



# SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN MALAWI in Lilongwe

## Our Village

Congratulations go to Issy who is now at university in USA after obtaining his International Baccalaureates and Jo is off to Ghana to study for his IB. Mo has graduated with a degree in Public Administration from a university in South Africa.

Seventeen of our youth are attending various colleges while others are learning about various careers from which they can choose. From 17 students who sat for the standard eight examinations 6 have been selected to various secondary schools. Of 7 youths who sat for Junior Certificate exam 6 have passed. Staff visited colleges where our children are studying where they held discussions on social and educational issues. Weaker students continued to receive extra lessons.

Our youths participated in International Youth Day when they painted the Medical Center.

Child counseling and guidance continues for village children and youths. The main focus is to improve poor behaviour.

The emphasis is based on the following areas :- Importance of education, deserting classes, leadership and general development issues. There is a remarkable improvement in children's behaviour in our Lilongwe Village at the moment.

We sincerely thank you for our books and solar panels and other donations!!! We hope that 2013 will be prosperous for you all!



## Family Strengthening Programme

We support activities to enable children at risk of losing parental care to grow in a caring family environment. We have continued seeking and strengthening our partnership and networking with community structures and other service providers.

Most of the children we support attend school and are learning well, gaining life skills and progressing as expected.



Our pre-schoolers have been stimulated to play. The children that are chronically ill have improved health after been supported with nutritional supplements. Most of these children have a primary adult care-giver living with them. We have constructed houses to ensure children live in shelters that do not compromise the quality of their lives. Through home visits, care-givers are now pro-active in addressing the situation of her/his family and willing to contribute to the support of other families, being emotionally stable with a generally positive outlook.

Most families now have an income to cover their children's survival and developmental needs as we have increased efforts through our skills development programme and promotion of savings and loans groups.

## Vocational Training Centre

With 144 students enrolled for the 2012/13 academic year, students are being trained in vocational competence based programs in: Information Communication Technology, Construction, Tailoring; Hotel & Catering Management, Agriculture and Entrepreneurship (compulsory to all students). We received 65 additional enrollments.

The centre attained excellent results for 2012 examinations with an overall pass rate of 88%. This included 114 students who graduated with certificates and diploma awards for their final examinations both from local and international examination awarding boards.

Catering Classes



45 of our children graduated into 'big school' and the ceremony was a colourful one where the children performed role plays on the various professions they had learnt during the term. When everything was said and done it was now time for the children's end of year holiday in preparation for the next academic session.

During the holiday a special programme was designed where all the newly admitted children attended KG to get acclimatized with the KG routine. This activity was lots of fun, especially for the young ones who experienced school life for the first time.

In September 52 new children joined us and have settled down well. Children visited SOS Medical Centre where among other things they visited the doctor's room, dispensary, laboratory and saw nurses hard at work in the treatment room.

In October our children made cards for their mothers or guardians for Mother's Day and in December they made Christmas cards and drawings which they took home.

The KG will open again after the Christmas break in January.



Our Tiny Tots having a sing-along.

### The Medical Center

Our clinic offers services such as HIV/AIDS treatment, Cervical Cancer screening and treatment, counseling and minor surgical procedures.

Our Rehabilitation Centre has been busy working with children with physical and mental challenges and 168 children were given therapy and continue doing so.



Challenged children receiving therapy

### Primary School

We have 34 teachers and 772 students from the community and from our SOS Village.

The school day starts with children cleaning the school surroundings. During lunch breaks and after classes they also clean the classrooms and pick up the litter.

Our school organized sports day every fortnight on Fridays to improve the learner's motor development and develop skills in different sporting activities.

Learners with special needs, learn various subjects. In English, for example, they do jigsaw puzzles and they also play jumping rope games and how to organise in order to improve their psychomotor skills. Our library is very well used too.

Standards 5 to 8 pupils have woodwork classes where they learn planing, cutting and joining wood. Over 80% of our learners in all classes passed their end of year examinations and were promoted to the next class. Most of our final year students passed (98%) and 66 were chosen to go to secondary school. We won the Zonal Academic Star Performer Cup. We definitely gave ourselves a pat on the back for that!



### Secondary School

This year, students have been very ambitious and hardworking and have shown a keen interest in their academic work. Our top three students were given awards to motivate them to work even harder and to compete.

Extra curricula activities are still very popular which include sports, drama and the debating club. We participated in a youth drama competition and came fourth in the national finals so we received literature and science books which are kept in the school library. Chik was the best actor and Dave was the best supporting actor. We are well prepared to enter any challenging competition ranging from the divisional up to national level.

We were unable to play in volleyball competitions this year as there was a lack of equipment, but we played football, basketball and netball and have won some games. We hope to join the Coca-Cola competition later this year too. Wish us luck!

Thanks so much for supporting us! Have a lovely 2013!



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