

# FORGOTTEN VOICES INTERNATIONAL MALAWI

## COVID-19 PARENTING IMPACT EVALUATION

Preventing violence against children through improving positive parenting in the time of COVID-19

### BACKGROUND

FVI Malawi is partnering with Parenting for Lifelong Health to deliver evidence-informed parenting tools in Malawi to support parents and caregivers during/throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These resources were developed in collaboration with the WHO, UNICEF, UNODC, the Global Partnership to End Violence, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Childhood Foundation, and World Without Orphans to support parents in keeping themselves and their children safe, happy, and healthy during this stressful period.

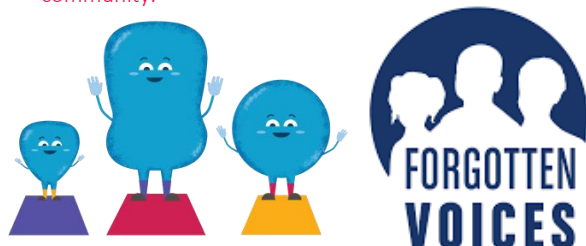
### OUR REACH

Through radio broadcasts, social media and church leadership, FVI Malawi has reached over 8 million caregivers with these resources.

### ABOUT US

Listening to and partnering with local churches in Malawi to empower orphaned and vulnerable children, caregivers and families to meet their needs is the core work of Forgotten Voices. We believe that the local church, under trustworthy leadership and with committed community members, is the best-positioned entity to meaningfully and effectively serve the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in their communities.

We want the church to meet the needs of their community in ways that are tailored to their specific context. Our role is to cast the orphan care vision to the church and then help them realize the vision by walking them through a 3-5 year capacity-building process so that every child will experience the love of God and the security of a family, church and community.



### OUR IMPACT ON FAMILIES n =



**98%**

reported more parent engagement and play



**100%**

reported more confidence in having positive relationships with children



**98%**

reported more confidence in protecting children from sexual abuse



**93%**

reported more capacity to cope with parenting stress



**85%**

reported less physical abuse



**85%**

reported less emotional abuse

### WHAT THE PARENTS SAID

"It's like I never knew how to parent. I could easily get disappointed, and charge at my children. As a result, they were failing to express themselves. But now, it is just coming naturally, the smiles and laughter- and a number of people have admired my style of parenting. To me, it has been this idea of not just reading them, but, being able to see- one by one, how the tips are making a difference in the life of my family. I really needed these tips."

"I feel what I learnt opened my eyes not just to apply it on my own biological children, but also to challenge members I am serving at church. As a parent, I have been able to sit down with my children, and they have noticed an improvement in my parenting and listening."

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