



It is with much regret that the Directors announce our decision to completely wind-down the operations of **VALID Nutrition Malawi**. Having ceased manufacture at our site in Kanengo in 2019, we have since spent considerable time and effort attempting to raise the funding to construct a new purpose-built factory.

Unfortunately market circumstances and events have not been favourable and we have now decided to cease all activity and undertake an orderly wind-down of the enterprise.

We are extremely grateful to all concerned for the support that we have received over the past 15 years in Malawi – from our customers (which included UNICEF, the government and many leading NGOs), our suppliers and those who have worked with us as partners and advocates. We are especially grateful to all those who have been part of the factory team locally over the years.

While very disappointed that we have had to make this decision, we are proud of having pioneered and shown that local manufacture of RUTF can be undertaken successfully in Africa. In all, VALID Nutrition Malawi manufactured and distributed over 50 million packets of RUTF which provided treatment to over 333,000 severely malnourished children. The factory also served as our main innovation centre and was involved in several ground breaking R&D projects and RCTs over the years.

The VALID Nutrition Charity (Registered in Ireland and the UK), which was a shareholder in VALID Nutrition Malawi, will continue with its evidence-based R&D activity and advocacy to develop and reform the market so that choice, competition and therefore provision of RUTF are enhanced - and more children can be treated. VALID's focus on plant-based food technology innovation will intensify and remains core to this effort as does the better integration of treatment with prevention.

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