



Photo: Malawi, 2024

AN UPDATE FROM MALAWI - ANDREW'S STORY

ShelterBox is responding in Malawi. In the beginning of 2024, heavy rainfall in Malawi led to severe flooding across the country, destroying homes and livelihoods. **Thousands were forced to leave their homes.**

Andrew is a 33-year-old mechanic who lost his business. The flooding devastated his garage - the livelihood for him and his 11 employees.

"I built it (my business) in 2018, in just five years, I have lost everything. As I am speaking now, I don't have anything that I have invested, I am starting again."

The flooding happened during the day while people were at work, leaving people stranded and families separated while their homes and local infrastructure was damaged. Andrew and his employees were able to escape to high ground where **they waited for four days for the waters to recede.**

"We didn't see the damage at first, we could only see water. Like what happened in 2019, because this isn't the first time, it happened in 2019 when the water came from this river, but it was not as huge as this year, this is the biggest I've ever seen,"

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