals, schools, civil society organizations and faith based organizations (churches).



264 CSOs

12 Churches

71 Individuals

38 Schools

Who are we: staff

VERA KAMTUKULE (MRS) – Chief Executive Officer

Vera is responsible for the overall management of the partnership's work and is managed by the Board of Directors. Much of Vera's work is focused on the strategic development of the organization, engagement with respective government ministries and departments, parliament, stakeholders and external partnership working.



CLEMENT MASANGANO – Programme Manager

Clement is responsible for member engagement including mobilizing members for cluster and strand meetings. He responds to enquiries and provides advice. He organizes and manages events and forums and supervises the two regional coordinators in the north and southern parts of Malawi. He is managed by the Chief Executive Officer.



MPHATSO SAPANGWA – Finance + Admin. Officer

Mphatso is responsible for managing the financial and internal processes of the partnership ensuring that head office and regional offices are operating smoothly. He is managed by the Chief Executive Officer.



SHADRECK NGULUBE – Regional Coordinator: North

Shadreck is responsible for the management of regional activities and members. Shadreck is also responsible for the management of MaSP's social media platforms aimed at increasing awareness of Malawi's links with Scotland. Shadreck also works to inspire the next generation to be engaged with Scotland through the school partnership programmes. He is managed by the Programme Manager.



RUTH MALUWA – Regional Coordinator: South

Ruth is responsible for the management of southern regional activities and members ensuring that the communication and resource center is well equipped to support member's work. She also provides success stories from members to be published in the news bulletin which is published bimonthly. Ruth also works to inspire the next generation to be engaged with Scotland through the school partnership programme. She is managed by the Programme Manager.



Interns

In our quest to contribute towards the skill development of young people in Malawi, MaSP introduced an internship programme and this year we have had two interns who have been with the partnership from October 2017. Kondwani and Ida support the partnership by compiling and filing programme minutes and reports, managing the central region resource center, assisting in administrative payment processes and assisting staff in liquidation.



IDA KHUDZANI



KONDWANI CHIROMBO

Harnessing member expertise: MaSP engaged the Social Enterprise Academy to provide training to members in the southern and central regions on social enterprising and sustainability. 96% of participants found the course educative both at the organizational and personal levels.

Reciprocal visit: A total number of 25 organizations and 48 individuals who needed information regarding Scotland and Visa Applications were assisted in the period under review.

Communication and Resource centers:

- All CRCs had a total number of 1980 visits
- Total number of 36 meetings
- Blantyre was broken into and all computers stolen in June 2016 and again in January 2018
- All stolen items were recovered and culprits were apprehended and have since been convicted and CRC relaunched



Practical support to members:

MaSP supported a group of boys and their teachers from St Patrick's seminary in Karonga who had issues with their visas but they managed to travel to Scotland as scheduled. Mzuzu Coffee personnel were also supported with their visa application to travel to Scotland for the Trade Fair in support of the Buy Malawi 2018 Campaign in Scotland.



Jack Thompson's funeral in Njuyu: MaSP supported the SMP to ensure that the ashes of the late Jack Thompson Jabulani Jere as was fondly called were buried in Njuyu at a ceremony presided over by the Livingstonia Synod of the CCAP on 16th January 2018

Scottish government international development strategy

Support to SGs work in Malawi:

MaSP supported the implementation of the Scottish Government's International Strategy by ensuring that all members were made aware of the new call for proposals for 2018 to 2022. Members through strand meetings were supported on how they could successfully make an application to access the grants.

MaSP held sensitization meetings for the Scottish Government's call in Lilongwe, Mzuzu and Blantyre.

Strand Meetings:

Two Strand meetings were held in the period under review. First ones were held in May 2017 and the others in November 2018

New Cooperation Agreement:

MaSP facilitated the drafting of the new Cooperation Agreement between Malawi and Scotland through the ministry of Foreign Affairs. The agreement will be signed in April 2018.

Working relationships with the Government of Malawi:

MaSP has developed and maintained 6 working relationships with Ministries of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.



Our impact:

Malawi growth and development strategy and the sustainable development goals

MaSP works to advance the development of vulnerable, isolated and impoverished communities in Malawi by inspiring, facilitating and strengthening existing and new civil society links with Scotland, through advocacy, capacity building and coordination of effort. We ensure that all our members work within the confines and are guided by country priorities stipulated in the MGDS and we are proud to also be part of the global goals, the world wide campaign to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In the words of Colin Cameron, "The partnership that is being championed by Scotland and Malawi is founded on good principles and that means that if its working for these two nations, it can also work for other nations and on that basis we must not hide it from other, we must share it as it is a blue print that others can use to form meaningful partnerships as well".

There is really no formula for what we do. But so far as we know, we are the only ones who work the way we do. By creating a coordinating hub for Malawian organizations linked with Scotland, MaSP ensures that there is less duplication, sharing of relevant skills and experience and the establishment of a resource base which enables vulnerable and isolated communities to be better equipped to counter poverty as can be seen below:

SDG 1: NO POVERTY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Regional meetings:

- 2 meetings for the northern region
- 2 meetings for the central region
- 2 meetings for the southern region
- Total number of 1283 members attending for all regions

Regional elections:

- Three regional cluster elections were conducted, one for each region
- New committees in place
- All committees underwent trainings for their roles



MS Emily Mnyayi, the former Head of Youth and Schools in SMP visited Malawi in September 2017 to support MaSP on its school partnership programme. A total of 4 schools were visited during her visit.



The SEA is implementing a project called 'Journey to Sustainability' in partnership with Open Society for Southern Africa (OSISA). Implemented in 8 districts across Malawi, this project is assisting 52 NGOs in Malawi to become sustainable. So far, organizations are accepting social enterprising as a model for sustainability. Following these achievements, in the year 2018 the SEA shall be organizing pitch events to give these organizations a platform to showcase their social enterprising strategies.



SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong institutions Chance for Change



Pioneers for Change is a programme in Chance for Change that works with girls ranging from 9 – 17 years of age. The purpose of the programme is to raise awareness of the dangers of child trafficking, risky sexual activities, how to avoid abuse and to provide counselling for the girls. The participants therefore undergo different workshops in which they are equipped with expertise that will enable them to be assertive, but also equip them with knowledge of how to stay safe and where to report if they experience any cases of violence abuse.

SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MALAWIAN MIDWIVES (AMAMI)

AMAMI is implementing a project called 'Respectful Maternal Care'. Through this project, communities are now able to demand for better maternal health care services. Additionally, midwives are on the lookout for what they need to do so that access to the service is not affected by unbecoming behavior. Nearly 95% of the women involved in the project in Kasungu and Lilongwe districts have said they like the project.

A follow up project assisted a new group of midwives to be integrated in the system; and they are now delivering maternity health services for rural health centers across Malawi and have therefore contributed towards bridging the capacity gap in maternal health care.



CEO's hospital sleepover:

MaSP CEO participated in a fundraising sleepover where she slept at Zingwangwa Health center in Blantyre to raise awareness on the plight of expectant mothers who access the facility but also to raise funds for the same. The CEO was featured 5 times in the Nation newspaper thereby raising the profile of Malawi Scotland Partnership. As a result of her participation, the British High Commissioner, MS Holly Tett was also inspired to participate and she had her sleepover at Limbe Health Centre.



Member impact

Partnership Principles: 110 members received training on partnership principles

School Partnerships:

- 40 schools were visited in the in the period under review.
- 14 of these schools already have active links with Scotland.
- 10 schools in Karonga received ICT training
- 350 primary and secondary kids attended the Dr Livingstone birthday celebrations at HHI Primary School

Raising awareness 📰 📺 📱 🌐

In 2017/2018 the MaSP successfully grew social media platforms and was featured in both print and electronic media as follows:

Print media: featured 22 times in the period under review

Electronic media: featured 5 times in the period under review on MBC TV, Zodiak TV, Timveni TV, Rainbow TV and Times TV

Facebook: 89% increase in Likes to make a total of 1633 up from 1465 and 42119 impressions

Twitter: 60% increase of followers to make a total of 668 followers from 403 as of March 2017 and 41851 impressions

Website: 5,696 website views which is an increase of 1,212 from 4,484 in the previous year.

Member stories: a total of 34 member videos were done in the period under review

Shared history between Malawi and Scotland: a total of three historical events were shared and celebrated:

- MaSP attended the Queen of England's birthday celebration at the residence of the British High Commission in June 2017
- Colin and Alison Cameron attended the 53rd Independence celebrations in Malawi on 6th July 2017.



- MaSP celebrated the birth and contribution of Dr David Livingstone to Malawi on 19th March 2018 and we were joined by Ross Jennings a Bag Piper from Scotland who is looking to be the first man in the world to play the Bag Pipe in every country on earth



Youth engagement:

MaSP engaged 30 schools and 16 youth centered organizations to inspire them to be involved in Scotland and support them in ICT training. A total of 1275 young people were engaged.



SDG 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION – BASE FLOW

This water project has Supported the development of a government-owned MIS system that will hold the most comprehensive set of water and sanitation data to help track progress to the achievement of SDGs. Currently, the project is supporting a 8-district water and sanitation point mapping which will be scaled up to the rest of the country. The project has also supported the establishment of the Malawi Water Training Institute which will provide SDG-compliant capacity building services to government workers and the wider water sector. The project is supporting the curriculum development and marketing of this Institution. Through this training institution, capacity building can be done through a local government institution, which is more sustainable than through NGOs or foreign aid.



SDG 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ENERGY MALAWI

Community Energy Malawi is implementing a project on community energy development. Through this project, the CEM is assisting rural communities to access affordable energy thereby enhancing access to education for school going children as they as able to study at home.

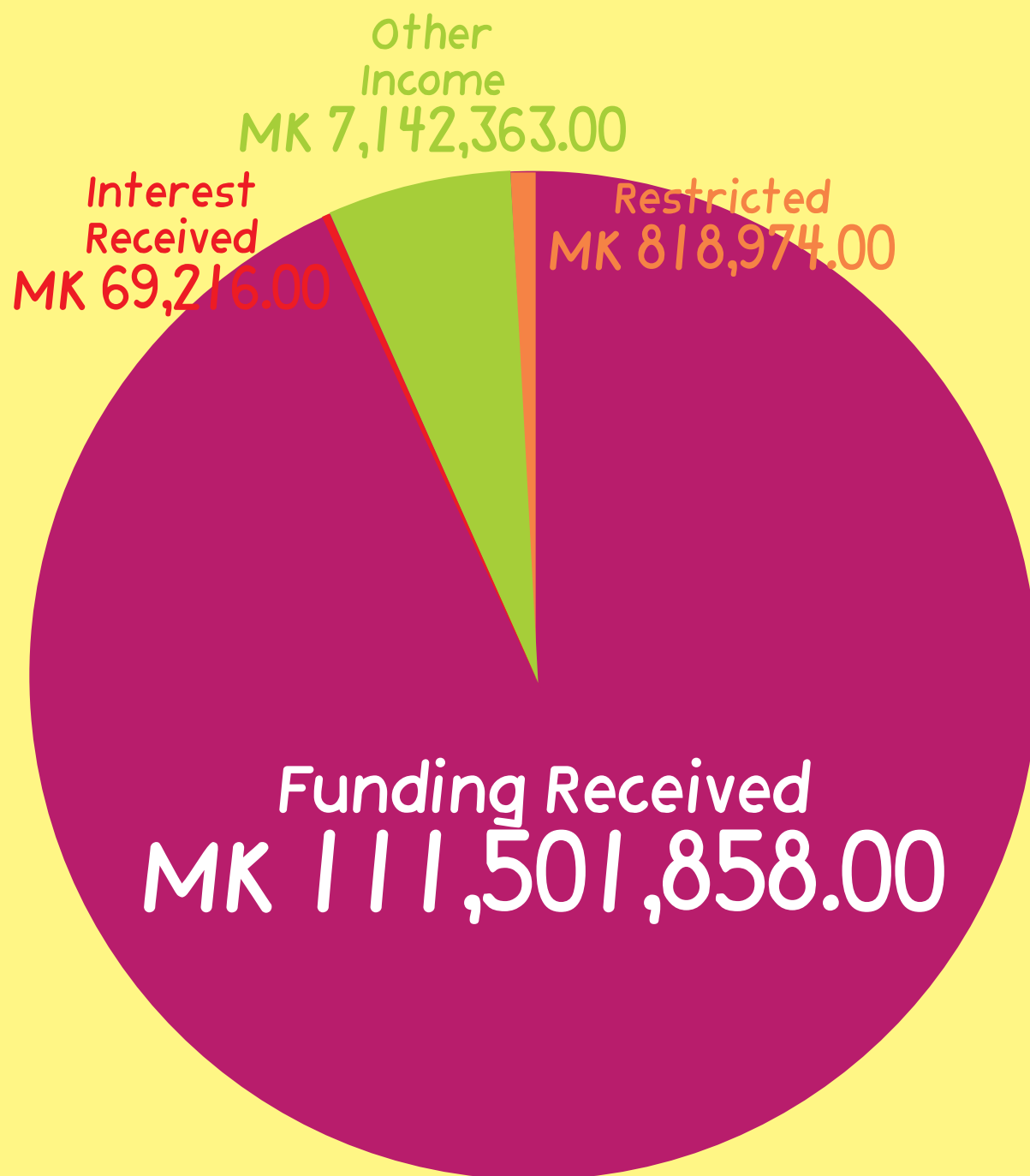


The project also involves installation of solar energy at health clinics which makes a significant contribution towards better health care as most rural health centers are not yet connected to the national grid. This project is being implemented in 12 districts across Malawi.

FINANCE

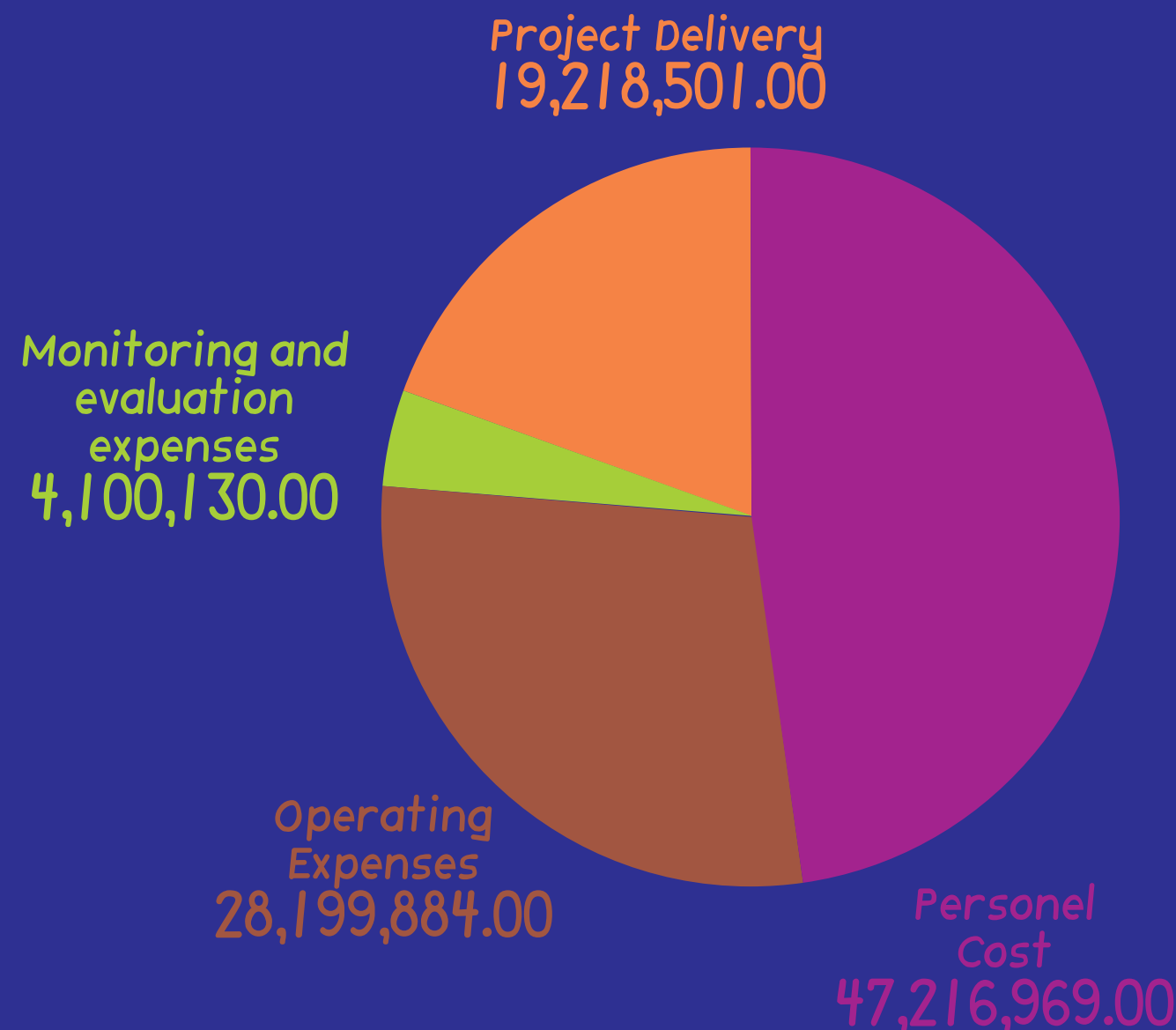
Our work is exclusively funded from grants but MaSP is looking for ways on how to raise more income to support its activities

INCOME



MK 111,501,858.00 of core funding was received from the Scottish government.
MK 818,974.00 is kept in the restricted account.
MK 69,216.42 was bank interest received from our bank accounts.
MK 7,142,363.00 was other income (Exchange rate gains).

EXPENDITURE



MK 47,216,969.00 as Personnel costs which include salaries and wages

MK 28,199,884.00 was spent on operational expenses which are made up of day to day running costs of the office (office rent and other administration costs), Board expenses and trainings, Audit fees and quick book trainings.

MK 19,218,501.00 was spent towards implementation costs. These are expenses on Communication and resource centers (CRC's), Symposium, member trainings, AGM, Regional meetings, cluster meetings and member videos just to mention a few.

Mk 4,100,130.00 was spent on Monitoring and evaluation.