Since 2012, we have distributed emergency food and cash assistance to 583,934 people making us one of the key emergency response players in the country. This includes reaching over 200,000 people after the devastating 2015 floods with immediate supplies, coordinating WASH in 10 evacuation camps, and recovery support across five districts.

We remain committed to supporting both immediate, life-saving needs as well as endeavouring to give people better opportunities to recover, bridging the relief and recovery/rehabilitation divide.

What we’re doing now:

- Targeting over 550,000 people in two districts. In Balaka we are distributing food, targeting 60,717 households as well as supporting 3,030 households with complementary activities. In Dedza we are distributing food to 13,310 households and supporting 6,500 households with complementary activities. In Dedza we also distribute cash to 27,359 households across two programmes, which include a livelihood rebuilding component.

- Supporting complementary activities to build capacity to face shocks while promoting rebuilding of assets (through conditional transfers).

Over the years we have developed strong technical expertise in providing food and cash assistance quickly and effectively to support affected populations, as well as developed our capacity to deliver emergency WASH services drawing from our strong expertise in this sector. Currently the Malawi programme is UP’s global lead on humanitarian work advising all country programmes.

Our ambition is to build our internal and external capacity to be leaders in humanitarian response, providing rapid and tailored assistance while devising strategies to take people UP and out of the vicious cycle of poverty.