









TO THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF MALAWI,

TIYENI TICHENJERE.

In 2025 — more than 60 years after we gained independence — our young people are still suffering. They are walking the streets with no jobs. They are lying in hospitals without medicine. They are finishing school, only to return to the same poverty they were born into. This is not freedom. This is not the Malawi our ancestors fought for

You deserve better. And you must demand better.

True independence means dignity. It means a **life of meaning** — where a young person can work, dream, and build. It means affordable food, working hospitals, clean water, and safe roads. It means being able to live with purpose, not just survive from day to day. You were not born to suffer.

That is why I stand with **UTM** — because we are not here to decorate power, we are here to transform it. UTM is not just a party. It is a home for the frustrated, a voice for the forgotten, and a tool for the willing. It is where the youth take their rightful place in building a new Malawi.

This manifesto is not simply words — it is a map.

A map to jobs, to land, to education, to healing, to ownership, and to self-worth.

But a map must be followed.

You must rise.
You must vote UTM.
We must lead together.

And let me make you a promise — not as a politician, but as a Malawian son who knows the struggle of this land: If you entrust UTM with leadership, I will not serve titles or offices. I will serve people. I will serve you. I will wake up every day with one mission — to fight for YOUR FUTURE.

I will not lead from behind a gate. I will walk with you — from the village path to the tarmac road, from the campus to the market stall. We will not lead for you. **WE WILL LEAD WITH YOU.**

Vote for youth. Vote for truth. Vote for action. Vote UTM.

Zikomo kwambiri. May God bless Malawi.

Dr. Dalitso KabambePresidential Candidate — UTM Party





CHAPTER 01

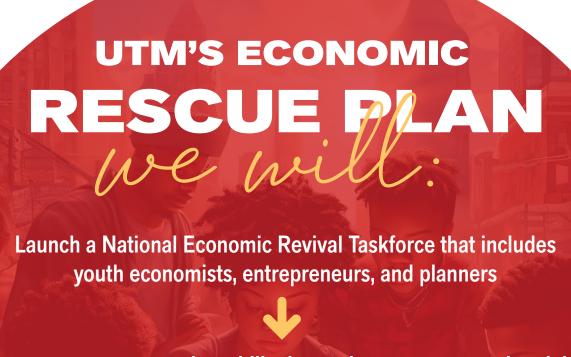
ECONOMIC REVIVAL AND STABILITY, AND INNOVATION

UTM will launch a National Economic Revival Taskforce, support youth entrepreneurship, and promote Made in Malawi industries. Youth Enterprise Parks and SEZs will empower the next generation.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi's economy is in a crisis. Inflation is high. The kwacha is weak. Businesses are closing. Youth are being educated into unemployment. UTM believes it's time to admit the truth and rebuild the economy from the ground up—starting with the young.





Restore macroeconomic stability by cutting waste, managing debt, and working with credible partners

Provide low-interest loans and business grants for young Malawians to start real businesses — not handouts, but smart investments

Support local industries and "Made in Malawi" goods to reduce imports and increase jobs

JOBS AND YOUTH ENTERPRISE

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CREATE

Youth Enterprise
Parks with internet,
shared tools,
mentorship, and
marketing platforms

PROMOTE

youth cooperatives in farming, manufacturing, tech, and transport

RESERVE

a percentage
of public
procurement for
youth-owned
businesses



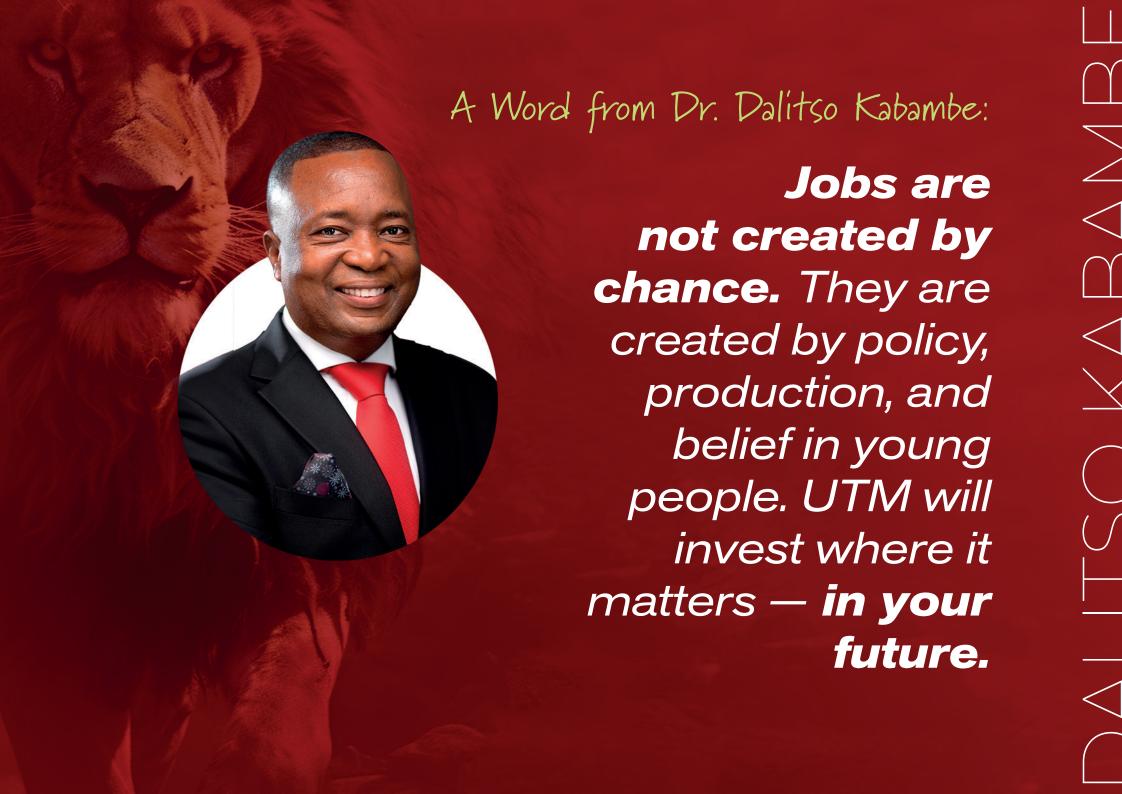
what this means

FOR YOU

You'll have access to capital, tools, and **mentorship** to launch a business You'll work in industries that add value, not just survive as a vendor

You'll be part of **building** an economy that includes — not excludes — the youth







CHAPTER 02

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY:

FROM HUNGER TO PROSPERITY

UTM will modernize farming, invest in irrigation, and create Youth Farm Blocks. Agriculture is not a fallback — it's a frontier for youth innovation, investment, and leadership.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi depends on agriculture, but farmers remain poor and food is expensive. Climate change, poor planning, and outdated methods make things worse. Most youth have given up on farming. UTM believes agriculture must become a real business — modern, profitable, and youth-led.

UTM'S AGRICULTURE

RESCUE STRATEGY

Reform input subsidy programs to remove corruption and improve delivery



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Establish youth farm blocks with irrigation, shared equipment, and access to markets



Invest in rural irrigation schemes and climate-smart farming



Build agro-processing centers to turn raw harvests into income-generating products



YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

LAUNCH a National Youth Agribusiness Fund with loans and training

PROMOTE cooperatives that help youth negotiate better prices and access large buyers

SUPPORT mechanization hubs where youth can access tractors and tools at low cost



what this means



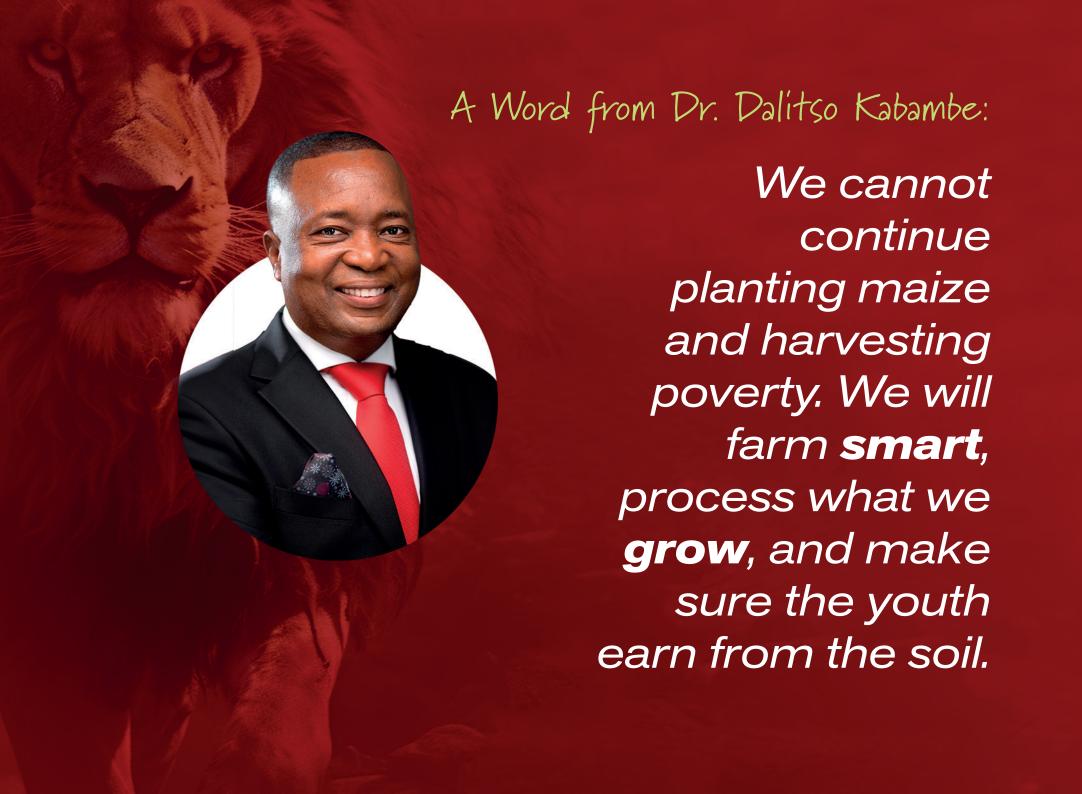
You'll access land, water, tools, and capital



You'll earn more from farming by moving up the value chain



You'll transform rural communities with technology and business





CHAPTER 03

INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING:

MADE IN MALAWI, MADE BY YOUTH

Revive industrial parks, support youth production businesses, and promote green manufacturing. UTM sees youth as makers and exporters of a new economy.

WHY THIS MATTERS

We import everything—from toothpicks to tomatoes. Meanwhile, our young people are unemployed. UTM believes that building factories, supporting local production, and training youth is key to job creation.



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INDUSTRIALIZATION PLAN will:

Rehabilitate industrial parks and attract youth-led manufacturing businesses



Offer tax breaks, utility discounts, and startup capital for young producers



Invest in reliable electricity, roads, and logistics to support factories

TRAINING AND

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

EXPAND

training in carpentry, tailoring, food processing, and fabrication 2

SET UP

machinery leasing programs for young cooperatives

3

RUN

nationwide trade fairs and procurement programs for youthmade products



SMART POLICY and GREEN INDUSTRY

- Develop environmentally
 friendly manufacturing and recycling businesses
- Support quality certification, branding, and export facilitation
- Work with SADC and COMESA to sell Malawian goods regionally





You'll have access to workshops, labs, and markets



You'll learn to make and sell real products



You'll revive the pride of "Made in Malawi — by youth"





CHAPTER 04

ENERGY: POWERING POSSIBILITY

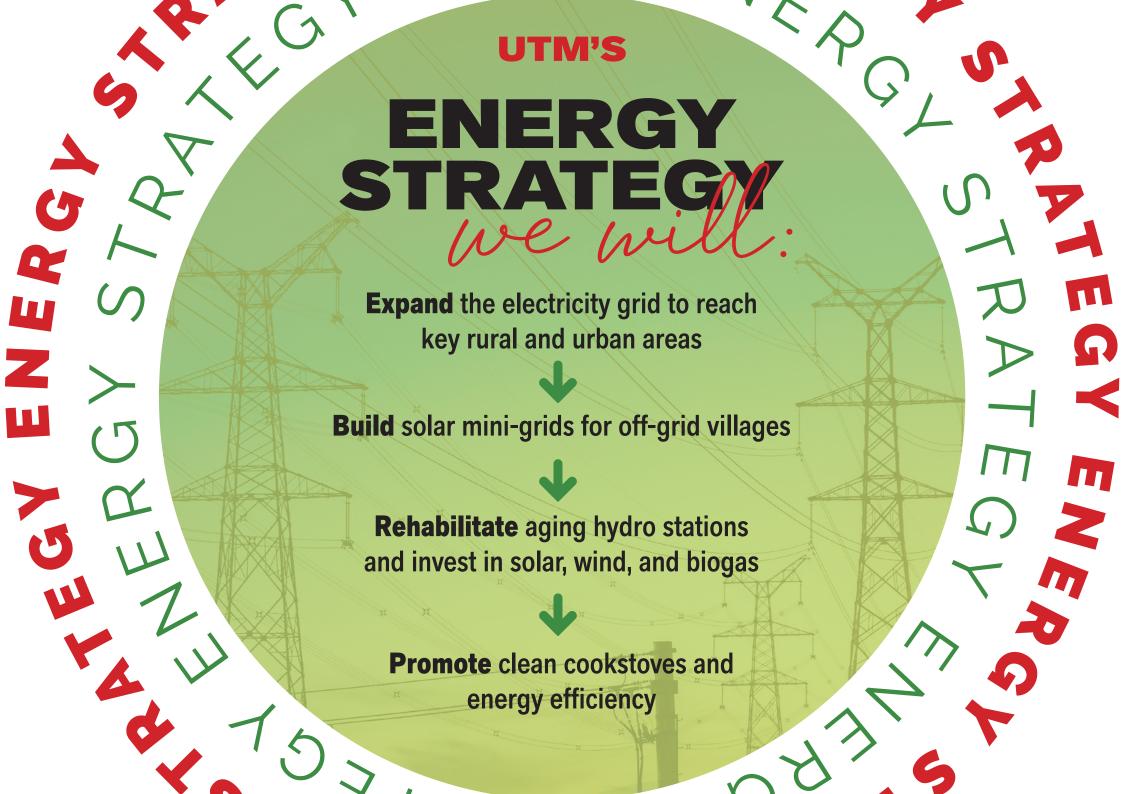
UTM will expand the grid, invest in solar and hydro, and train youth in energy entrepreneurship. Power is opportunity — and youth will light Malawi's future.





No power, no progress. Youth can't study. Businesses can't run. Hospitals shut down. UTM believes that affordable and reliable energy is the engine of growth — and a right for all.







YOUTHIN ENERGY

TRAIN youth in solar installation, repair and entrepreneurship

SUPPORT cooperatives to run mini-grids and energy kiosks

OFFER capital for youth-led energy solutions and products

what this means

FOR YOU



You'll access power for work, school, and business



You'll build green solutions that protect the environment



You'll earn through energy jobs and services





CHAPTER 05

MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

TURNING HIDDEN WEALTH INTO SHARED PROSPERITY

UTM commits to ethical mining and youth-led value chains.

From geology to jewelry, young Malawians will benefit from the nation's mineral wealth.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi has gold, rare earths, and precious stones. But the wealth benefits foreigners — not Malawians. UTM believes in mining for the people, not for outsiders.





YOUTH IN THE MINIG SECTOR

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TRAIN

youth in geology, safety, equipment, and stone cutting

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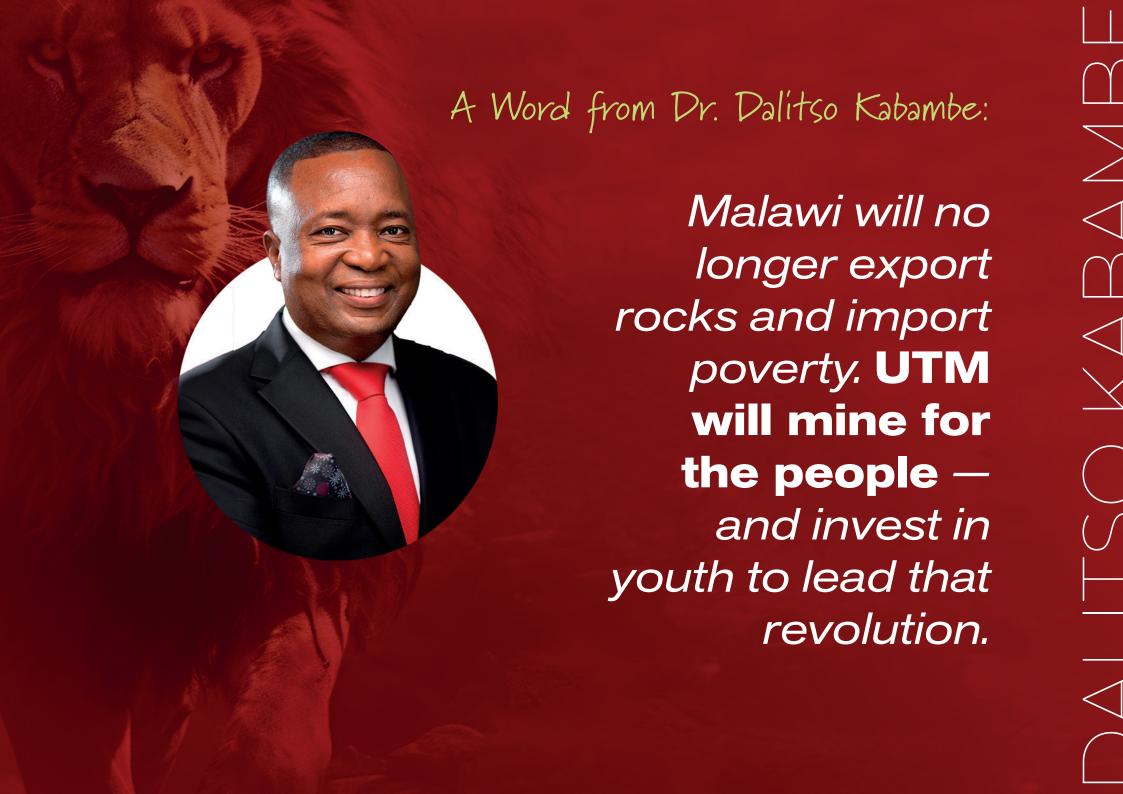
licenses and land for youth cooperatives

FUND

youth logistics, jewelry, and mineral services businesses

what this means







CHAPTER 06

TOURISM, CULTURE, AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES:

CELEBRATING IDENTITY, CREATING INCOME

UTM will promote eco-tourism, invest in arts, and support youth creators with funding and digital platforms. Culture will be an engine of income and pride.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi is one of the most beautiful countries in Africa, yet our tourism industry remains small and underutilized. Artists and creatives have talent but no support. UTM believes tourism and culture can drive income, jobs, and national pride — especially for the youth.







YOUTHIN TOURISM AND CULTURE

- Train youth in hospitality, tour guiding, and digital marketing
- Partner with private sector to create job pathways in travel, events, and heritage management
- Showcase youth talent at local and regional festivals

• EXPANDING ACCESS AND MARKETS

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SIMPLIFY

visas and encourage regional travel deals

BUILD

online platforms for selling art, crafts, and content

DEVELOP

youth-led community tourism and homestay programs





You'll earn from your creativity and culture



You'll build careers in hospitality, arts, and tourism



You'll help show the world the beauty and talent of Malawi







INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS:

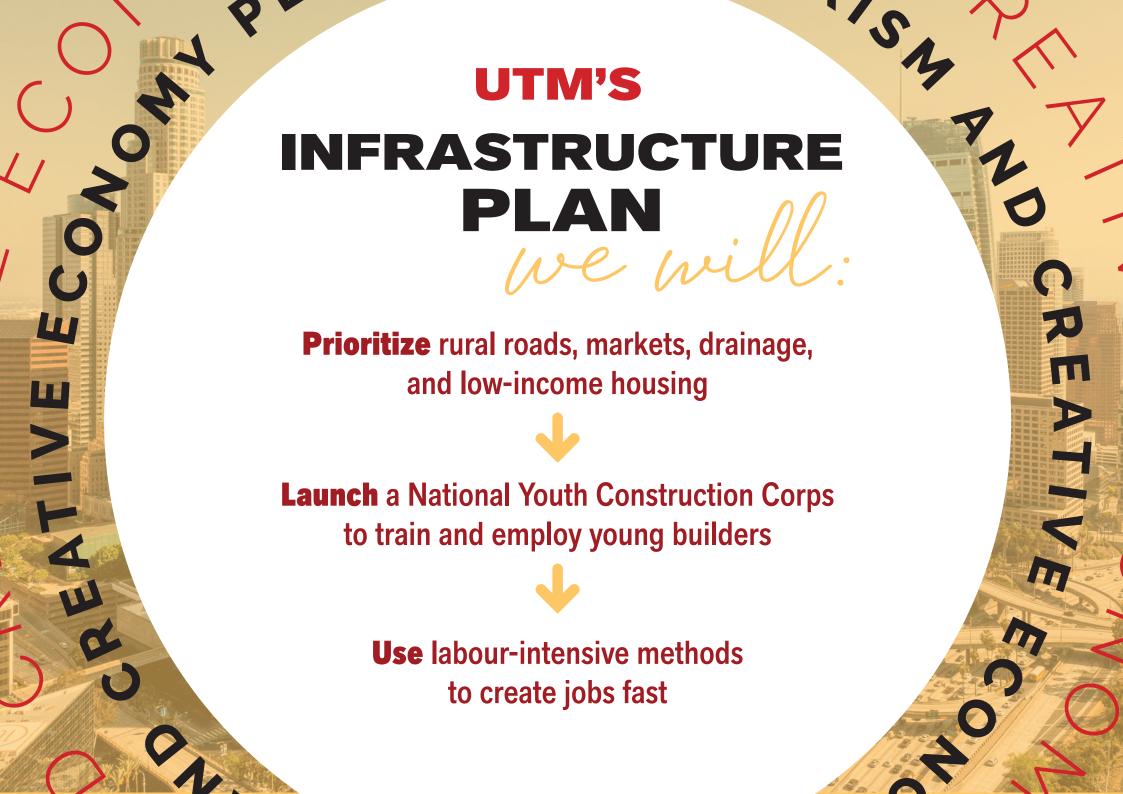
BUILDING FOR JOBS AND EQUITY

UTM will rebuild roads, schools, and hospitals with youth labor brigades and training programs. Youth will be the hands that build Malawi.



Poor roads, broken bridges, and collapsed buildings are more than eyesores — they block opportunity. **Malawi needs serious infrastructure**, not ribbon-cutting ceremonies. UTM sees public works as a tool for economic recovery and youth jobs.







SUSTAINABLE AND SMART BUILDING

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Use climate-resilient materials

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Involve youth in public planning meetings

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Promote low-cost green building models for public use

what this means

FOR YOU

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You'll get trained and employed in public infrastructure

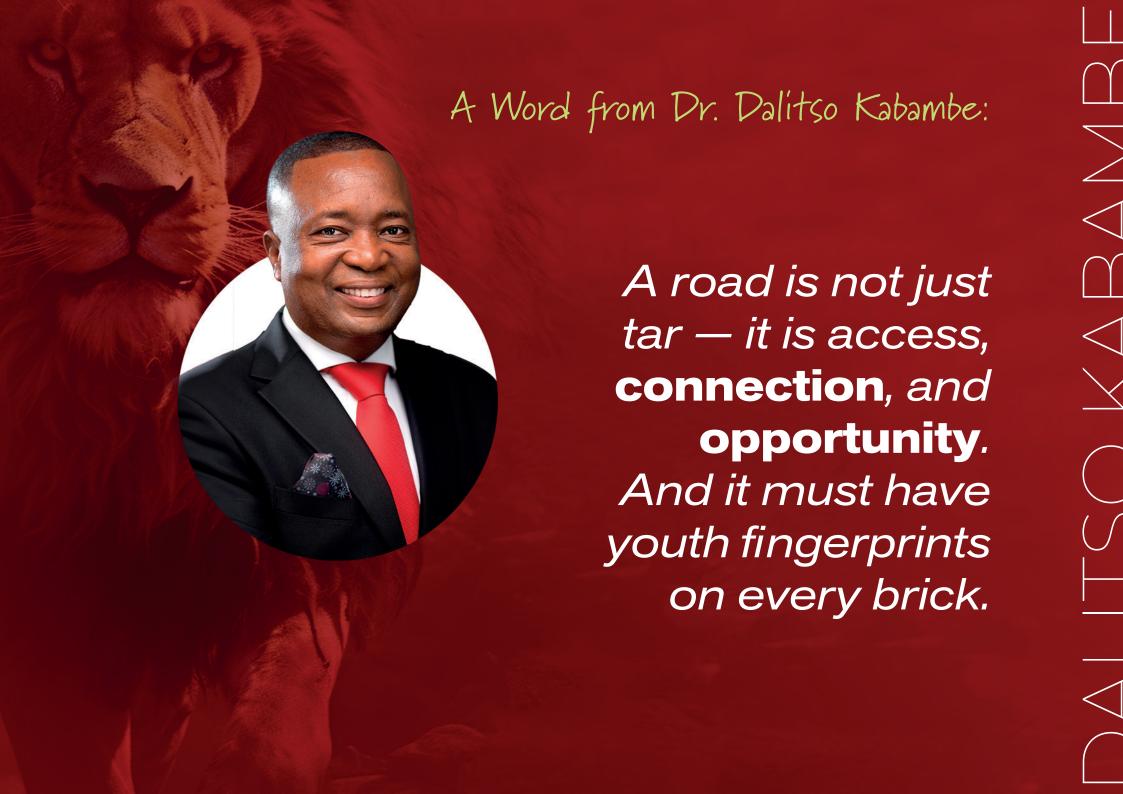


You'll earn while building Malawi's future



You'll turn technical skills into lifelong careers







CHAPTER 08

EDUCATION AND SKILLS:

LEARNING THAT WORKS

Free education, TVET expansion, digital learning, and university reforms. UTM will give every youth the tools to learn, earn, and lead.



WHYTHIS MATTERS

School is supposed to be the path out of poverty
— but for many, it's just a delay. Underfunded schools and outdated lessons don't match the job market. UTM believes education must prepare youth for life, not just exams.





SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY

1

3

REVAMP

vocational and technical schools with modern tools

INTRODUCE

entrepreneurship, coding, climate science, and digital skills from early grades

LINK

students to internships and apprenticeships



what this means

FOR YOU

You'll get quality education that leads to jobs

You'll learn real skills that match today's economy

You'll have tools to solve problems — not just memorize them







CHAPTER 09

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

EVERY YOUTH COUNTS

Free primary care, mental health services, and youth-friendly corners in clinics. A healthy nation starts with empowered young people.



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Many youth can't afford a clinic visit. Others suffer in silence from mental stress, sexual health issues, or chronic illness. UTM believes health care must be public, free, and youth-focused.



RECOVERY PLAM

we will.

HEALTH

Provide essential services free at all public facilities



Fix drug supply systems and expand rural clinics



Hire more nurses, midwives, and doctors — especially in underserved districts



YOUTH-FOCUSED
SERVICES

Open youth health corners in hospitals and health centers

Expand mental health and counseling services in schools and communities

Provide reproductive health education without shame

what this means

FOR YOU

You'll access free, respectful, and youth-friendly health care

You'll be informed and confident about your body and mind

You'll help lead a movement for healthier communities







Youth in decision-making. Clean institutions. UTM will open government and teach governance — and you will hold it accountable.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Too many young people see politics as a dirty game. Corruption has stolen public trust. UTM believes that governance should be clean, inclusive, and driven by values.





Enforce asset declarations and audit laws for all public officials



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Digitize public services to reduce corruption and increase access



Strengthen the Anti-Corruption Bureau and courts



CIVIC EDUCATION AND INCLUSION

1

INTEGRATE

civic education into school curriculums

2

SUPPORT

Support peaceful activism, journalism, and public debate

3

PROTECT

freedom of speech and access to information









You'll fight corruption with tech, truth, and teamwork



You'll help shape policies that affect your future



You'll join a new generation of honest public leaders





YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION:

FROM MARGINS TO LEADERSHIP

Youth councils, budget allocations, leadership training. UTM believes youth are not too young to lead — you are the solution.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi's youth make up the majority — but too many are jobless, voiceless, and sidelined. UTM believes youth are not a ticking time bomb — you are a national asset. If empowered, you can change everything.



WARD PLAN YOUTH POWER

THE UTM YOUTH POWER PLAM We will

Launch a Youth Connekt Digital Platform for jobs, funding and civic action



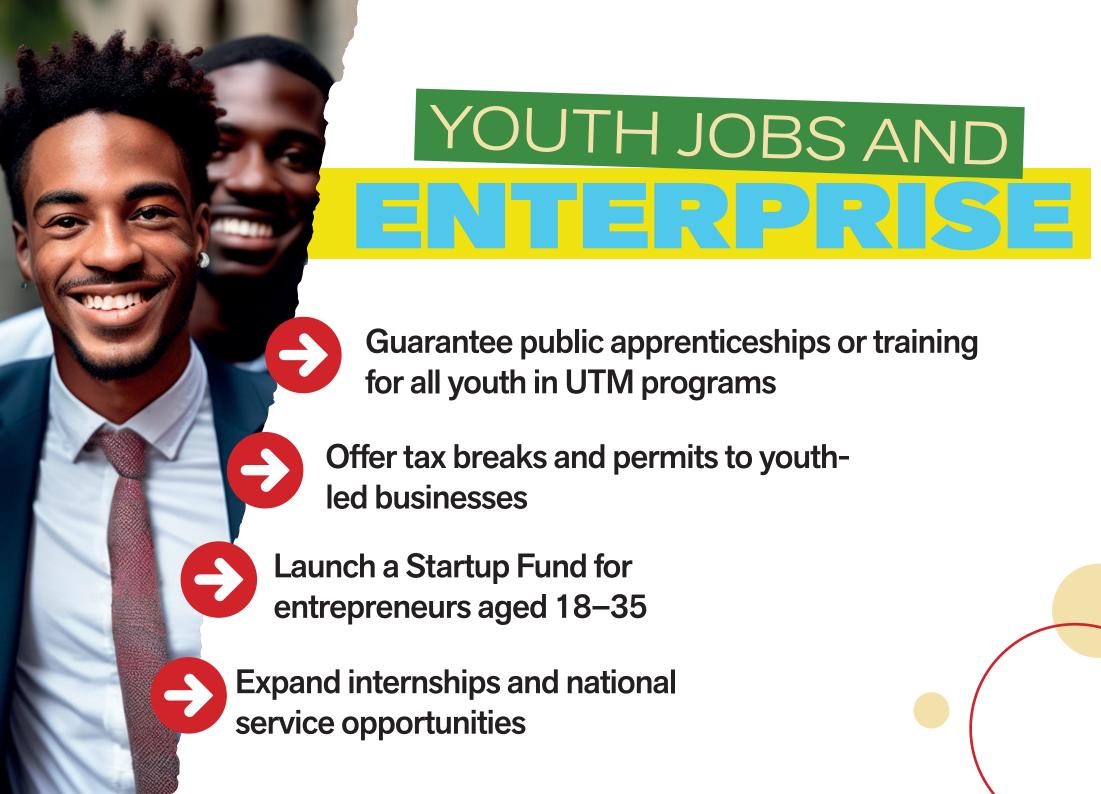
Establish a Presidential Youth Council to advise on national policy



Build Smart Youth Centers with internet, career services, and mental health support in every district



Reserve 10% of the national budget for youth-focused programs



DIGITAL SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

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HOLD

national innovation contests and youth hackathons

TRAIN

youth in Al, fintech, and mobile tech

SUPPORT

youth tech cooperatives

TEACH

coding, public speaking, and civic skills from early grades 3 4



RIGHTS AND

REPRESENTATION



- Criminalize youth exploitation and harassment
- Offer legal, health, and counseling support to vulnerable youth
- Appoint a Youth Ombudsman to investigate abuse
- Celebrate youth excellence with awards and public platforms

what this means

FOR YOU

4

You'll have real influence in government and policy



You'll access funding, training, and visibility



You'll stop asking to be included and start leading change





We will not patronize you with slogans. **UTM** will give real power and hold the door open for a generation ready to lead.



GENDER
EQUALITY
AND WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT:

UTM stands for equal pay, safe schools, and women in leadership.

LEVELING THE GROUND

Youth must help dismantle gender barriers.



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Young women face early marriage, gender violence, and job barriers. It's unjust and it's bad economics. UTM believes you can't develop Malawi while excluding half the population.



JUSTICE AGENDA We will:

Fully implement the Gender Equality Act and increase penalties for abuse



Ensure women earn equally and work safely



Expand support for GBV survivors and shelters

EMPOWERING GIRLS AND WOMEN

Provide free sanitary products in schools

2

Encourage girls in science, leadership, and coding

3

Support womenled enterprises with grants and tenders





what this means

FOR YOU

You'll grow up in safer, fairer schools and workplaces

You'll access opportunities without bias or violence

You'll rise as leaders, decision-makers, and builders of Malawi







ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION:

SURVIVE, ADAPT, REBUILD

Reforestation, climate-smart farming, and green jobs.

UTM will train and fund youth to be defenders of the planet.



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Floods, droughts, and deforestation are destroying lives and crops. Climate change is real—and Malawi is already suffering. UTM sees youth as the front-line defenders of our future.





LIVELIHOODS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Build disaster earlywarning systems with youth participation

Develop eco-tourism, sustainable fishing, and organic markets

Create jobs in recycling, composting, and clean cooking solutions

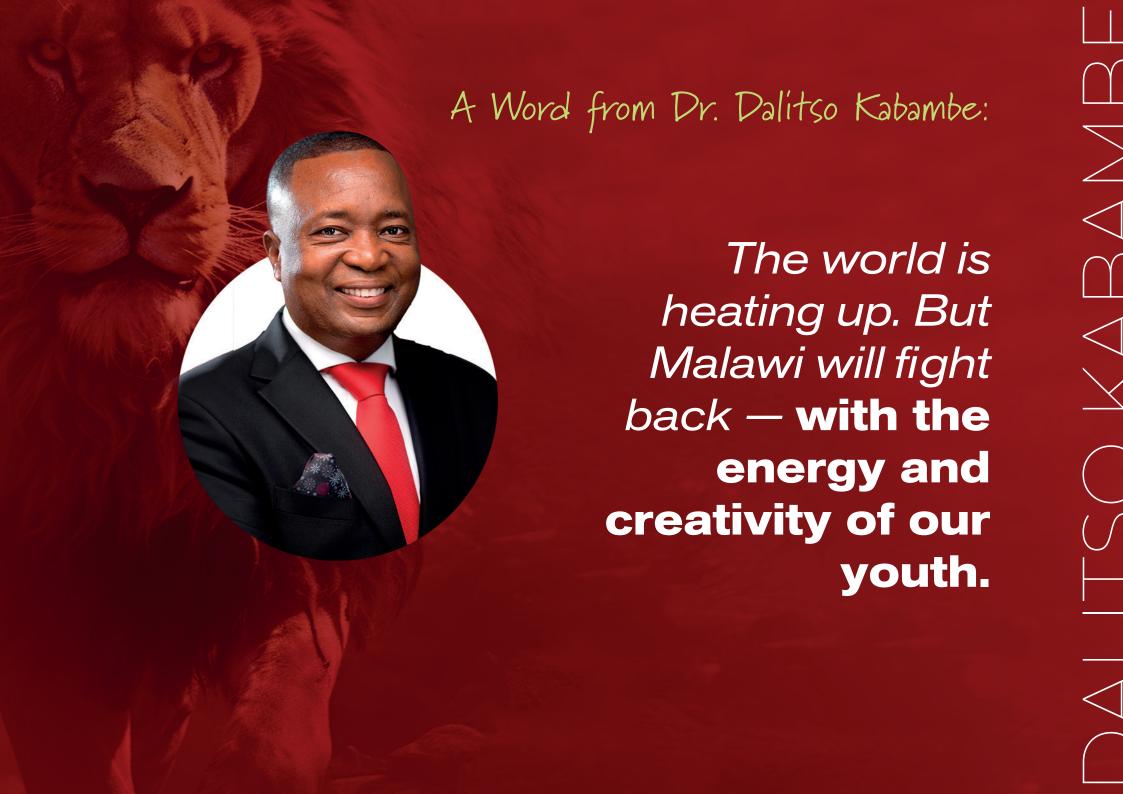


what this means

FOR YOU

You'll earn from green skills and climate jobs You'll protect your land, air, and future You'll lead Malawi's response to the climate crisis







DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION:

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

Free internet zones, coding academies, and youth-led tech startups. The digital revolution must include you.



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Without cheap internet and digital tools, youth are locked out of the modern world. UTM believes connectivity is not a luxury—it's a right.





Expand broadband and mobile coverage in rural areas



Cut taxes on devices and internet bundles



Open community ICT centers in every district



YOUTH IN TECH

- Teach coding, AI, andcybersecurity in schools and colleges
- Fund youth tech startups and platforms
- Promote digital trade, freelancing, and e-commerce

SAFETY AND INIONATION

STRENGTHEN

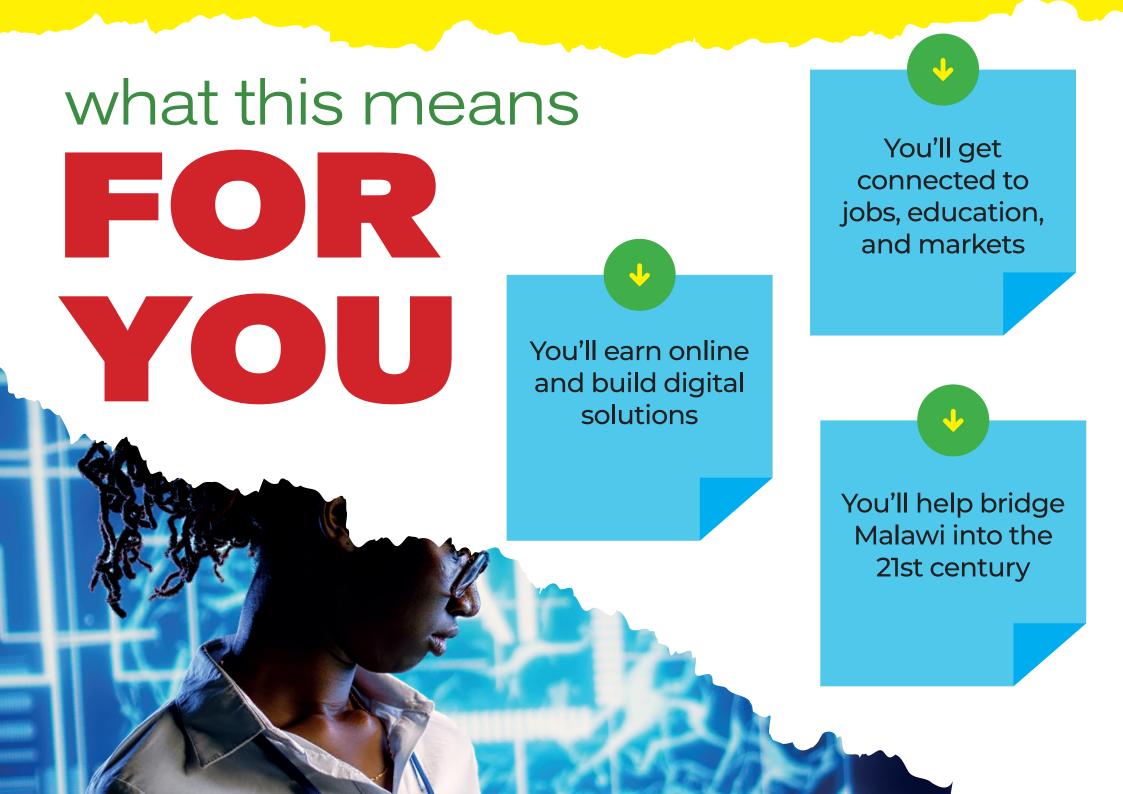
online safety laws and train youth in cyber ethics 2

BUILD

secure platforms for e-learning, e-health, and public services 3

SUPPORT

girls in tech with special mentorship programs







FOREIGN
POLICY AND
DIASPORA:

GLOBAL LINKS, LOCAL GAINS

Youth scholarships, diplomacy internships, and global summits.

UTM will let youth represent Malawi abroad.

WHYTHIS MATTERS

The world is full of opportunities — but Malawi must know how to access them. Our diaspora wants to help. UTM believes in smart diplomacy with youth as ambassadors.





Build strategic ties for education, health, trade, and funding



Set up Diaspora Offices to coordinate investments and skills transfer



Improve consular services for Malawians abroad

YOUTHONTHE GLOBAL STAGE



OFFER

scholarships, internships, and exchanges 2

TRAIN

youth in diplomacy, language, and international law 3

APPOINT

Youth Envoys and support Malawian participation in global forums

what this means FORYOU

You'll access global opportunities for learning and business

You'll help shape Malawi's image and interests abroad You'll bring back knowledge and investment to local communities





IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, AND DELIVERY:

MAKING PROMISES REAL



Malawi has suffered from policy failure and weak implementation. Many promises don't reach the people. UTM believes delivery is not a bonus — it is the job. Especially now, when every kwacha counts.



UTM'S DELIVERY AGENDA We will

Create a Presidential Delivery Unit to track and publish results



Launch Youth Monitoring Teams in every district



Release public Manifesto Progress Reports every 6 months



Hold ministries accountable to timelines and targets

GLOBAL STAGE

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TRAIN

youth in project tracking, budgeting, and citizen audits

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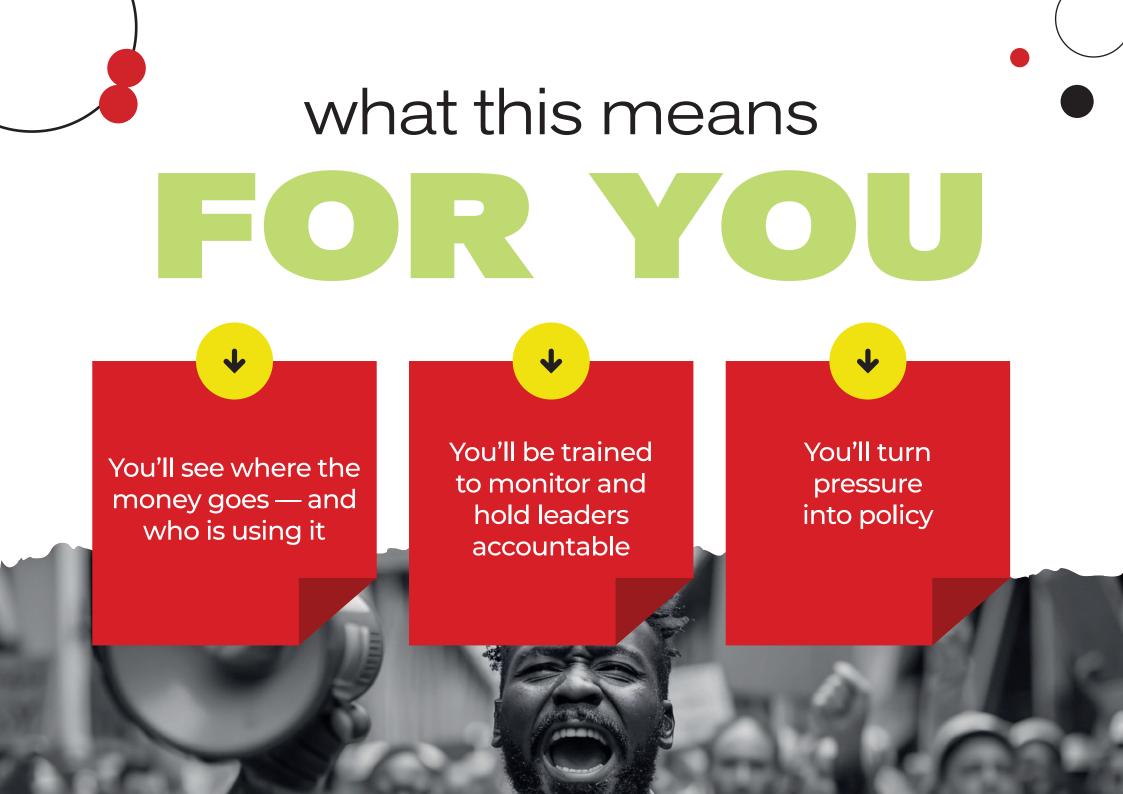
SUPPORT

youth media and civic tech to expose failures and report progress

3

PROVIDE

platforms for realtime feedback and problem-solving







In Malawi, land is power. But access is unequal, and poor planning has created unsafe and unlivable spaces. UTM believes land must serve the people—especially the young and landless.





YOUTH AND SHELTER

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Launch a Youth Land Bank

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Support youth housing cooperatives and eco-construction

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Offer planning training to youth architects, builders, and surveyors

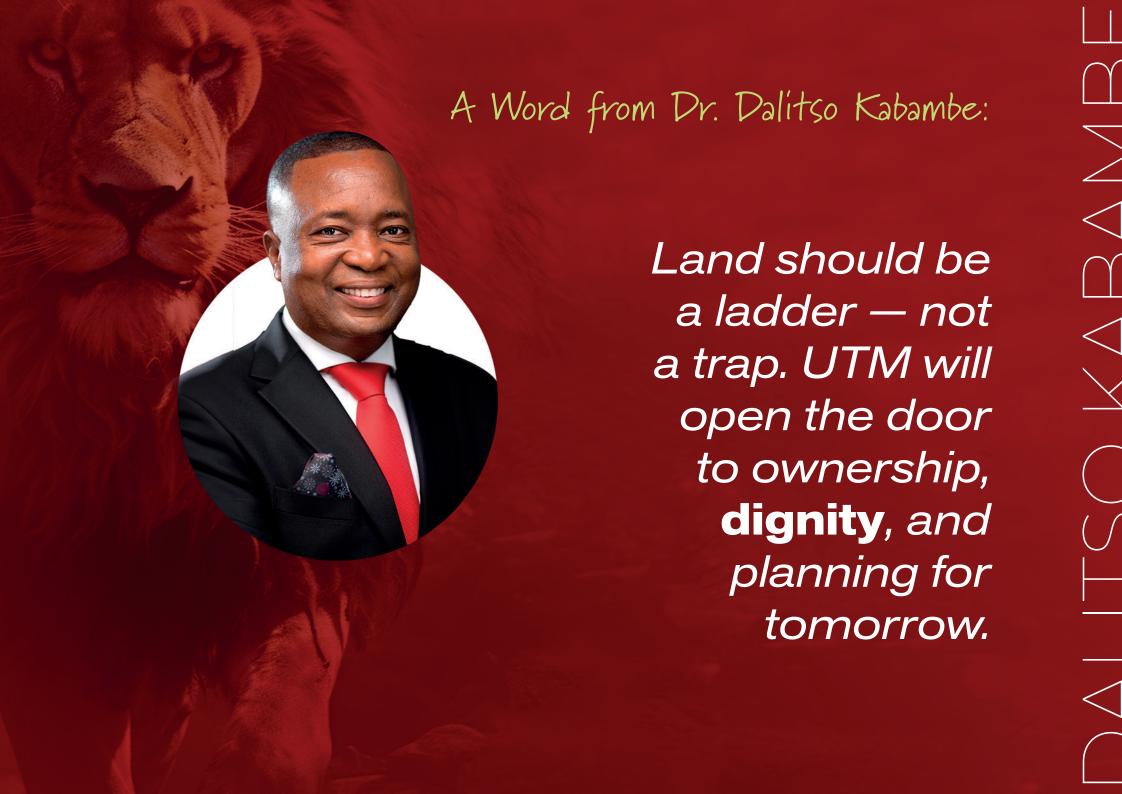
what this means

FOR YOU

You'll have a fair chance to access land and housing

You'll help design safe, clean communities You'll turn empty plots into opportunity







CHAPTER 18

SMART
CITIES AND
VILLAGES:

INNOVATION EVERYWHERE



Rural areas are neglected. Cities are overwhelmed. Youth are stuck in between. UTM believes every space — village or city — deserves smart, inclusive growth.



INFRASTRUCTURE VISION

Build smart infrastructure in new towns and rural centers

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Provide off-grid power, internet, and e-services to remote areas



Use data to plan better water, transport and waste systems

YOUTHINURBAN AND RURAL INIONATION

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Train youth in planning, transport design, and tech for public services

2

Fund village-based tech enterprises in logistics, health, and energy 3

Involve youth in smart mapping and problem-solving

what this means



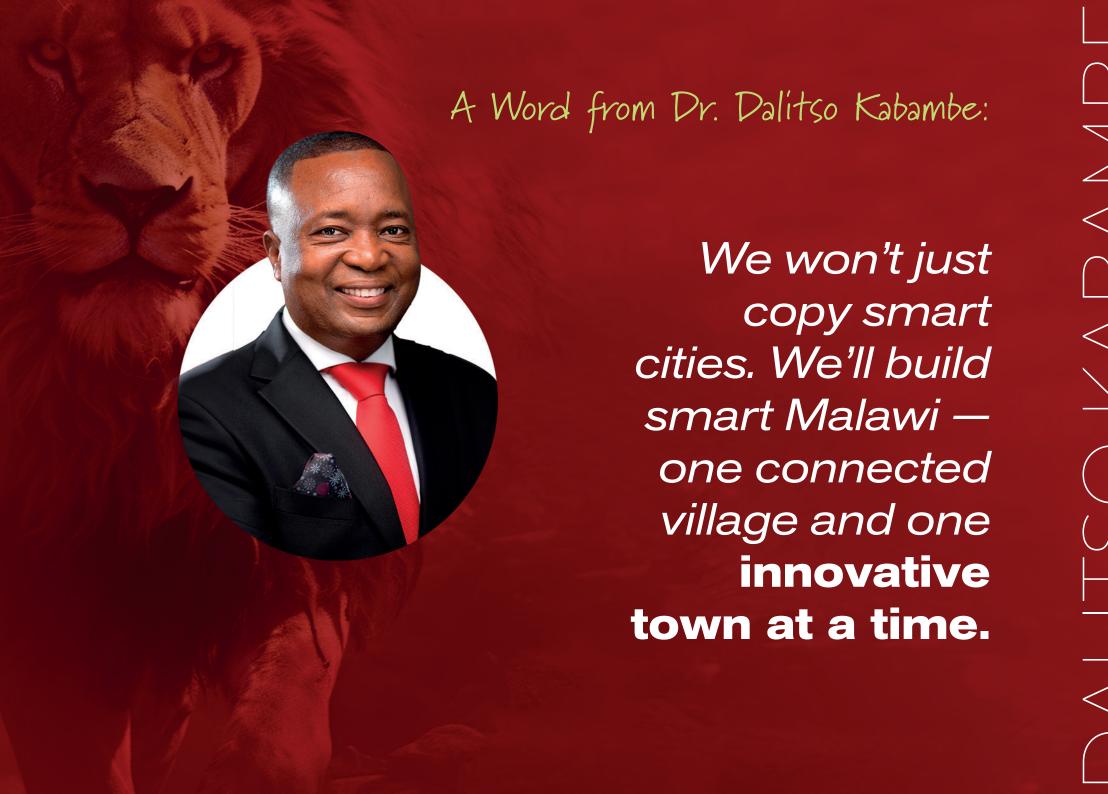
You'll bring dignity to both towns and villages



You'll shape where and how people live and connect



You'll make technology solve real problems





Rent is high. Land is scarce. Materials are expensive. For youth, home ownership feels out of reach. UTM believes housing is not a privilege — it's a right.



INFRASTRUCTURE VISION

Launch a National Affordable Housing Program



Support climate-resilient and low-cost construction



Provide micro-loans for youth-led housing cooperatives

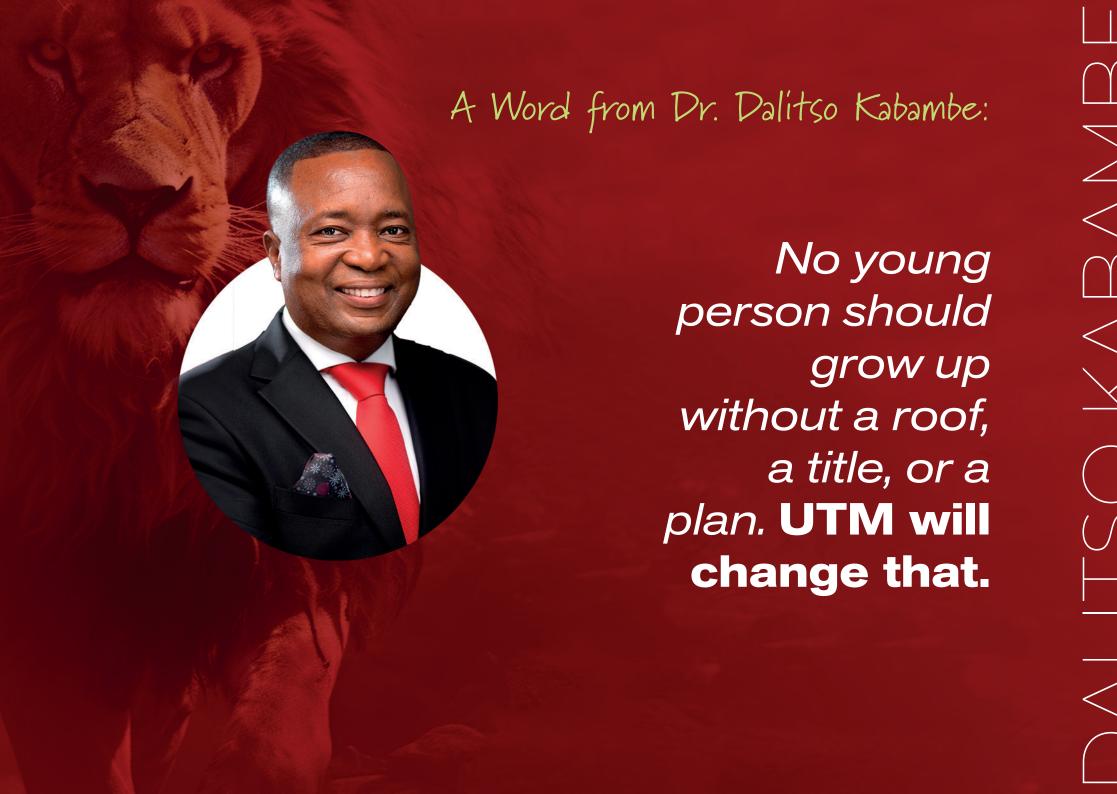


what this means

FOR YOU

You'll have a path to decent shelter and land access You'll learn to build homes — for others and for yourself You'll reshape the way Malawi lives







Many still fetch unsafe water or use dangerous toilets. Women and youth suffer most. UTM believes clean water is a public service — not a private luxury.





YOUTH FOR SANITATION

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Train youth as WASH technicians and hygiene promoters

Fund youth-led water solutions, like ecotoilets and filters

Include youth in water governance and repair programs







CHAPTER 21

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE:

YOUTH RESTORING THE LAND



Environmental damage is not a theory — it's a reality. Our rivers are drying, forests are vanishing, and disasters are more frequent. UTM believes youth must be at the center of fixing what is broken.





YOUTH LEADING

NATURE'S REVIVAL

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Fund youth cooperatives in reforestation and eco-tourism

Train young people as eco-guards, fire prevention officers, and conservationists

Partner with youth to monitor illegal environmental activity



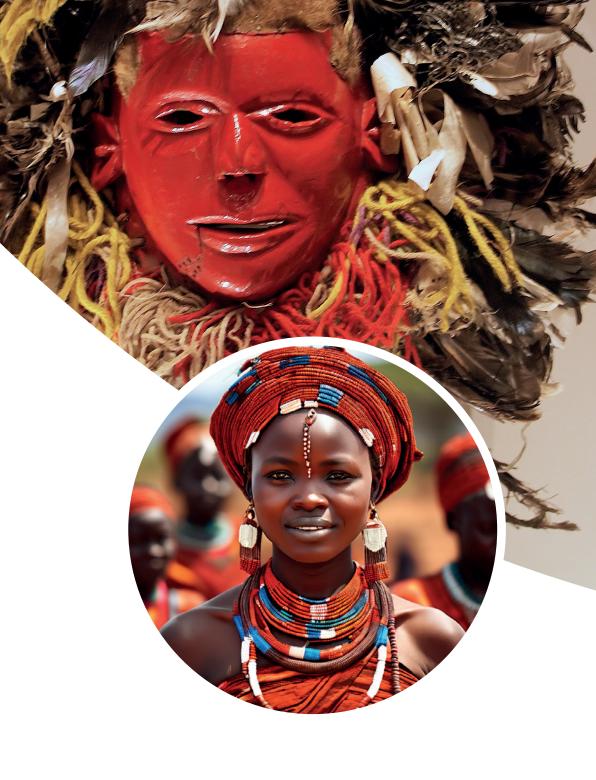




CHAPTER 22

ARTS AND CULTURE:

POWER IN OUR STORY



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Our creative voices are strong but often unsupported. Many youth artists go unnoticed or unpaid. UTM believes culture is power — and it must feed both soul and stomach.



CULTURAL PLAN we will:

Fund a Youth Arts Grant Program and cultural endowment



Revive museums, cultural centers and performance spaces



Protect and promote Malawi's heritage in schools and media



Use local languages and art in civic education and storytelling



SUPPORT YOUTH ARTIST

cooperatives and business incubators

FOR YOU

You'll get tools and funding to express yourself and earn

You'll protect and share Malawi's story You'll grow an economy powered by culture







WHYTHIS MATTERS

Sport builds unity, discipline, and opportunity — but many youth lack access to fields, equipment, or support. UTM believes sports are a national investment, not just a school activity.



SPORTS PLAM We will:

Rehabilitate and build sports fields in every district



Make sports part of the school system, with proper coaching



Provide sports scholarships and training camps



Promote girls' participation and community tournaments



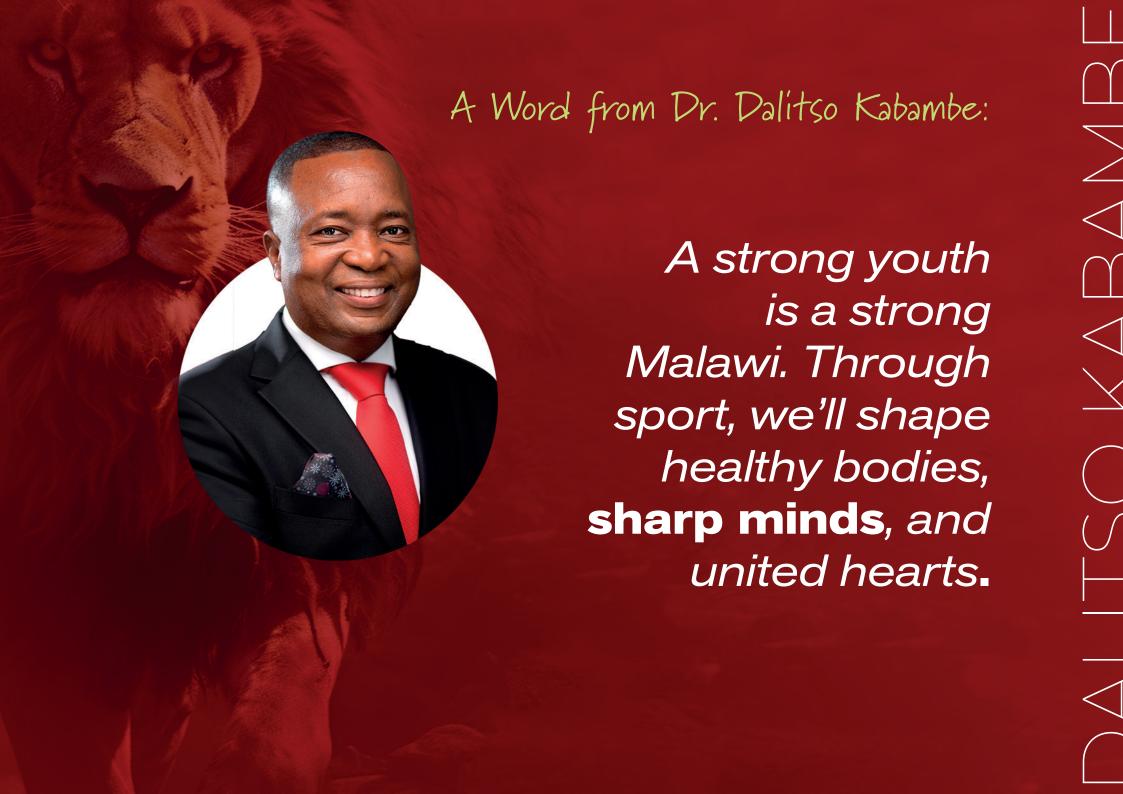
FOR YOU

You'll have safe, accessible places to play

You'll turn talent into opportunity

You'll build health, friendships, and careers through sport







CHAPTER 24

HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY:

SAFETY FOR ALL



WHYTHIS MATTERS

Crime and abuse destroy trust. Poor policing creates fear instead of peace. UTM believes internal security must be professional, youth-inclusive, and people-centered.



JUSTICE AGENDA We will:

Reform the police to focus on integrity, fairness, and service



Create community policing with youth at the table



Train officers in human rights, gender and mental health



Improve border security and internal migration systems

YOUTH AS

CHAMPIONS

1

Train youth in mediation, anti-violence, and civic peacekeeping

2

Recruit youth into police, corrections, and safety careers

3

Open safe youth centers to reduce crime and radicalization

FOR YOU

You'll live in safer neighborhoods

You'll help make policing more fair and trusted

You'll join and reform systems that protect — not punish







CHAPTER 25

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS:

A VOICE IN THE WORLD

WHYTHIS MATTERS

Malawi must engage the world for trade, peace, and opportunity. But too often, youth are left behind. UTM believes young people must represent Malawi on global platforms.



POLICY AGENDA we will:

Build stronger regional and global partnerships based on mutual respect



Use diplomacy to bring investment, scholarships, and climate funding



Create youth exchange and global leadership programs



Establish diaspora engagement platforms for youth abroad

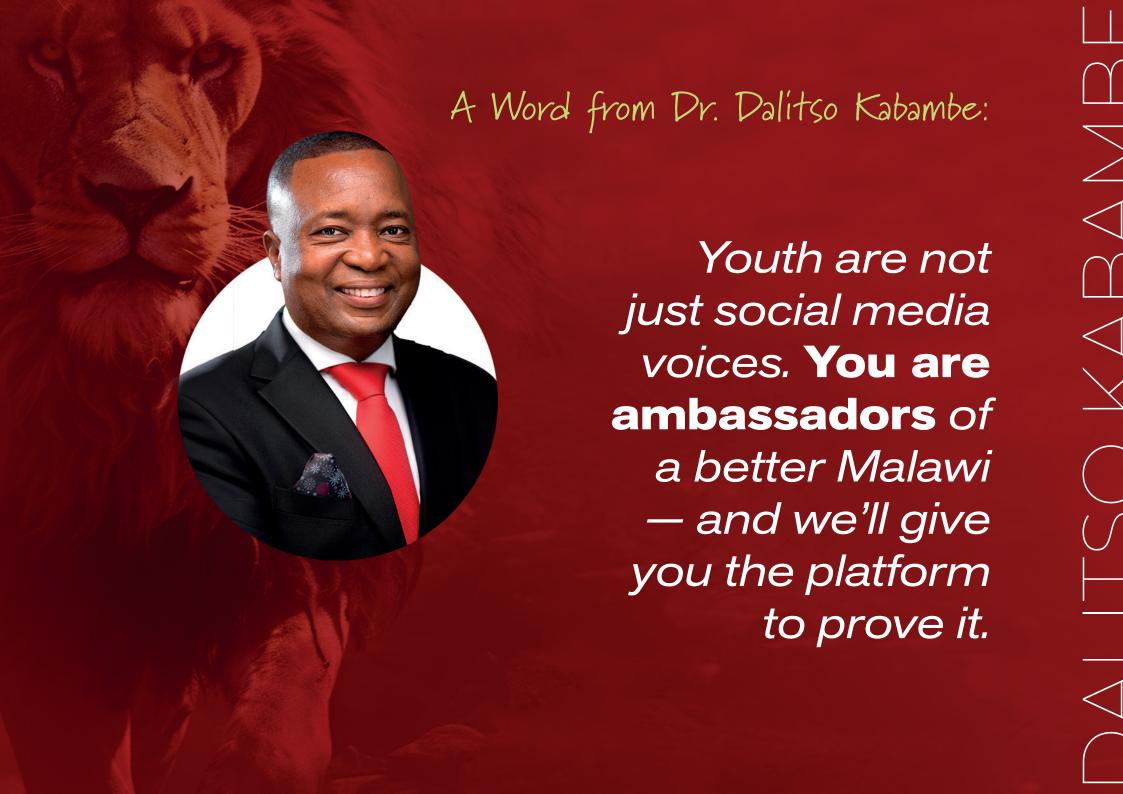


CONNECT DIASPORA YOUTH to Malawi through mentorship and co-investment

FORYOU

You'll study, speak, and trade beyond borders You'll shape how Malawi is seen and respected You'll connect local talent to global impact







WHYTHIS MATTERS

Corruptionkillshope. Its teals youth jobs, medicine, and futures. UTM believes young people must lead a new culture — one that rewards honesty.





Give full independence and funding to the Anti-Corruption Bureau



Digitalize procurement and public spending to reduce theft



Protect whistleblowers, especially youth



Make public asset declarations mandatory for all leaders





You'll build fair systems where merit wins



You'll hold leaders accountable



You'll help restore trust in leadership

