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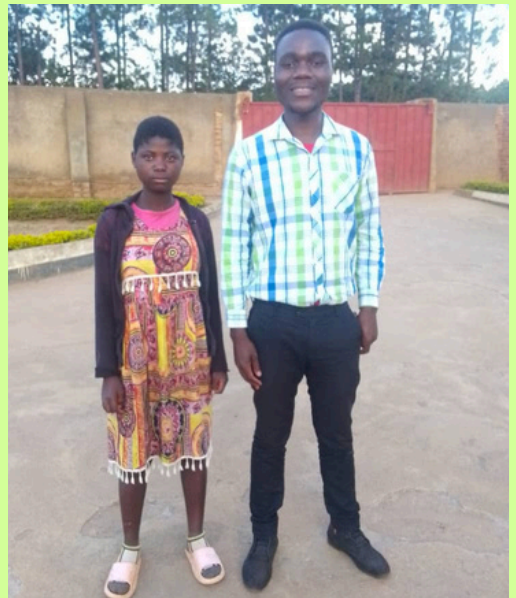
A positive
outcome for
Praise

Meet some of our new arrivals



Chiwumbuto is seven years old and was brought to Molima by Dedza Police. His mother died soon after giving birth. He says he enjoys reading and dreams of becoming a doctor so he can help sick people.

Gertrude, pictured on the right with her Welfare Officer lost both parents whilst living in Lilongwe. She went to live with her uncle in Dedza but was not treated well and ran away. People who Wezi refers to as 'well-wishers,' reported the situation to Dedza Police. She was then brought along to Molima.



They all have their own story to tell



This picture of Praise was taken soon after admission. He was left abandoned in a village and taken to Molima by Social Welfare. He has settled in very quickly as you will be able to see for yourself if you take a look at his cheeky photo, featured on the front cover. He has recently been adopted by a doctor who works in a hospital in Dedza. We wish him well.

Dan is five years old. He was admitted to Molima by Social Welfare after his parents were sent to prison. His sister was admitted into a children's home in Lilongwe. Despite his traumatic start in life Wezi says he enjoys playing with the other children and is always happy and smiling.



Study Days



The children work hard during their spare time. Here, a kind friend is freely giving up his time to help the children with their studies.

Madalitsu has benefitted from these extra lessons and this year she managed to qualify for Secondary School. This is not a straightforward procedure in Molima. The children have to pass the necessary exams and then, find a school which is available and prepared to take them.



and Special Days



Linda, who spent most of her childhood at Molima and left a few years ago, got married at the end of last year. Wezi and the children went along to Panjiri Lodge in Dedza to celebrate the special occasion with her. They were understandably very excited. Linda now lives in South Africa where her husband works.

A facelift ...



Painting the exterior.



This year, the Molima Home has gone through a great transformation due to the time and effort put in by Billy Williamson. This is the third year he has visited Molima and his efforts and achievements have been a great encouragement to us and to Wezi. Already he is looking forward to the challenges of 2026.



Drainage work.



for Molima



Mending the broken beds.



The children's dormitories have seen a fantastic make-over.



Here are Christopher and Dan with the new mattresses. And the walls getting a fresh coat of paint.



The day to day needs of Molima are met ...



Another bumper harvest.



Christopher helping to collect the maize.



All the children help to bag up the maize.



Earlier this year the water-pump was damaged by lightning. A new one has been installed which is much more powerful.

with your help



A delivery of firewood - another costly commodity.



Social Welfare

There have been some changes within Social Welfare. They have recently closed six orphanages in the Dedza area, Molima being the only one permitted to stay open. Also, new regulations state that all children admissions must be submitted by computer. This will make it easier for Social Welfare to check up on things - in addition to their usual visits.



Here is Wezi getting some training.

New projects ... new challenges

It has been a busy year for Molima and a lot has been achieved. Looking ahead, there is still much to do. Wezi has plans for 2026 and we hope to meet the needs of Molima where possible. She has asked for some benches to be erected in the grounds of Molima where the children can sit, chat and study. Also, there is some work to be done on the wooden acacia boards and on the drainage at the front of the site. There has also been a request for the floor of the kitchen to be tiled as it is wearing away. The most ambitious proposition is for a study, to include desks, chairs and lap-tops. Wezi has stressed to us the need for the children to become proficient with computers. Unfortunately, with inflation in Malawi running at around 28% there are ever increasing demands on our funds. Hopefully it will be something we might be able to support in the future. Below on the left is the kitchen floor in its current condition. On the right is the potential site for a children's study.



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 and education which they need. There are currently 25 children at Molima which continues to be well regarded by Social Welfare and received a positive inspection report in March 2025 from Malawi's National Children's Commission.

Although this has been a very successful year for Molima it is particularly challenging financially for Orfund. Inflation is currently 28.7%. 18 months ago we were sending £1100 each month but we now have to send £1740 to cover Molima's basic costs. The cost of Molima's annual maize production has similarly increased as have the children's school fees and uniforms.

Our regular monthly income generates about £17800 but our projected annual expenditure in 2026 is £25,000+ which means we will be using our reserves to cover the deficit. We are very fortunate to have received three one-off donations this year totalling £11000 which has paid for the refurbishment of Molima and the cost of its 2025/26 maize production but we need to generate more income either through monthly giving or one-off donations or legacies to help us cover the shortfall. On behalf of the trustees thank you very much for your support and whatever you may feel you can do to help us continue to provide Molima with everything the children need.

David Joannides Orfund Treasurer

Orfund spending in 2025

£1470 per month - Molima's monthly payments

£1600 - school fees uniforms, books etc

£1500 - repainting Molima

£3300 - land rent, maize cultivation & harvesting

£3600 - 30 new mattresses

£300 - special meal and gifts for children and staff at Christmas

£386 - postage, printing & website

Over 98% of our expenditure in 2025 (£28326) will be spent on Molima.

Malawi

IMF: 6th poorest country in the world

Food inflation - 33% September 2025

Overall inflation - 28.7% September 2025

Gross National Income \$540 (£415) \$464 (£375) in 2024

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