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The Women's Issue





Dear Little Black Girl, your strength is deeply
rooted in knowing your value.

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Actor • Film Maker • Voice Over Artist



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from the Editor

Elysian got the opportunity to be a part of the team that is delivering the Digital and Entrepreneurship Skills Training program in the Southern and Eastern parts of Malawi. This offer came from Dzuka Africa Organization - a woman led organization that seeks to heighten the employability of youths and women by providing skills training, among others.

It was this opportunity that birthed the idea of The Woman's Issue. For so many years women have been made to believe that the other woman in the same space as you is an enemy. This has cost us a great deal of opportunities and friendships.



In this issue of Elysian, we are providing a platform for young and amazing women to tell their stories and give us a glimpse into their businesses. We are choosing to challenge the narrative that women can't work together; that another woman can't be an ally.

Putting this magazine together was an awesome experience because of the moments that I got to share with these women. I hope as you read through the magazine that you get to create your own moments and that you get a renewed need to support women in all their glory.

Here's to beautiful women. Thank you for showing the world that women can wear their crowns loudly and unapologetically.

Love and Peace,

THOKO KADEWERE
EDITOR



RJ the DJ, real name Rejoice Msindo, is a professional club, event, festival and corporate DJ. She has a long portfolio of performances including major festivals, clubs and corporate functions and events across Malawi and the African region - from Zambia, South Africa as well as Tanzania.

She has featured in a number of festivals notably Lake of Stars and Tumaini Festival in 2018 and 2019. She was invited as a guest and performing DJ in Zambia at the beginning of 2019 and later in South Africa in March of 2019. In 2020, RJ the DJ was Airtel Malawi's choice DJ for their IPO listing Cocktail tour and successful listing party events. Later in March, RJ the DJ was part of the British Council's Selector Tour with BBC 1Xtra's Jamz Supernova.



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CREATING A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN

by Chimwemwe Mlombwa - Founder of Kwathu Ndi Kwanu

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