

Stephano Akuzike Joseph - Malawi

Stephano Akuzike Joseph is a Social Worker from Malawi with 17 years' practical experience of service in the Government of Malawi, Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare to be specific. He is a gazetted Probation Officer as well as Protection Officer.

Stephano has been part of the efforts to professionalize Social Work in Malawi and is currently serving as an interim Secretary General of the Association of Social Workers in Malawi (ASWiM) an association that is steering the professionalization agenda in Malawi.

Apart from his work with ASWiM, Stephano has been involved in the development of a road map to guide the effective delivery of Psychosocial Support in Malawi, development of manuals and training of various cadres in Psychosocial Support from national to grassroots level.

He has also been engaged as an adjunct lecturer at Magomero College in the area of Psychosocial Support and Child Protection. Stephano was between 2011 – 2015 a mentor with the University of Kwazulu Natal- Center for African Childhood Studies which was working in conjunction with REPSSI to deliver a certificate course called; Certificate in Community Based Work with Children and Youth (CBWCY). This was aimed at capacitating grassroots child protection structures with the requisite knowledge in Child Protection.

His vision is to see Social Work in Malawi recognized fully as a profession, the practice space fully regulated.

Stephano likes praying, reading and civic writing on matters that affect the vulnerable groups. He is married to Snorriah and has two children Stacy (13) and Shepherd (8).