



THE LANDIRANI TRUST

SUPPORTING ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN MALAWI

Our Vision:

A healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi

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AFRICAN VISION MALAWI — Creating Lasting Change



As of 1st April 2013, Landirani will be changing its name to **African Vision Malawi**. We have been planning this for some time now, and as of next month you will see a new logo and redesign of the charity website. Much has changed since we started in 2005, when our original focus was to help the orphans in a small area. This has expanded greatly with our vision of building a '**healthy, educated and self-sufficient community**'. We are very excited for what is to come and believe that with the new name we will be able to promote the charity further in the UK. In Malawi the charity will remain as **The Landirani Trust**, as it has become familiar there and the name is in their language, Chichewa. We are very excited about the change!
www.africanvision.org.uk

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Our staff along with our 98 volunteers on our Local Based Committees (LBCs) and many others in our community helped transport, mill and distribute essential food supplies to 700 of our most vulnerable beneficiaries. Getting 140 x 50kg sacks out to 14 centres spread over 200km is not easy. The rains made the roads very challenging and it was 11pm at night from an 8am start when transportation of the maize was finally done and the last person safely home. LBCs then arranged their own weighing and distribution of the maize flour (ufa) along with a bag of

salt and soap to each recipient. They have the near impossible job of deciding who of the hundreds of vulnerable people and orphans in their area to give food to. It is better they do this as our LBCs know their area and people well. A lovely old blind man at Lumbadzi told our (very humbled) Country Manager Sarah Parsloe that 'Landirani and the committee here care so much for us and I thank you with all my heart'. The cost of this distribution was £1,600 which came from generous donations from as far afield as Italy and as close to home as Brighton. Whilst Landirani develops and delivers sustainable and self-sufficient food programmes, until the communities are more sustainable, distributions like this are still essential.

Not all our projects succeed from the beginning...! The Groundnut project is designed to make 100 women self-sufficient by providing groundnut seeds that they will grow into nuts and sell. The cost of the seeds will be recovered

GROUNDNUT PROJECT



Healthy & well-banked field at Mlumbwira

from their first profit, and be used to buy more seeds for more women next year. Sounds simple....?

But the first batch of seeds did not germinate so a few days before Christmas 2012, staff in Malawi had a mad dash to collect and distribute 3 tonnes of seeds in time for them to benefit from the land the ladies had prepared and the on-coming rainy season. We are doing what we can to support the women to have a good harvest. .

STAFF NEWS



Blessings Zembani has started a 2 year contract with us in Malawi to take over the responsibilities of Gift Banda as Project Support Officer, while Gift completes his Degree course. He has slotted into the team extremely well and is enjoying the challenges that come with Landirani.

Julie Ndalama, who has been volunteering for Landirani for a year

now, is being taken on as Office Admin support in Malawi.

Also in Malawi, **Eric Munthali** has joined Landirani as our new Finance Officer. We wish him well with his time with us. On asking him of his first impressions he said 'I didn't think it would be as exciting as this!'



Maria Moyo our Deputy Country Manager is moving on to fulfil her career in the Health Sector and will

sadly be leaving us in April this year. We wish her well for her future.



Kira in Newbury at the induction day

Back here in the UK, **Kira Palmer** has won a two month placement with the Vodafone 'World of Difference' scheme. She is focused on fundraising activities and will be going out to Malawi in April to do some work over there.

HEALTH



Nurses receiving some blankets for their patients at M'bang'ombe

Thanks to the jewellery making endeavours of Liz Bartley, our former Education Manager, we were able to buy a whole host of goods to make life better at **M'bang'ombe Maternity Unit**. Everything from boxes of surgical gloves and disinfectant to BP monitors and stethoscopes. Well over 20 blankets knitted by lovely supporters and some baby blankets donated by Karla Rayworth, our Country Manager's

sister who was moved to tears when she saw where her daughter's old bedding is now. We are of course very excited about the prospect of a **New Maternity Unit** being started very soon thanks to the amazing work of Project4Africa; raising the funds to make this possible. Building starts in May for September completion.

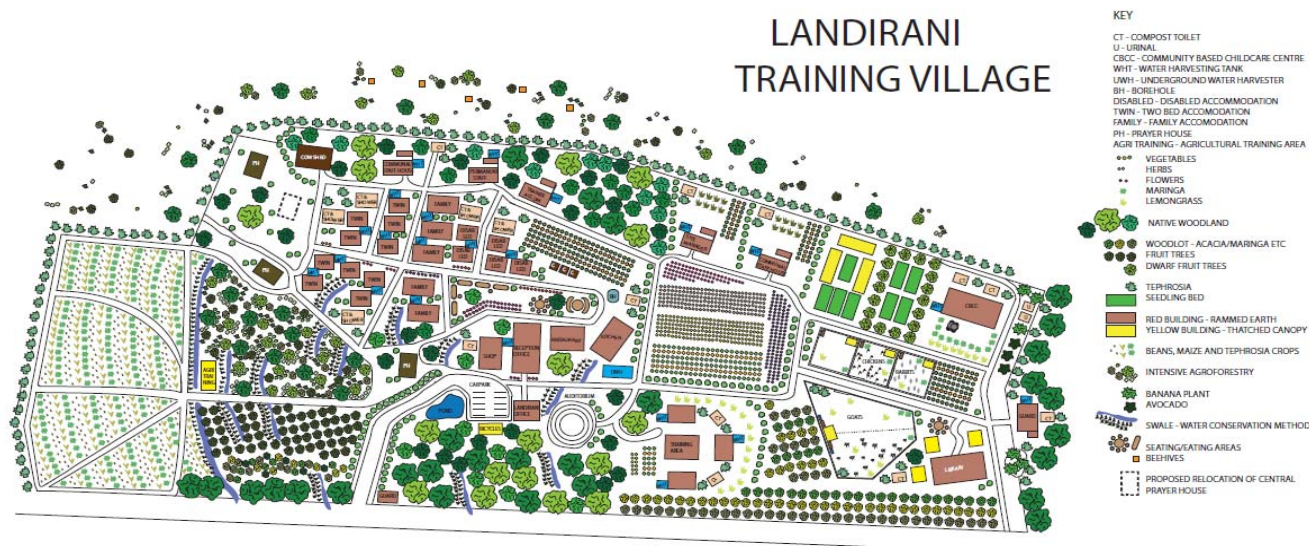
We started supporting the communities with **Bicycle Ambulances** in response to the great need to transport patients to and from the clinics. Many village people walk very long distances to access medical facilities. Bicycle Ambulances which were already donated to the villages proved useful regular transport for sick people suffering from malaria, measles,



Bicycle Ambulance training

stomach pain, pneumonia etc. Also many pregnant women are being helped. We started training local people how to use the bicycle ambulances. The first day of the training was at Lumbadzi and M'lumbwira, sharing with the committees how to manage bicycle ambulance activities and demonstrating how to put the bikes and trailers together.

THE LANDIRANI TRAINING VILLAGE



Above is our plan for the Landirani Training Village. Rob Tuck volunteered for us last year and focused on the planning and implementation of permaculture on the land. The plan has now been represented in softcopy format by Kira Palmer. This is not a finalised plan, as things will change through time, but it gives an idea of the scale of the 10 acre eco-village. It has a training accommodation (centre-left), offices, community shop and restaurant (centre), a Community Based Childcare Centre (CBCC, top right), a library & resource centre (bottom right), training workshops (bottom) as well as areas for agro-forestry, permaculture, vegetable gardening and beekeeping. The CBCC and two other rammed-earth buildings have already taken shape, and as the rainy season is coming to an end, building work continues with the library and resource centre. Funding allowing we could also start on the workshop and accommodation.

EDUCATION



Chitsime school block collapsed 3 years ago and has desperately needed saving since then. The Mall Prep school in Hampton is partnered with Chitsime and have raised the money to rebuild it. We are waiting for the finishing touches to be completed. Sadly due to the rainy season, many building projects have to be paused and therefore progress can be rather slow. It has also had delays due to the increase of costs in cement and the contractor disappearing for some time!



It is always heartening to hear positive stories from our community. Our Local Based Committee (LBC) members at M'bang'ombe Centre combined efforts to raise enough money for some **school uniforms** for some orphans in their centre. This is fantastic news for these orphans who generally only have one other item of clothing. Not only does this give them a sense of belonging, but also keeps them warmer and cleaner.

Our former Trustee (and Landirani National Treasure) Gaynor Cook has been busy raising funds with her 'Light a Malawian Child's Life' campaign. This



enabled us to purchase **solar lights** and donate to schools in our area. The lights, from Solar Aid, have four lamps and run off a simple battery which is charged by a solar panel. In February we took lights to Funsani and Mundundu Schools, in recognition of the good work they have already been doing to support learners to study after dark and encourage girls to stay in school. The LBC where Funsani is located, said they were 'so proud of Landirani for doing this for our school' and promised to let us know what difference it made. At Mundundu they said they were 'excited and so pleased to receive a set of lamps'.

Find more information on the website:

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Spring Grove Panto


March 2013

NEW BOREHOLES

Great excitement as yet again Rotary International Mississippi have come up trumps and provided urgently needed boreholes in 18 more of our villages. March 22nd was World Water Day and we are so lucky to have a tap we can turn on and where clean water is provided. In Malawi, 2.5 million people don't have access to clean, safe water. Rotary International came to visit Malawi in October to see the difference they had made. Our communities are so grateful for the difference that this

has made to their lives. Rotary have seen the need and returned with more funding to provide the most precious and basic need of all.... clean water. These new boreholes are now benefiting over 4000 people! We still have a long way to go, so if you want to support this project please go to our website and get involved.



New borehole at Ngodoboka Chitsime

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Recent events: Thanks to...

Jessica Hern and friends for donating 14 pencil cases for Malawi, which will be put to great use to encourage girls to stay at school.

CornerHOUSE Pantomime 'No Strings Attached' retirement collection of £600 which will go towards our project on Disability. Nigel Palmer also sold DVDs of the panto which raised £100 for Landirani.



Our new supporters who give a regular donation. This really helps us to plan ahead. Without this regular money we would not have been able to complete many of our projects.

De La Rue Charitable Foundation for £4,000 towards our goal of £8,000 for our Library and Resource Centre. **Tolworth Girls School** are busy fundraising to

get the remainder. This will be built this year on the Landirani Training Village site and a group from Tolworth are going out in August to set up the Library and get local people trained up to run it.

Epsom College who have raised £2,000 towards supporting our project on Disability.

The **Lent Appeal** from St Matthews and St Johns churches. Both churches are giving donations towards providing uniforms, clothing and blankets to the orphans. **Sow it Forward** for receiving a grant of \$300 which will go towards growing a self-sustaining vegetable garden at one of our CBCCs

March 22nd, World Water Day.

Please consider a donation of £2 per month to enable us to continue putting in clean water sources in our area. Or do your own fundraising event with a water theme!

March 26th is World Epilepsy Day. We will be collecting at Surbiton Station. Please help support this much needed project and stop the shocking custom of putting limbs in fires to burn out the evil spirits.

Spring Grove Pantomime who performed "Non o' your messing about" and raised £500 for Landirani.

Sarah Bowen is planning to cycle **'around the coast in 80 days'**

This fantastic mission is to start in July and she needs all the support she can get. Please donate at www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sarahbowen and keep up to date with her blog www.aroundthecoastin80days.blogspot.co.uk/

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We are also setting up **MyTextDonate**, where you can send a text of up to £5, and every single part of the money goes to the charity thanks to Vodafone. Keep a look out for updates on this new, fast and easy way to donate, including gift aid.

Appeal for Fundraisers

We are looking for people to organise events & fundraisers for Landirani all year round! Please get in touch if you are interested in helping us help Malawi.