


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	Education, community projects and disaster recovery
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.



Why are we?

Malawi remains one of the poorest countries in the world. Most Malawians rely on subsistence farming for a living, leaving them open to effects of climate change and natural disasters. Only a third of children in Malawi complete primary school, 1 in 6 complete secondary school, and around 7 million adults cannot read or write.

The Nchima Trust, and its partner charities Medulawi (The Netherlands) and Passo Fundo (Germany), believe that education and training provide the most effective route out of poverty. The Trust provides fees for secondary, tertiary and vocational training for young talented people who have no alternative means of funding their education.

Beneficiaries are identified through local village elders, teachers, social workers and four local Nchima volunteers, most of whom are past beneficiaries. The same four people, work tirelessly to deliver and monitor the Trust's activities and beneficiaries within Malawi. Currently the Nchima Trust Family supports over 87 college/university students and 220 secondary school students.

When necessary, the Trust provides emergency relief following natural disasters, focussing on areas where larger aid agencies are unable to establish a presence.

2023 has, as expected, been busy with plenty to celebrate and plenty to challenge us. The images at the top of this page are really what the trust is all about. Little Princess modelling a jumper knitted by a Friend of Nchima in the UK; a group of children at a deaf community in Phalombe; Clement Mverani, an Nchima sponsored trainee teacher; Stonard Mwale, a proud graduate in Electronic Engineering from University of Malawi

Malawi local volunteers

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.. Additional support from Nchima alumni and friends of Nchima is greatly appreciated.

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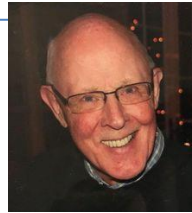


June 2023: Thank you to Angus, Callum, Dan and David who selected Nchima Trust as their chosen charity whilst sailing 2400 miles as part of the AZAB (Azores and back) race. The fearless four raised over £4,165 with 59 supporters over 28 days. Huge congratulations and even bigger thanks on behalf of the Nchima Trust; this funding covers the cost of annual fees for around 28 secondary school students.

February 2023: Congratulations to the three students who achieved sufficiently high grades to be awarded the Rob van Zadelhoff prize this year; the first time that multiple awards have been made. Special congratulations go to our first ever female recipient. All 3 students received financial support towards their future education. Pictured right is Rosena presenting the prize to Violet Thokozani in Mulanje.



Rob van Zaderhoff was an active supporter of the Nchima Trust. He passed away in 2018 but is remembered through a legacy built up partly by donations from friends and family in honour of his memory



Sir / Madam,

I am glad to inform you that I passed my end of year examinations. I have graduated with Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery with a pass.

I would like to thank NCHIMA trust for putting a smile on my face. Here I am now, a Medical Doctor. Without your kind contribution, it would not have been possible for me to make my dream a reality. You picked me up at a point where I had started losing hope; for that I am so grateful.

On a special note, I would like to thank Mr James Kambwiri who interviewed me and considered me the right candidate and stayed in touch throughout. I will always be grateful to you.

Lastly, I am available should there be anything that NCHIMA trust would like me to help with for the betterment of the programme.

Kind regards,
Dr Ella Kamanga.



March 2023: Sadly, Malawi was once again hit by a cyclone (Freddy). Major agencies set up around 60 camps for displaced people but many remote areas didn't receive such assistance. The Trust identified a number of affected communities and set out to provide a support program and rebuilding for several months after Cyclone Freddy had hit. **The Trust is hugely grateful to those who responded to our emergency appeal. The reaction of those contacted for help was extraordinary and touching. Within a matter of a fortnight we had amassed £18,000.**



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May and June : Our team visited the deaf communities in Blantyre and Phalombe, as well a relief camps in Chiradzulu and Zomba, to offer support following the destruction of houses and crops by Cyclone Freddie. They were delighted to be supported by two current beneficiaries of the Trust studying at Chancellor college (Andrew Lisilira and Pellina Maulana).



July: We visited one of our Food and Nutrition students, Samuel Mangani. The house he shared with two relatives collapsed at night due to the cyclone. He lost all possessions, including a laptop and exercise books, and had to spend three weeks in hospital on account of his injuries. His mobility was subsequently limited, so we arranged on-campus accommodation for the following semester to enable him to get to classes. He graduated in October. Well done Sam.



August: Current beneficiaries and all alumni were invited to an annual congress attended and addressed by two representatives (Arnold and Helmut) from Passo Fundo, one of the partner charities in Germany. Members of the local committee spoke in person to the audience, whilst members of the NT Board joined the meeting online. Such events are important for networking, and for encouraging appropriate engagement with community projects and feedback reports, both of which are a condition of sponsorship.

September: The start of the academic year is a particularly busy time for our local volunteers. They visit all of our secondary school students to ensure registration and distribute stationary and toiletries which we consider important to limit absenteeism, especially amongst girls. Some of the secondary students are funded through Medulawi. Similarly, the tertiary students are all visited near the start of their course to ensure attendance and engagement. Some of the university students are funded through Passo Fundo. The three charities together make up the Nchima Family



Chairman's Note

Thank you again most sincerely for your unwavering support over the past year.

As in Malawi, we have had a number of changes at the UK and Europe end of the venture. By far the most significant from the board's point of view, is the retirement of Josie Quinn - secretary, treasurer and coordinator of the Trust for over 30 years. She will be hugely missed by us all. We are most grateful for Josie's contribution over many decades which has seen us migrate from hand written letters to electronic systems and banking and email etc. Josie has shown remarkable stamina and resilience and we wish her well.

Before leaving, Josie has heavily involved in the implementation of a new accounting system which should ensure much simpler and more transparent control of funds between Europe and Malawi. We have also modernised the way in which we handle communication relating to each individual beneficiary. This is important as each student is required to submit regular progress reports and feedback from community projects.

We remain passionate about education and training and will continue to hold this as our main pillar of activity. In addition, we like to take on community projects that we hope will become self-sustaining. In the past, these have included and paper and card making cooperative, the introduction of a novel approach to the improvement of soil structure for subsistence farmers, and a micro-credit scheme for small businesses run by ladies. We are currently looking at projects to limit deforestation and promote clean energy. If this happens to be an area of your expertise, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

And remember that a single pound in the UK probably affords at least 33 times the benefit when it gets to Malawi.



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