


THE NCHIMA TRUST
*A Source of help for
the people of Malawi*


Who are we?

Nchima Trust	Pronounced 'Encheema', the trust was founded in 1962 by the Gardiner family.
Principal activities	Community projects and education
Beneficiaries	Malawians who have no other means to meet their goals or potential
Regulatory oversight	The Charity Commission for England and Wales https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission
Malawi The warm heart of Africa	A landlocked country famed for its lake, landscape and friendly people.

Thank you for reading our 2019 newsletter.

Season's greeting to all of donors, supporters and volunteers. It's a great time to take stock and reflect on the past year, to acknowledge our privileges and to think of those who benefit through the work of the Trust and its partners.

Malawi is rarely in the international press; sadly, this year, it was on the news for several days after being hit by storm Idai which caused devastating floods. Whilst the publicity provoked a lot of foreign aid, the effects on the people, their houses and the crops that they rely so heavily upon persisted long after the cameras and emergency relief agencies had left. Nchima was proud to help with supply and distribution of individual resource packs (blankets, buckets, maize and cooking oil) to those who had lost all of their possessions, and to contribute to the rebuilding of homes.



The Malawi Committee

The Trust continues to rely very heavily upon its local volunteers for its activities and would not be able to function effectively without their enthusiasm, foresight and dedication. Frank, Rosena and James adopt specific roles within Malawi whilst Robin Broadhead and Dennis Davidson provide strategic support where necessary. In the UK, Jose Quinn works tirelessly in her management of the board, the accounts and the regulatory obligations of the charity. Needless to say, additional support from Nchima alumni and friends of Nchima is greatly appreciated.

Education

The Trust continues to focus on education as its primary activity. We have built up a very strong working relationship with a number of secondary schools, vocational training centers and tertiary education institutions. A secure and transparent payment system has been established and the local committee vouch for each and every student and monitor their progress. Beneficiaries are usually selected for secondary school by teachers, social workers and village elders on the basis of commitment, potential and background. All are means tested and are deemed unlikely to be able to continue their education without the support of the trust. As a result, many talented young people would otherwise be denied the opportunity of further education or training and would move to unskilled jobs or subsistence farming in order to feed themselves and their families. The Trust is proud to offer an opportunity for some such folk to reach their true potential. As the social demographic in Malawi changes, the Trust has concentrated increasingly on secondary school education and vocational training programs. However, provided the beneficiaries perform well, the Trust will commit to continuing support through tertiary education if the student wishes. The Trust strongly encourages applications in support of girls and young women.



Supporting students from pre-school to secondary school,
and vocational training to medicine

Community Projects

Flood relief

All students who are sponsored by the Trust are expected to demonstrate some form of community engagement during their week ends and holidays. Many of our students volunteered to help in the aftermath of the floods mentioned on the opening page of this newsletter. Below is a message from one of the students who travelled from Blantyre to offer some help



Student Name :Clement Lokote

College. :Polytechnic

Programme. :Business Management

To. Josie Quinn Sec Nchima Trust

Dear Madam

I am pleased to report on the community activities I made contribution when Nchima Trust was assisting flood victims. On 28 and 29 June 2019, We went to Goliati in the district of Nthyolo and Jenala in the district of Phalombe respectively to contributions the following basis needs: Cooking oil, Blankets, Fertilizer, Maize seed, Maize flour, Soya pieces and Kitchen items. I enjoyed those trips because we were able to interact with these people and also they were happy too as assistance were given out.

On behalf of them, may I say thank you for assisting my fellow Malawians who faced with different problems due to floods.

I have attached some photos taken during the events from all the areas such as Nthyolo and Phalombe.

Regard

Clement Lokote.

The Tiyeni Agricultural Project

The Trust has a long standing association with Mangame, a remote village near the border with Mozambique. We have previously funded a community centre and have been trialling agriculture techniques aimed at increasing maize yield. This year, we have engaged a separate charity called Tiyeni which promotes a highly successful methodology based upon deep bed farming. The theory is scientifically very sound and is backed by an agronomist who worked for may years in Malawi. The project has attracted around 40 subsistence farmers who are working together towards higher productivity.



Fields tilled by hand



Tiyeni instructor



Hoping for a bumper crop

Chairman's notes

Malawi remains one of the poorest nations in the world and relies on continuous investment in its people to progress to self-sustainability. Nchima, with its partner charities Medulawi (Netherlands) and Studienforderung (Germany), supports talented under-privileged Malawians primarily through education. Given the absence of a social security system, many Malawians are reliant upon family for fees. Hence our support to young people from the poorest of backgrounds is intended to generate maximum impact on poverty.

We work very closely with our European partners and have changed processes and levels of accountability as a result of our collaboration. All students in further education now provide us with reports of the academic progress and community engagement activities. This has allowed much greater insight into the daily lives of our beneficiaries and enabled us to adjust some of our decisions and policies. We have a very strong and dedicated team on the ground in Malawi and are certain that the support is directed to those who are most likely to benefit.

We are most grateful for the efforts of our Malawi team along with those of the tireless Josie Quinn who coordinates all our financial and administrative activities from the UK. We are also very grateful for the support received from our partner charities, not only the financial support but the time taken to support student administration.

We shall continue to strive to improve the lives of young Malawians, mainly through education.

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