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MALAWI: NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL INCREASES EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Project also accelerates evangelism and socio-economic community empowerment through education



Construction of a secondary school in the Anglican Diocese of Lake Malawi will provide 200 students with a chance to continue their education.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

CONTEXT: Barriers to secondary school education in Mkazimasika in Nkhotakota, Malawi, include a lack of resources, inadequate infrastructure, long distances to and from school, and a culture that favors boys over girls. Many young people's dreams are crushed by poverty while some high-performing female students complete only primary school due to a lack of school fees and access to safe and affordable accommodations. Such girls often get married at 15, 16, or 17. They are often married to older men and become child mothers stuck in a cycle of poverty.

NEED: Access to quality secondary education in the area is limited. In Malawi only 38.4% of students transition from primary school to secondary school. Of the two thirds of primary students who do not continue to secondary school, the vast majority are girls. Although there are 19 government-built secondary day schools and one boarding secondary school in Nkhotakota district, students in Mkazimasika must walk nine miles to the nearest day school and 16 miles to the only boarding school.

SOLUTION: Funds supplied by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) will be used to build four classrooms, one administration block, and a well to supply clean water for students and teachers. Two blocks of six toilets each and a septic tank will be built to provide safe hygiene and sanitation. This project brings a secondary school closer to learners. Such access also increases the likelihood that qualifying students will continue their studies, thus improving retention rates, preventing early pregnancy and early marriage, and reducing HIV infections.

LIFE IMPACT

Benefits 805 people, some in multiple ways:

- 200 students will have access to quality secondary education. The school attendance and graduation rates are expected to improve.
- 15 families from the community will have employment opportunities in construction and selling food.
- 290 members of the community will make use of the school as a venue for community meetings, conferences, and evangelism events.
- 300 parents or guardians will be the indirect beneficiaries as they become champions for holistic education in the community.

PROJECT PROFILE

ID: ARDF-0824-Malawi

Lead Ministry

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OF LAKE MALAWI**



LIVES IMPACTED 805

SECTOR Education

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$102,560

COST PER BENEFICIARY \$127.40

TIMELINE 24 MONTHS

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"Bringing a secondary school closer to our primary school will motivate and encourage our learners to work extra hard so they could be selected to Yissah Foundation Secondary School. Furthermore, this school will help to reduce the dropout rate, which is very high and common in the area, increase students' enrollment, and increase the number of students going to pursue (college) and vocational training. The coming of secondary school will also help the most vulnerable and needy students in the area to continue their studies at this institution as most of them have dropped out of school because their parents cannot afford paying their school fees and their travel costs."

– Esau Mkwamba, a teacher in Mkazimasika Primary School in Nkhotakota, Malawi

LEADERSHIP PROFILES

Yissah Foundation Secondary School (YFSS) is led by a qualified team of experienced individuals with solid academic backgrounds and extensive work experience. Stewart Zimba has been the executive director for YFSS since 2016. His background includes:

- bachelor's degree in logistics and supply chain
- sales and logistics manager at Yissa Logistics, Indiana
- logistician at Job Busters, Johannesburg, South Africa

Martha Makwenda is chairwoman of YFSS. Her background includes:

- a diploma in education from the Teachers' Training College-Lilongwe and 31 years of teaching experience
- Experience monitoring several primary school construction projects

Dellings Sadick Phiri is the HR director at YFSS and has over 18 years in school-based construction projects. His track record includes:

- bachelor's degree in rural and community development
- bachelor's degree in public health
- project design and implementation experience
- program coordinator for Heart to Heart International, Malawi office
- project manager for Save the Children-Violence Against Children project, Malawi
- environment health officer, Ntchisi district, Malawi

REFERENCES

"I have known Stewart Zimba and his parents for over nine years as an astute businessman and his passionate vision for improving the living standards of his community through education. His parents were Christian believers in a community that is predominantly Muslim. Stewart is carrying out the legacy of his parents who have donated land for a primary school and the local Anglican church. He has established healthy relationships with local leaders and the department of education, and is at the forefront of nongovernmental organizations working to complement government investments in education. The proposed secondary school will meet a critical need in a marginalized, low-income community where formal education is not often a priority for most parents and enrollment and dropout rates are high."

– Dr. Joseph Chunga, director for the Center for Social Research, University of Malawi

RESEARCHER'S STATEMENT



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I recommend this project because its target audience is clearly defined and meets a need prioritized by the community. It has strong local church ownership from the archbishop to the local parish level. YFSS executive leadership and governance is strong. However, as this is the first project of this category to be implemented by YFSS and the Diocese of Lake Malawi, and in consideration to the external risks, periodic monitoring during implementation is recommended.

IMPLEMENTER'S INSPIRATION

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."

– Hebrews 3:4

HOW TO FUND THIS PROJECT

PROJECT RECAP

ID - ARDF-0824-Malawi
Timeline - 24 months
Requested - \$102,560
Modified - 092024

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