



School Development Project

Supporting schools to deliver quality education

Final Report

Project: Classroom repair

School: Mlozi Primary School

Donor: Gairloch High School



Link Community Development

Link works to improve the lives of children and young people by improving the quality of education in rural areas of Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, South Africa and Uganda. Every morning thousands of children across Africa make a huge effort just to get to school, but for many this effort is a waste because the schools they struggle so hard to reach just aren't good enough.

Link works with governments, schools and communities to identify and remove the obstacles to quality education. Each school faces different challenges so we work with them to support their priorities for school improvement. By sponsoring a **School Development Project** you help schools to meet their unique priorities within the context of our wider school improvement work.

Link in Malawi – our wider work

The education sector in Malawi is undergoing change and reform. Government, Development Partners and Civil Society all agree that 'business as usual' will not address the major challenges in the system. Pupil to teacher ratios in classes are as high as 180:1, and across Malawi literacy and numeracy levels are extremely low, with weak leadership and management.

In 2009, Link Malawi was invited onto the Government's Technical Working Group for Basic Education. With a new 10-year National Education Sector Plan in place, Link will be playing a key role in supporting the much needed reform agenda. The newly set up Link office in Lilongwe allows for improved collaboration with Government and its partners.

Link Malawi continues to support the Ministry of Education through developing policy and showcasing good practice in Dedza and Mulanje districts. Link is playing a leading role in the development of School Improvement Planning in the country.



Classroom maintenance and school improvement

This School Development Project supports Link's overall priorities for improving the quality of education in Malawi as we aim to ensure that all children complete 8 years of primary school and receive a good quality education. This contributes to the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 2: the achievement of universal primary education.

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Progress of the project

The school moulded enough breeze blocks for all classrooms, fixed them in windows and painted them. They also fixed the door-frames and doors and constructed door steps on 4 classrooms. Flooring was repaired in 1 classroom as planned and in a further classroom in the other school block.

A building that was previously used as storage has been converted into a teacher's house, which is now being used by a teacher. This has been helpful in ensuring that teachers stay at



Doorsteps to a classroom

Mlozi School.



The New Teacher's House

The community contributed to this project by collecting sand and making the bricks that were used in the project. The community members also ensured that the funds for the project were used correctly.

Link's support for the project

Link provided training for the Parent-Teacher Association, Senior Management Committee and teachers on their roles in the running the project and supported the community to manage the money for the project.

Impact of the project

"The project helped a lot. We are now able to hang teaching and learning materials on the walls which we could not do in the past because the doors were [always] open" said Winnex Chintali, the Head Teacher. Teachers are now able to leave books securely in the classrooms as they can be locked.

The doors and windows provide a more secure environment for the learners too. They feel safer at school and are no longer inclined to drop out of school during the cold season because classrooms can be kept warm.



Mr Chintali and Mr Banda, the occupant of the new teacher's house

The pupils and teachers of Mlozi School would like to thank you very much for your donation. Your support is essential to enable Link to carry out our school improvement work and help hundreds of children to access better quality education. Thank you!

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