

OVERVIEW

Household Economy Analysis (HEA) and IPC reports, 2022, indicated that 20% of Malawi’s Population would be food insecure from October 2022 to March 2023. This meant that children would be at risk of malnutrition and other negative outcomes caused by negative coping mechanisms that families may employ in attempt to meet their food needs. Our AA provided cash assistance ahead of the lean season to families to enable them to stockpile food and protect livelihoods.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Save the Children Humanitarian Fund

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

5 months (August 2022 to March 2023)

LOCATION

Zomba District

TARGET

3,257 Households

BUDGET

USD 441,000

- CASH PLUS COMPONENTS
- Nutrition
 - Village Savings and Loans
 - Gender mainstreaming and inclusion

MALAWI COUNTRY OFFICE: DRY SPELL ANTICIPATORY ACTION (2021/22 SEASON)

INTERVENTIONS & APPROACHES IN PICTURES



CASH TRANSFERS: A beneficiary receives cash from an agent



MOBILE CASH TRANSFERS: Beneficiaries register for mobile cash transfers



STOCK-PILLING AND LIVESTOCK: Chiwaya and his wife have enough food and livestock



INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: Our AA has embraced inclusion



VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS: AA has empowered families to invest in VSLs



NUTRITION SCREENING: This cash plus component has been impactful



THE POTTAGE APPROACH: Families empowered to address nutrition related challenges for children with cerebral palsy



FOOD PREPARATION: Families drilled in balanced dietary



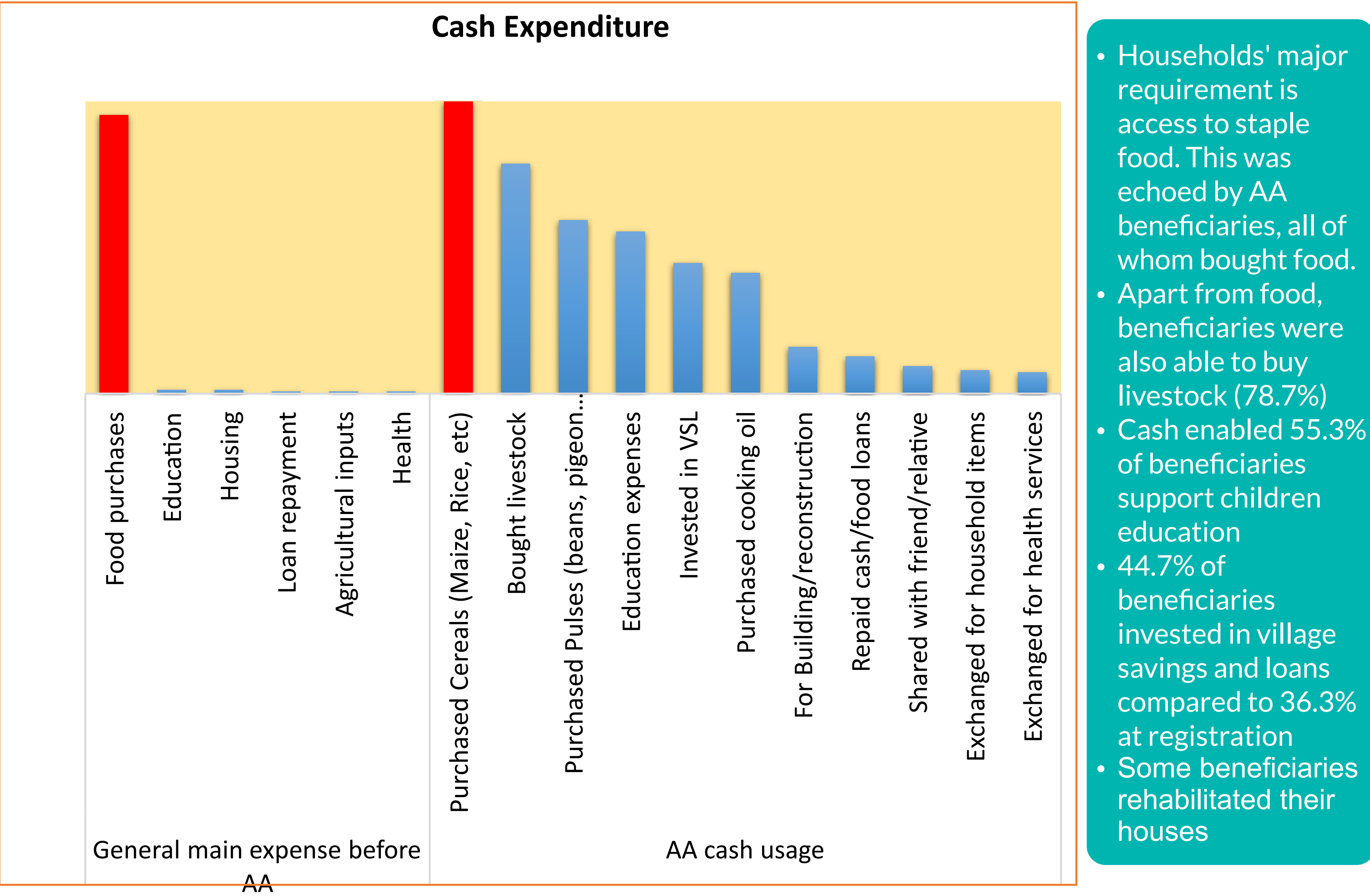
LEARNING AND SHARING : Deputy Director for Department of Disaster Management Affairs interacts with beneficiaries, appreciating project progress




INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION: Cash transfers have empowered families to invest in children's education



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NOTABLE QUOTES



"My administration is implementing the 2023 lean season response, providing humanitarian assistance through two modalities: direct food assistance and cash transfers. Meanwhile my administration in collaboration with Save the Children (and others) has mobilized 41billion Malawi kwacha for cash transfers which will target food insecure households up to the end of the consumption season."

President Lazarus Chakwera, SONA, 17 Feb 2023



"The idea of responding to crisis before it happens has built a strong case that the government and other stakeholders has to borrow a leaf from. I have seen that the AA project has helped families to better cope with hunger without using negative coping mechanisms which is the most success of the project."

Fyaupi Mwagongo, Department for Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) Deputy Director

- LESSONS
- Consistent tracking of trigger indicators, comprehensive data and analysis is key for success
 - Timely activation of AA when trigger thresholds have been met is a critical success factor
 - Timely resource mobilization ensures timely implementation

- CHALLENGES
- The project started in Aug and although it succeeded, it could have been a huge success if it had started in June 2022
 - There was inconsitent data collection and analysis and this affected projections
 - The project failed to set realistic trigger thresholds

