Join Us in Malawi

It can be hard to comprehend the impact of clean water and sanitation when you’ve never experienced life without it. But when you’re walking miles each day to fetch water or worrying that the water you do have will make your family sick, the reality is much clearer. Water is life. The communities where Water For People works are passionate about sharing what reliable water and sanitation have done for their schools, their homes, and their lives. Come join a group of like-minded supporters as we experience this work firsthand!

Is This Trip for You?

The ideal candidates for this trip are current Water For People supporters who want to deepen their understanding of our work. This trip is also open to people who are new to our work and want to engage at a higher level.

You’ll come away with a deeper understanding of the work Water For People does on a local and national level, what sustainable infrastructure can look like, how communities build for their needs, and the importance of solving the global water crisis once and for all.

An Impact Exchange Is...

- Meetings with Water For People staff, local community members, and government officials.
- An inside look at how sustainable infrastructure is built.
- Made up of long days, packed with learning and cultural immersion.
- Visits to both city centers and rural communities, possibly across rugged terrain at high altitudes.
- A set itinerary. If you need special accommodation, please reach out to us before deciding to travel.
- An opportunity to experience a guided local cultural immersion day, including museums, cuisine, art and attractions, history, and more!

An Impact Exchange Is Not...

- A hands-on volunteer experience. We will not be performing manual labor, building systems, or consulting on in-country projects. For more on how our model is different, click here.
- A relaxing vacation at a resort. If you’re eager to see more of Malawi, you’re welcome to extend your visit before or after our Impact Exchange!

After You Return...

- We will call on you to share your experience with our broader community by speaking at virtual events, writing a blog for our website, hosting a presentation at your workplace, or another method that works for you.
- We will follow up with you at regular intervals in the year after your trip to learn how this experience is being put to work in your local community.
Trip Itinerary

**Saturday, Nov. 2 – Arrivals**
All participants will fly into the Chileka International Airport in Blantyre, Malawi. A Water For People staff member will meet you upon arrival and pickups will be arranged by arrival-time groupings.

**Sunday, Nov. 3 – Tourism Day**
Explore the culture and history of Malawi with a tourism day in and around Blantyre! This will be a guided tourism day followed by a welcome dinner in the evening.

**Monday, Nov. 4 – Orientation**
Meet our Malawi Country Program team and learn about the Everyone Forever model in the three districts where we work.

**Tuesday–Thursday, Nov. 5–7 – Partner and Community Visits**
Expand your understanding of Water For People’s impact over three days by visiting communities and directly hearing from government officials, leaders, and partners.

**Friday, Nov. 8 – Departure and Travel Home**
Airport drop-offs will be grouped based on departure times.

Cost per person: $3,500

**Included:**
- In–country transportation
- Lodging and meals
- Interpretation services, as needed
- Tips for meals, guides, and drivers
- Comprehensive international health insurance for the duration of the Exchange

**Not Included:**
- Airfare to Malawi
- Passport and visa fees, where applicable
- Vaccinations and recommended medications
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol

Registration Process

Registration for the Impact Exchange is open! Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

The payment deadline is Friday, September 13, 2024. Participants can reserve their spot with a $1,000 deposit, if registering prior to August 15, 2024. After August 15, full payment is required. Cancellation prior to September 13 will result in a 50% refund. Cancellation after September 13 will result in a forfeiture of all funds paid to Water For People.

COVID-19 continues to be a consideration for international travel, not only for the safety of our staff, but also for traveling participants and the communities we are visiting. The occurrence of each Impact Exchange is dependent upon the COVID-19 infection rate in the hosting country, along with safety recommendations made by the local government and our team.

Water For People is happy to refer you to our trusted travel partner for assistance with travel arrangements.

If you’re interested in joining us, please email Julie Kauffman, jkauffman@waterforpeople.org.