

Orfund NEWS



Winter 2024

The need continues in Malawi



From the land ...

It has been a hard year for the people of Malawi. Drought and high inflation has led to poverty in much of the country.



Thankfully, Lilongwe and Dedza have fared better. As you can see, they have enjoyed an abundant harvest of maize for which Wezi is very grateful.

Here is the harvested maize which has just been transported to the Molima Home.



... to Molima



It is up to everyone to lend a hand.

The maize needs to be shelled and treated and then packed into sacks.

Here is Wezi leading the way.



... to kitchen



One hundred and four bags counted so far.

The children are very proud of all their hard work.



And here we can see the cook putting some of the maize to good use.

Reaping the benefits



We have once again been blessed by the support of Billy Williamson and team who returned to Molima this year. They have helped Wezi in many practical ways. Here they are shelling the maize ready to be sacked and stored ready for use.



Here we can see the results of their day's work.

Having an eye for what needs to be done



Here, Billy and his team are putting in a new water supply and building two new sinks so the children have somewhere to wash their clothes.



Here are the completed sinks, looking very smart.



And here is Cecilia, also featured on the front cover. She is busy washing her clothes. Soon all the children are joining in.

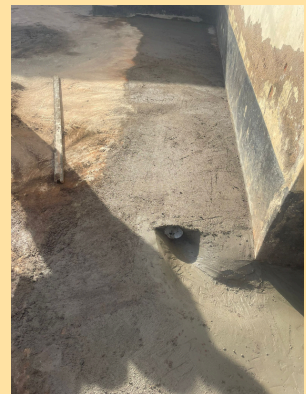


Work accomplished

It is always encouraging to see how our improvements to Molima are so appreciated.

The kitchen, and particularly the oven has been an area of concern for the Molima Home for some time. We saw for ourselves during our last visit how it smoked out the kitchen. Attempts to improve the situation hadn't been very successful. Not surprisingly, we were delighted to learn that Billy has resolved this problem.

The smoke now goes through a hole in the wall to a chimney outside. We are very grateful to see how much he has managed to accomplish during his short time there.



New drain outside children's accommodation.

Settling in time ...

The continuing need in Malawi is evident by the number of new admissions we have had over the past eighteen months.



Meet Oscar. Sadly, he was brought to Molima by Dedza Police having been found dumped in the street. He was sleeping in the market, where he also looked for food.



On arrival

Some months later

It's good to hear that he's settling in well. Apparently he enjoys playing football with the bigger boys and dreams of being a policeman when he's older.



This is Danisali. She is ten years old and had been living in poverty with her elderly grandmother after the death of both parents. She is an avid reader and dreams of becoming a nurse.

... for our newest children at Molima

Crispin, aged eleven, was living with an ageing grandmother after the death of both parents. He was admitted to Molima by Social Welfare. Like most of the boys in Malawi he enjoys playing football.



Chismo, aged ten, was living in poverty with his mother. His father had died in hospital after a long illness. Wezi reports that he is a brilliant student and loves to play football.



Hope beyond the struggles



Killah, aged ten was brought to Molima by Social Welfare. He was living with his mother in poverty after the death of his father, following a long illness.

The mortality rate for young adults in Malawi continues to be high - 75% of deaths in Malawi is due to HIV/AIDS.



This year, Wezi attended the graduation of Macdonald Ruben, who grew up at the Molima Home.

Macdonald was selected for the Natural Resources College where he obtained a Diploma in Agriculture. Finding it difficult to get a job he spent some time in South Africa. On his return he approached Wezi about his desire to re-train. Wezi liaised with a Molima contact who agreed to sponsor him. He has now qualified with a diploma in health, Nursing and Midwifery.

Treasurer's Report and Finance Update

The trustees are very grateful for the support of everyone who has donated money this year to allow us to provide the children with the care of education which they need. Molima is well regarded by social Welfare. 28 children are now living there which means we will need to increase our support in 2025.

This year our income has kept pace with expenditure but we will soon incur a number of major costs. The solar panel batteries will soon need to be replaced and we have not spent any money on refurbishments since 2017 which at that time cost £5,000. We were very fortunate that Billy financed his improvements to Molima through money he managed to raise this year running the London Marathon.

Looking ahead, there are 6 secondary school children who may soon need further education funding.

We also need to bear in mind that some of our older supporters' circumstances could change with a consequent loss of income. It would help if we could recruit more people donating money, either monthly or just as a one-off, or existing supporters increase their giving.

On behalf of the chair and the trustees, thank you very much for your interest in, and support for, the work of Orfund.

David Joannides Orfund Treasurer

Orfund spending in 2024

£1094 per month - Molima's monthly support
£800 - school fees and uniforms
£1800 - land rental, seeds, fertilisers and pesticides
£170 - annual car insurance and service
£300 - special meal and gifts for Christmas
98% of our 2024 expenditure (£16198) spent on Molima.
£300 - posting, printing and website

IMF: 4th poorest country in the world (9th poorest in 2023)
Food inflation - 43.5% September 2024 (36.8% in 2023)
Non-food inflation - 21.8% September 2024 (17.2% in 2023)
Overall inflation - 33.9% September 2024 (28.6% in 2023)
Annual Gross National Income \$464 (£365) \$643 (£551) in 2023

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