

## Bwenzi.org

**Bwenzi** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Brooklyn, NY that works to empower and connect student leaders to create a global impact on health and education. Current priorities involve long-term partnerships with student leaders at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Malawi Polytechnic University who collaborate in order to better serve the evolving needs of rural communities in the greater Blantyre region of Malawi.

The 2020-2021 academic year proved to be one of the most challenging to date, as our communities scrambled to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet in a year defined by uncertainty, our student leaders rose (virtually & in-person) to the occasion and our direct project spending increased significantly to address the unique challenges caused by the pandemic.

Our **School Reopening Project** took place in October 2020, where our local students partnered with community leaders to provide teachers and the school hygienic supplies. This included the setup of 10 washing stations (including hand sanitizer dispensers), over 600 face masks, and many more basic school supplies, such as notebooks and pencils. Furthermore, our student leaders partnered with local teachers to post hygiene education posters (in largely visual format) in many of the common areas. Overall, this project impacted over 500 of the local children that share this school space.

We continued to support these same communities with our **Vaccine Awareness Project** in April 2021. This time, our student leaders partnered with local community members who volunteered to undergo training and help answer questions others may have about the vaccine. These efforts prioritized dispelling common myths and misunderstandings about the vaccine – something that both local and national surveys revealed to be the primary reason for hesitancy. This project also allowed our team to help restock necessary hygienic supplies from the previous project and setup more educational sessions, as well as posters in common areas. Overall, this project impacted over 650 of the adult community members, especially through the establishment of several volunteer community advocates.

Bwenzi currently does not spend any of its funds on payroll and functions entirely through volunteer leaders, as well as oversight from the Board of Directors. This allows the organization to maximize spending on direct project aid and supplies.

Although spending was significantly higher than revenue this year, it was necessary to effectively respond to the pandemic and the organization expects to raise more funds in the current academic year to address any existing gaps.

**BWENZI, INC.**  
Consolidated Statement of Activities  
Year ended June 30, 2021

<b>REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public support:			
Individuals	\$ 2,469.21	-	2,469.21
Corporations	586.66	-	586.66
Other income	-	-	-
Contributed goods and services	-	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-
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Total revenue and other support	\$ 3,055.87	-	3,055.87
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<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Direct program services	\$ 4,617.45	-	4,617.45
General & administrative	634.86	-	634.86
Fundraising	-	-	-
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Total Expenses	5,252.31	-	5,252.31
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Change in net assets	(2,196.44)	-	(2,196.44)
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Net assets at beginning of period	5,590.07	-	5,590.07
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<b>Net assets at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 3,393.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,393.63</b>
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