

Preventing the poverty of adolescents in Malawi

Project: Vocational education and training for the youth that are at risk of poverty

Location: Six poverty stricken townships of Mzuzu City in Malawi (Africa)

Content: Vocational training e.g. carpentry

Partner: SJOG

Support: for 780 boys and girls and their families

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The situation in Mzuzu City, Malawi

Mzuzu City is located in the northern part of Malawi, with 70% of the population being very poor. Many children are denied the access to education because their parents' believe working at home or in agricultural jobs is more important.

Only about 50% of the children in Mzuzu City finish primary school. Furthermore only 20% of the children remaining in school are able to complete secondary school. The prevailing poverty consequently prevents young people from securing employment or engaging in

sustainable and fulfilling employment.

Moreover poverty and disability have a large impact on formal education and on the opportunities for young people to fully participate in their communities, engage in social activities and benefit from social services. Disadvantaged children often have insufficient access to leisure facilities for social activities, resulting in boredom which often leads to increased vulnerability and therefore to juvenile crime, alcohol and drug abuse.

Children born with disability or special needs are often excluded from attending conventional schools because there are no facilities for disabled children.

Our project

Boys and girls aged between 12 and 18 that are at risk of poverty can undergo a three-month or

two-year vocational skills training program with the aim of obtaining employment afterwards so that they can lead independent lives.

The program offers a variety of vocational areas such as bakery, tailoring, bricklaying, carpentry, horticulture, shoe mending and hair dressing. Young people can also learn how to repair bicycles/motor cycles or cell phones and gain basic computing and entrepreneurship skills.

Social integration: Equal opportunities for all

The program is also offered to the disadvantaged such as orphans, children with physical and intellectual disability, HIV/ Aids & teenage mothers.

The program strengthens the academic and practical skills of the young adults which helps them to become productive members in their community. To attain this, our local partner SJOG will work with Church and Community Leaders, in the six townships, who have shown previous support of our partner's various programs. These will help with the identification and mobilisation of beneficiaries and also help in identifying venues for training within their respective communities.

Our partner's vocational training centre is accredited by Government's Technical Vocational Education Training Authority (TEVETA) which certifies and accredits all vocational training institutions in Malawi.



Youth aged between 12 and 18 that are at risk of poverty receive the opportunity to undergo a vocational skills training

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Help for children at risk

31€

will help to finance all paint **scrapers** for the **bricklayer training programme**.

125€

will help to finance the **buttons** for the **tailoring training programme**.

30€ per month

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