

Celebrating 20 Years of Partnership

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Malawi Orphan Fund has been supporting Home of Hope for 20 years. This period has seen major changes in the socioeconomic climate of Malawi. Home of Hope had started providing Primary education along with love, housing and nutrition to a growing number of children, who had lost one or both parents. Now, it supports over 750 children in Mchinji, Malawi: offering education at Nursery, Primary and Secondary levels, alongside medical care and housing. Home of Hope offers support

primarily to children living at the home, and with the help of the outreach Programme, they are able to provide for those in the surrounding villages. In 2018 they opened a Vocational Training Centre to provide more training and qualifications, so that when students leave, they will be qualified to find employment.

MOF celebrate their 20th anniversary this year. 20 years of changing and supporting people's lives. 20 years of seeing a country evolve and improve. In 2005, Malawi was in the depth of financial and medical despair as 64% of Malawians lived below the poverty line¹ and the rate of STD reached critical with 790,000 total infected adults². Gasoline prices in 2004 jumped 46% from 2002. These years also saw a drastic increase in orphaned children as so many people died due to the lack of sufficient healthcare, making the work of Home of Hope, supported by MOF so necessary.



Today, the economy is far more prosperous and forgiving. Malawi Orphan Fund have seen these improvements and have been able to support so many wonderful children in their youth to grow up to be independent adults who can give back to the community. Thanks to generous donations MOF has been able to support Home of Hope to redecorate parts of their schools to continue in aspiring young minds. Monthly sponsorships provide Home of Hope with regular support to care for and feed children from infancy to independence.



The 20th anniversary of the Malawi Orphan Fund will take place on 10th May to celebrate its great impact in Malawi. You are welcome to join us or give via the QR code.



¹ [2005-2009-Malawi-Country Strategy Paper](#)

² [Malawi HIV Syphilis Sentinel Surveillance Report 2005 - Dataset - The Document Management System](#)