

# AQUAID LIFELINE FUND NEWS FROM MALAWI



Picture above are some of our beautiful children enjoying lunch at the AquAid centre in Mwanza. Many children throughout Malawi do not have the luxury of eating a meal at home as their families or guardians simply do not have any food to give to them. AquAid Lifeline is now feeding over 3,000 orphans and needy children throughout our 13 centres. The children eagerly arrive before school to have their breakfast of porridge and a cup of tea and then return again when their lessons have finished for their main meal which, as you can see, is always accompanied by lots of chat and laughter with their friends.



This little girl, Wandipatso, is 4 years old and she is one of 160 children who come to the Philip Veale Children's Centre in Gomani every day for food and care, including nursery education. She lives nearby with her elderly Grandparents as both her parents have sadly passed away. When our Co-ordinator, Josie Charter, was chatting with her and a group of friends, Wandipatso said that, when she grew up, she wanted to be a

chauffeur. Well it might be a few years until she can reach the pedals and see over the steering wheel but AquAid Lifeline is committed to ensuring all of our children have the opportunity to finish their education and then secure employment to enable them to look after themselves as well as extended family members.



### 100% Pass rate in recent exams!

We are very proud of our two Primary Schools at Namisu and Namaritha for achieving a fantastic 100% pass rate for the recent Primary School Leaving Certificate examinations. We would like to thank the students for their huge effort as well as the dedicated teachers for their hard work. With the foundation of learning firmly established, I am sure we will see future teachers, doctors as well as tailors and carpenters amongst this year's cohort. This photo shows the well deserved reward - an afternoon of sports activities. Here are our Standard 1 learners competing in a running race.



### Afternoon Nap!

This little girl clearly found it impossible to stay awake during the last lesson of the day. To be fair, she would have awakened at 4am to help tend and weed the family garden in preparation for maize planting time. She would have also visited the nearest borehole to fetch the daily water for her elderly grandmother and only after her chores were finished would she have started out on the 5km walk to school.



### Please meet some of our great young entrepreneurs!

A group of children from Namisu Primary School decided to start a little export business of their own. With an almost endless supply of fabric off-cuts from our in-house tailoring shop, and a guiding hand from their teacher, Joyce, they set about learning the art of making rag rugs. They quickly learned the technique and in no time at all they were ready to pass their completed rugs onto the AquAid Co-ordinator, Josie Charter, for export to the UK. I'm sure they will be eagerly awaiting her next trip in February for their payment!



Picture on the left is Kondwani Mpale who was sponsored by AquAid throughout his 2 year Diploma in Business Management at Western College. After graduating in 2015, Kondwani was employed in the Sales and Admin Dept for The Daily Times newspaper. Unlike the heading on the newspaper in front of Kondwani, his future is anything but lost! Pictured to the right is Linly Brown, one of the many nurses trained under the support and sponsorship of AquAid Lifeline. It's tremendously rewarding to see Linly working at our clinic in Namaritha as she has been assisted by the charity since she was a young girl attending our school at Namisu. After being selected to a good secondary school, Linly studied for her nursing qualification at Malamulo College of Nursing before returning to us to show her gratitude by working at the clinic.



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