

MAI AISHA TRUST

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Introduction

In the year 2025, Mai Aisha Trust (MAT) remained committed in its mission to empower marginalized communities so as to uplift their living standards through provision of quality education and healthcare services, promotion of sustainable development practices, including irrigation farming to attain food security, and economic empowerment through skills training and provision of start-up materials and resources so as to facilitate their participation in income-generating activities.

Education & Training

Primary and Secondary School Education

Mai Aisha Trust is the proprietor of two private educational institutions: Balaka Islamic Institute (BII) in Balaka district, which offers secondary school education, and Mai Aisha Academy (MAA) in Lilongwe, comprising both a primary and a secondary school.



Balaka Islamic Institute students sitting for end term examinations.





Furthermore, the Trust, in collaboration with its partners, operates ten (10) additional schools in Mangochi District. Three (3) of these offer secondary education; Nangapoche Community Day Secondary

School, Chiwinga Community Day Secondary School, and the newly constructed Ntindiwale Community Day Secondary School, which opened its doors to learners in September 2025.



Part of newly built Ntindiwale Community Day Secondary School at Kwiputi in Mangochi.

Teaching and Learning Materials

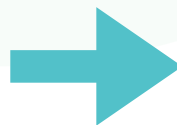
To ensure that all learners have access to a conducive learning environment, Mai Aisha Trust annually provides teaching and learning materials; such as textbooks, desks, school bags, chalkboards, and other essential educational resources to all Government-aided schools under its proprietorship.

In 2025 alone, the Trust procured 140 learners' desks, 60 of which were supplied to Ntindiwale Community Day Secondary School, a newly opened secondary institution.

In addition, learners from low-income households were provided with school uniforms to eliminate barriers to attendance and to support their access to quality education and opportunities for higher learning.



Learners at Amani Primary School expressing their joy upon receiving new school uniforms.





HEALTH CARE Services

Mai Aisha Trust plays a vital role in the health sector. It collaborates with health experts in conducting health needs assessments for rural communities, organising medical camps, and managing health facilities in partnership with the Islamic Health Association of Malawi (IHAM) and Madina Social Services (MSS).

In 2025, the community of Katuli in Mangochi district received much-needed relief and joy with the commissioning of a new health centre at Nsalule, which has been constructed in collaborative with partners. The facility now provides outpatient and maternity services to a population of over 3,500 people. A similar initiative is presently underway in Amani, Matuwi Village, Traditional Authority Mponda, Mangochi district, with the construction of a state-of-the-art clinic in progress.



Newly constructed Nsalule Health Centre at Katuli in Mangochi district.

FOOD SECURITY AND IRRIGATION FARMING INITIATIVES

Through sustained collaboration with long-term partners, the Trust is strengthening food security by managing and supervising over 100 irrigation schemes, including 16 newly established sites in Blantyre District in 2025 alone. The Trust works closely with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, who provide technical expertise to monitor progress, offer guidance, and train farmers in irrigation farming practices.

This collaborative effort directly benefits more than 2,000 subsistence farming households, significantly enhancing food security and increasing crop yields by up to 60% within the targeted communities.

These initiatives are embarked on to support government's efforts in ensuring food security all year round. Mai Aisha Trust assists farmers by building water reservoirs and piping at the reservoir's base. Additionally, the Trust assists farmers with farm inputs such as seeds and fertilisers, and provides complete solar system equipment for farmers utilizing solar-powered irrigation systems.

*Aerial view of
Makolongwe Irrigation
Scheme at
Madziabango in
Blantyre district.*





LIVELIHOOD SECURITY INTERVENTIONS

Provision of Potable Water

Mai Aisha Trust is dedicated to securing clean and safe water for rural areas, aiming to arrest and prevent the spread of waterborne diseases such as Cholera. Furthermore, the Trust, in collaboration with its partners, facilitates the sourcing and distribution of waterwheels to alleviate the burden, primarily borne by elderly women, of transporting water from the boreholes to their homes.

Responding to the urgent need for safe drinking water at Maryview School for the Deaf in Chiradzulu district, the Trust stepped in to construct a borehole within the school campus. Previously, deaf students were exposed to serious danger as they had to cross a busy motorway to fetch water from the opposite side of the road.



A borehole drilled at Maryview School for the Deaf with support from Mai Aisha Trust.

Mai Aisha Trust Borehole Technician, Adam Chipangula (left) taking lead in borehole repairs and maintenance works at Somba in Blantyre district.



In 2025, Mai Aisha Trust, in partnership with its long-term partners, drilled a total of 15 boreholes across the country. The Trust also periodically rehabilitates boreholes reported to be malfunctioning or no longer drawing adequate groundwater.



Microfinance Initiatives

Due to the high unemployment rate, Mai Aisha Trust complements government's efforts by supporting women and other vulnerable groups with soft loans to set up entrepreneurship to sustain themselves economically and socially. So far, the microfinance program, which is managed by the Mai Aisha Sisters and Youth Programme (MASYAP), has provided microloans to over 200 entrepreneurs fostering self-sufficiency and economic stability at household level.

Income-generating Activities

Mai Aisha Trust, in collaboration with its partners, introduced various income-generating activities in rural communities to promote self-reliance, social cohesion, and active participation in community development. These initiatives include goat pass-on programmes and bee-keeping projects, currently being implemented in the villages of Maundu, Makha, Mikundi, Misesa, and Nsenda under Traditional Authority Bwana Nyambi in Mangochi district.

In 2025, the programme continued to make significant impact. A total of 141 bee-keeping farmers were each supplied with a beehive, while their clubs received essential protective equipment, including suits, gumboots, gloves, cellar, mesh wire, nails, plastic sheets, and smokers. These interventions are designed to strengthen household livelihoods and enhance income-generating opportunities within the targeted communities.



RELIEF, WELFARE & FEEDING



Mai Aisha Trust plays a significant role in addressing relief issues and welfare needs within communities that desperately require urgent assistance.

- **Relief Aid:** Through collaborative efforts with local organizations and international donor partners, Mai Aisha Trust is actively involved in providing essential aid to individuals affected by natural disasters. Emergency relief aid is swiftly mobilized and delivered to affected communities, and this include crucial supplies such as food items, blankets, utensils, plastic roofing sheets, and direct cash assistance. Counseling is also provided so as to instill hope and strengthen positivity towards the victims' recovery out of stress and anxiety.
- **Food Distribution:** During Ramadan, iftar packs containing assorted food items were distributed to over 20 thousand households across Mangochi, Balaka, Machinga, Zomba, and other districts in the Southern region, and Ntcheu in the Central region. In response to widespread hunger affecting many parts of the country, the organization also mobilized food supplies, primarily maize flour, which were distributed to needy and hunger-stricken households in rural communities.
- **Qurbani and Aqeeqah:** Mai Aisha Trust implements a Qurbani Programme every year during the blessed month of Dhul-Hijjah. The programme is carried out ensuring that vulnerable households across various communities receive fresh meat as part of their Eid-ul-Adha celebrations. In addition, the Trust facilitates Qurbani on behalf of donors who wish to fulfil their religious obligations through a reliable and accountable institution.



RELIEF, WELFARE & FEEDING

From time to time, Mai Aisha Trust also facilitates Aqeeqah programmes at the request of donors. Through these services, the Trust ensures that all sacrifices are performed in accordance with Islamic teachings, while extending support to disadvantaged families who benefit from the distribution of meat.

- **School Feeding:** Mai Aisha Trust implements a comprehensive school feeding programme that benefits over twenty thousand (20,000) learners daily across various primary schools and madrassas nationwide. The programme, currently operating in 15 schools, provides breakfast to all learners and lunch to those who remain for madrassa lessons.



It's porridge time, and their bright smiles say it all.



Relief Housing

- **Relief Housing:** In 2025, Mai Aisha Trust, in collaboration with its partners, continued its humanitarian commitment by constructing 27 relief houses for elderly and physically challenged individuals across various communities. This initiative, aimed at providing dignified and secure shelter, reflects the Trust's ongoing dedication to ensuring that the

elderly, the vulnerable, and the poor enjoy a decent and comfortable life. Through these housing interventions, MAT has not only improved living conditions for the beneficiaries but also reinforced its broader mission of uplifting marginalized groups and promoting social wellbeing in line with its core values of compassion, service, and community support.



One of the relief houses constructed for the elderly at Kuluwe in Mangochi district.



WOMEN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

In 2025, the Mai Aisha Sisters and Youth AIDS Programme (MASYAP) continued to advance its mission of empowering women, youth, and vulnerable community members through microfinance support, educational initiatives, and health services. The year recorded significant progress, including the restructuring of the microfinance programme into three distinct components—Loan, Murabaha, and Zakaat Grant; each designed to strengthen financial independence and broaden livelihood opportunities.

The Zakaat Grant, introduced as a new component of the microfinance programme, provides targeted support to vulnerable groups such as people living with HIV, widows, elderly women, young mothers, and orphans. Following business

management training, beneficiaries established sustainable microenterprises supported by seed capital disbursed across 38 support groups.



Members of the Namiyango Women Support Group smiling as they showcase their received grant shares

Overall, 2025 marked meaningful strides in economic empowerment across MASYAP's programmes, further reinforcing the organization's commitment to sustained growth and community upliftment.



ISLAMIC INFORMATION BUREAU (IIB)

The Islamic Information Bureau (IIB) remains a vital pillar for the Muslim community in Malawi, promoting spiritual growth, moral guidance, education, and community empowerment. In 2025, the Bureau expanded its impact by engaging with religious leaders, mosque committees, women, youth, Muslim teachers, new Muslims, and the broader community through a comprehensive range of workshops, training sessions, mentorship programs, school engagements, hospital visits, media outreach, Tarbiyah programs, and library services. IIB also remained a trusted centre where people freely walk in to ask questions about Islam, deepen their understanding, and access authentic resources.

Remarkably, during the year, IIB facilitated the establishment of a Muslim prayer room at Bakili Muluzi International Airport, Chileka in Blantyre. Officially opened on 11th April 2025, the facility now serves nearly 115 travelers each month. This achievement, along with other ongoing efforts, has strengthened leadership capacity, enhanced Islamic knowledge, supported social welfare, and promoted unity and positive transformation for both local communities and international visitors.



*Limbe IIB Coordinator
Sheikh Ishaq
Mawaaza poses with
Muslim youths oriented
on Islamic principles at
the Bureau.*

*A glimpse inside the
Muslim Prayer Room at
Bakili Muluzi
International Airport in
Chileka, Blantyre.*



HALAAL DEPARTMENT (HD)

This is a leading and nationally recognized Halaal certifying regulatory body which has been in operation since 1995. It guides on what is pure for human consumption in accordance with the Shariah, and regulates manufacturers and outlets of food and/or related products. So far HD has the confidence of many reputable and credible institutions in the business sector which operate under its certification, inspection, and supervision.

During 2025, the Halaal Department continued its efforts to ensure compliance with Halaal standards across Malawi. Key activities included:

Halaal Certification Services:

- HD certified close to 680 establishments across the country, providing inspections, product ingredient evaluations, issuance of Halaal certificates, and distribution of Halaal stickers for small enterprises.

Civic Education and Awareness:

- HD conducted four national inspection tours, each including six seminars, reaching 24 districts to raise awareness and promote demand for Halaal food.





Halaal Department Administrator, Brother Yasin Bunaya, facilitating a Halaal stakeholders' seminar at Chitakale in Mulanje district.

Market Oversight:

- 84 meat stamps were provided for markets nationwide, with plans to produce 100 stamps for 2026, demonstrating HD's growing presence in local markets.

Civic Education and Awareness:

- Regular national workshops and quarterly meetings with Ulama and staff to strengthen adherence to Halaal practices.

HD's activities in 2025 strengthened its national and international reputation, enhanced operational efficiency, and reinforced trust in Halaal certification. With 680 establishments certified, expanded market oversight, and continuous civic education, HD remains committed to promoting Halaal practices and sustainable growth while supporting global Halaal standardization.



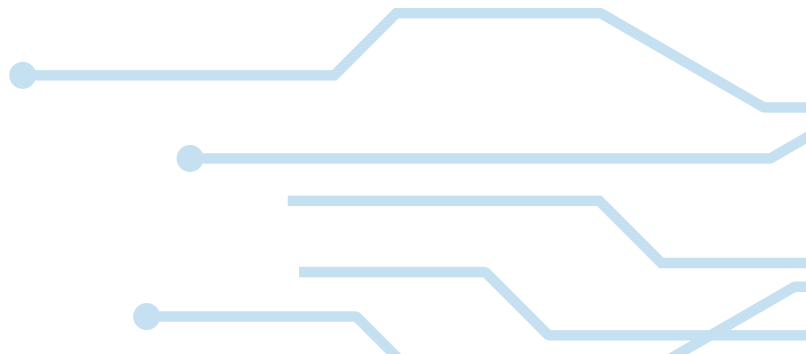
MEDIA, PUBLICATIONS, & RESEARCH INITIATIVES

MEDIA OUTLETS

Mai Aisha Trust values the critical role that media play in informing and educating the public on issues related to spiritual and moral understanding, social and community development, and matters of national significance. To this end, the Trust passionately

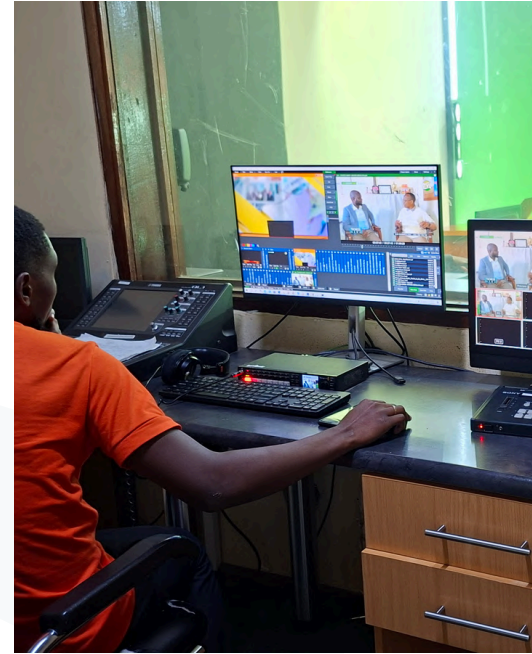
offers financial and moral support to various media establishments, including print, electronic, and new media.

The following are the media institutions Mai Aisha Trust supports in their operations financially and materially:



Television Islam

This is a national broadcaster with a diverse audience and programming, focusing predominantly on Islamic content and the Muslim world. The channel's signal is accessible both on Terrestrial distributed by GoTV and Malawi Digital Broadcasting Networks Limited, and on Satellite distributed by AZAM and ZUKU television signal carriers. It is also associated with social media platforms such as Facebook, You Tube and Instagram. Mai Aisha Trust has assisted Television Islam in recruitment of correspondents in all the regions, successfully covering the 2025 General Elections, painting its offices for a new look, designing its website, purchasing additional equipment and furniture, and managing a successful technical audit conducted by the regulator, Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA).



*Part of TVI studios in Limbe
and below a cover of
Insight Bulletin Magazine*

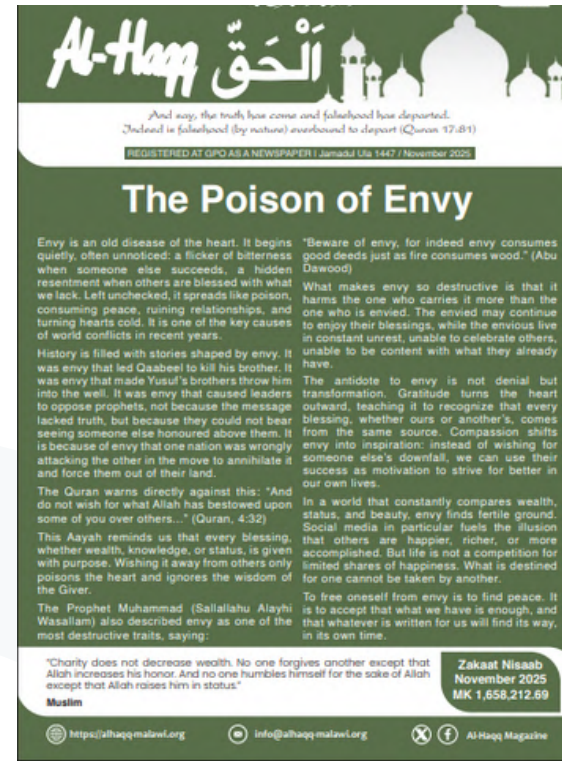
Insight Bulletin

Insight Bulletin: This is a business and social magazine providing diverse, high-quality content distributed to the general public for free. Throughout 2025, the publication participated extensively in the coverage of General Elections as it expanded its editorial scope, enhancing its visual identity, and strengthening its presence in key sectors including governance, finance, gender, social affairs, politics, health and community development. The magazine also continued covering special Islamic features such as the Palestine Focus and Islamic Takaful segments, ensuring cultural and moral depth without limiting its mainstream audience.



Al Haqq Newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter aimed at providing accessible and concise Islamic knowledge to individuals with limited or no prior understanding of Islam. Its objective is to deliver fundamental Islamic teachings in a simple and engaging format, primarily through a question and answer style that facilitates quick learning and retention.



Halaal Briefs

This is an info magazine produced and circulated by the Halaal Department (HD) to inform clients and the general public about Halaal products and recommended food processing methods. Released annually and distributed for free, the publication includes clarifications on frequently asked questions about Halaal certification through its Q&A segment, offering valuable insights for both consumers and business owners. However, in 2025, only a soft copy was published and circulated online.



Qur'an, Literature, Publication & Research



1. Translation of the Qur'an into Chichewa language: Mai Aisha Trust in collaboration with the Council of Ulama and Sheikhs in Malawi plays a vital role to have the Qur'an translated into Chichewa language which is nationally spoken in Malawi. Chichewa, elsewhere called Chinyanja, is also widely spoken in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. To make it more accessible to a larger audience, audio format of the Chichewa-Qur'an translation is readily available for broadcast on both radio and television, and other media platforms.
2. Translation of selected Islamic literature into Chichewa language: This is another equally important project the Organization embarks on annually to foster deeper understanding of Islam among the general public. Currently, in circulation are two newly printed and published books entitled: Chuma Chobisika (The Hidden Treasure) and Chikhulupiliro cha Msilamu (The Muslim's Belief). Going under review is yet another Chichewa translation of a book entitled; My Great Love for Jesus Led Me to Islam, to get printed and published by early 2026.
3. Mai Aisha Trust distributed Chichewa translated copies of the Holy Qur'an and other Islamic literature to various institutions, organizations and individuals through its established Islamic Information Bureaus across the country.



STAFF TRAINING AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION



MAT staff mastering fire extinguishing techniques with their trainer.



Hands-on care: MAT staff practicing CPR skills for emergencies.

The Human Resources Management Department, in collaboration with the Public Relations Office, organized in-house training workshops aimed at equipping staff with essential skills for handling emergency health situations and ensuring workplace safety. The trainings covered a range of areas, including First Aid, choking management, burns, diabetic emergencies, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and fire extinguishing, among others.

Mai Aisha Trust participated in the following meetings and conferences:

➔ School Meals Review Meeting and Technical Working Group, Dedza-Malawi

➔ NGO Governance and Compliance Leadership Summit, Mangochi-Malawi

➔ World Halal Summit, Sandton, Johannesburg-South Africa



CONCLUSION

Mai Aisha Trust remains unwavering in its commitment to transforming lives through a range of humanitarian initiatives focused on empowering underprivileged communities. By delivering programs that provide access to essential resources, health care, and educational opportunities, the Trust strives to break cycles of poverty and uplift those in need. As we move forward, Mai Aisha Trust continues to prioritize resilience, compassion, and community-driven solutions, with a firm belief that every individual deserves a chance at a brighter future. Our mission is not only to improve lives but to inspire hope and foster self-sufficiency among those we serve.

*Halaal
Department
representatives
Brother Yasin
Bunaya (first
from right) and
Sheikh Abdul
Majeed Chibwe
(third from
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