



BCV Update
Spring 2024

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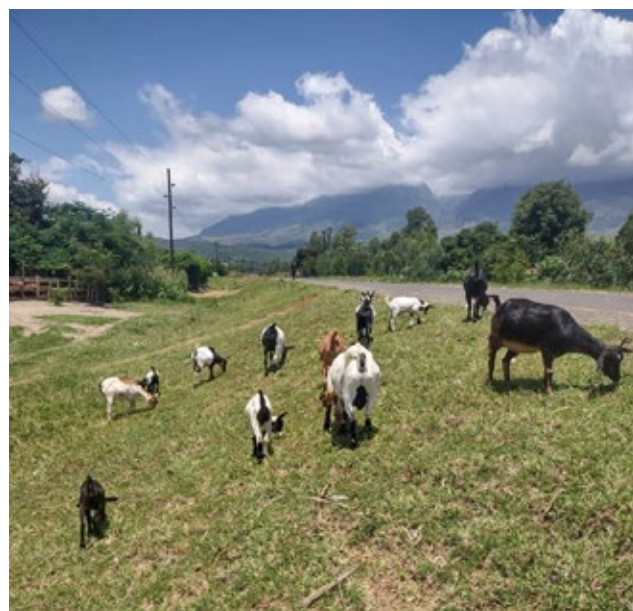
Last year, Cyclone Freddy struck the southeastern coast of Africa and caused extensive damage to several countries. What made this cyclone so unique was its ability to maintain violent winds over a long period of time. This meteorological system eventually made its way back into the Indian ocean, however, it regained strength and made its way inland for a second time, with maintained strength! Never before has such a cyclone hit southeastern Africa! Unfortunately, Malawi suffered the most damage of all the countries affected by this cyclone.

Deaths and Damage by country					
Nation/Territory	Fatalities	Missing	Injuries	Affected	Damage (USD)
Madagascar	17	3		299,000	
Malawi	1,216		1,724	>500,000	
Mauritius	1	16	0	2,500	
Mozambique	198		280	>1,074,970	
Reunion	0	0	0	>25,000	
Zimbabwe	2	0	0		
Totals:	1,434	19	2,004	>1,712,987	\$655 Million

The impact it had on Malawi was significantly more than any other country. As you can see on the included chart, about 85% of all the deaths that resulted from this cyclone came from Malawi. Also, 86% of all the injuries came from Malawi. What we want you to know is that God protects his children. God protected us. God protected BCV. We did not have any loss of life or injuries to any of our children or staff at our campus!

However, the impact of this storm was greatest on our livestock. We sustained some significant loss to

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our livestock due to the drop in temperatures, wind chill and flooding. We lost nearly half of our cattle livestock as our herd was reduced from 31 to 17. Also, our goats were reduced from 60 down to 10. The great news is we have two new goat births and we are up to 12 goats! We've also had four new cow births and we're at 21 cows now! Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



Exciting News! We've redesigned our website!

Log in to www.bcvinc.org to see our new webpage! We're sharing some new statistics of the impact you've helped us make in the Malawi Community since we began 12 years ago! Also, there are some never before seen photos that we're making available only through the website. Whether you're viewing the site from a pc/laptop or mobile device, you'll love the new layout. Feel free to give us some feedback on our contact us page! Finally, don't forget to sign up to attend a future mission trip on our Trips & Volunteers page! See you soon!





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