

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

My name is Francis Chikuse, a 21-year-old and a third-year student of **Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)**, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce (Entrepreneurship). Along with my passion for entrepreneurship and innovation, I am a personal growth and development enthusiast. I am dedicated to inspiring and guiding young people towards developing a growth mindset, exploring their creativity and developing entrepreneurial passion. I offer fellow youths with entrepreneurial and financial literacy skills, personal development tips and healthy-living principles through one-to-one engagements and through the **Malawi Lights of Book Club** to which I am an active member. I specialize in the following topics: Purpose Discovery, Mindset Transformation, Creative Exploration, Leadership Development, Healthy Living and Entrepreneurial Productivity.

As a keen student of Personal Growth and Development, I have enriched my knowledge and developed my self-mastery skills through reading diverse business and self-help books, attending seminars and online webinars and taking personal development courses. I have had an opportunity of sharing my knowledge to a large number of African youthful entrepreneurs through **Global Changers Communications Development Nig.Ltd (GCDC)**, a Nigerian-based infopreneurial company that equips young Africans with business and investment skills. I have worked with GCDC as a volunteer for two years (2022-2024).

As a student, I had the privilege of being the Dean of Seminarians at Saint Kizito Minor Seminary where I discovered and developed my leadership passion. I am currently the Catechist of MUBAS St Augustine Catholic Youth Organization (CSO). I am also a small-sized entrepreneur, diligently working hard to grow my cereal-trading business into a large-scale, high-impact Entrepreneurial Initiative. I am the founder and the Chairperson of an unincorporated organization, **Small Voice of Reminder (SVR)**, that empowers Catholics youths and Malawian young adults to become ethical leaders and responsible citizens who can live with purpose and drive positive social change in their communities. I have currently been enrolled to study **Business and Entrepreneurship Development Program**, cohort-22, by **Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)** starting from 10 February 2025 to 28 March 2025.

I have been recently volunteering as a Malawi Youth Representative for **African Trade Export and Supermarket Canada (ATESCA)**, organizing online youth mentorship programs for Malawian youths. My ultimate passion is to empower youths to unlock their full potential and achieve success in all areas of life.

EDUCATION

- Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE)-2020
- Certificate in **Personal Growth and Development**, Billion Dollar Growth Masterclass, Obichukwu Academy- 2022
- Certificate of Achievement, **Capacity Building Campaign**, Peace Community Movement for Africa (PCMA)- 2024
- The Young African Leaders Initiative Certificate; **Developing, Mentoring and Supporting Youth Leadership**- 2025
- The Young African Leaders Initiative Certificate; **Agripreneurship**: A path to the Future
- The Young African Leaders Initiative Certificate; **Strategies for Personal Growth and Development**- 2025
- The Young African Leaders Initiative Certificate; **Fundamentals of Responsible Leadership for Entrepreneurs**. - Driving change in 21st Century
- Certificate of Participation, Uniathena Live Panel Discussion- **Business Strategy Designing- Profit vs Corporate Social Responsibility**.
- Certificate of participation, Uniathena webinar- **Prioritizing workplace wellness**.
- Certificate of participation, Uniathena webinar- **Simplifying Digital Transformation for Business Growth**.
- Bachelor's degree, **Commerce (Entrepreneurship)** – third year
- Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), **Business and Leadership Development Program**- Pending

SKILLS

- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Market Research and Analysis
- Creative writing
- Financial management and budgeting
- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Team-building