

BLOOD:WATER LEADER OF THE YEAR

Jimmy Katuma

Jimmy Katuma is the Executive Director for CO-PRED in Malawi. Jimmy commits himself and CO-PRED to delivering the highest integrity of implementation to their beneficiary communities, and reflects the same posture when it comes to the integrity of their work and the work of those who have promised to do the same.

Jimmy serves as an advocate for the communities he serves, and takes the responsibility to hold those in power accountable to do the same with the utmost seriousness. This remained unchanged in 2020, where under Jimmy's leadership COPRED was a strong voice in the COVID response to those in power, ensuring no community was overlooked. He is not afraid to demand what the communities he serves deserve. Furthermore, Jimmy allocated the financial award received from winning 2019's Leader of the Year to purchase a vehicle that would keep his staff safe where work was able to resume following COVID protocols.

Jimmy, and subsequently his team intentionally positions communities in the center of all their work. Jimmy himself is personally known by community members and his relationship to them is consistently exemplified during Blood:Water visits. Additionally, Jimmy is not afraid to challenge his staff and the communities COPRED serves to pick up their agency in their individualized spheres of influences. His leadership style models empowerment at every level, influencing those under him to catalyze needed change.



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