**Meeting with Scottish Government International Development Minister, Neil Gray MSP**

**Chat Log**

* **Thomas Bisika**: Thank you David
* Blessings Kam'mambala from Challenges Malawi
* **Chifundo Zingunde**: 👏👏👏
* **Joel Sibale**: Joel Sibale for Youth for change and development Malawi
* **JanetMtoso**: Janet Mtoso Marys Meals
* **open arms**: Peter.V. Pasiya for Mphatso Zathu Foundation
* **Eve Broadis Fair Trade Scotland**: Eve Broadis supporting Mzuzu Coffee Coperatives

Fair Trade Scotland- Joyce juma phiri is our CEO

* **Matthews Mfune**: Matthews Mfune from Sungani Zakwathu Cultural Heritage Association,a cultural tourism NGO in Lilongwe
* **Chinsisi Kazuwa**: Chinsisi Kazuwa, Malawi Young Climate Leaders Project Officer - MaSP
* **Neil Gray**: Thanks Sam, I was on a call with girls getting supported with educational scholarships and I said there and say again, when we educate girls, we change the world for them and their communities.

\*Scholarships in Pakistan last week

* **Richard Pawemi Banda**: Richard Pawemi Banda, Executive Coordinator, Climate Change
* **Neil Gray**: Many thanks James, fantastic work
* **Richard Pawemi Banda**: Richard Pawemi Banda, Executive Coordinator, Community Support Against Climate Change (COSACC)
* **Gordon WALLACE**: Mental Health Education - SMMHEP - getting medical students educated about mental health and now qualifying the first ever Malawian qualified Consultant Psychiatrists
* **Harold Kuombola (Link Malawi)**: Harold Kuombola, Country Director, Link Community Development Malawi - based in Lilongwe
* **Stuart Brown**: Hello, I'm Stuart Brown on the staff team of the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP): [stuart@scotland-malawipartnership.org](mailto:stuart@scotland-malawipartnership.org)
* **Mindy Panulo**: Mindy Panulo , Research Associate from Malawi University of Busines and Applied Sciences (MUBAS) -Formerly 'The Polytechnic'
* **Sam Ross, Link Education International**: Is there a timeline for launching the new grants and associated mechanisms so organisations can start planning? Sam Ross, Link Education
* **Vincent Tholo**: Hello, I am Vincent Tholo, St John Malawi Ambulance
* **Linda Dembo**: Hi, am Linda Dembo, working with Malawi Scotland Partnership: [ldembo@malawiscotlandpartnership.org](mailto:ldembo@malawiscotlandpartnership.org)
* **Dr Oluseye A Ogunbayo**: Dr Oluseye A Ogunbayo, Lead for Global Outreach Strategy, Edinburgh Surgery Online (ESO), University of Edinburgh and ESO Rep for Scottish Malawi Partnership.
* **shupo**: shupo kumwenda director Ekwaiweni Tafika youth organization and sports academy it nice to join this meeting
* **Dezie Trigu**: Hello everyone. I am Dezie Trigu representing Classrooms for Malawi
* **Neil Gray**: Andy, you are being too modest, it isn't me that has delivered on all these areas, it has been you and the wonderful St Margaret's High school community that has driven all this fantastic work.
* **Prof Mac Mallewa**: This is Mac Mallewa, Vice Chancellor Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (formerly College of Medicine and Kamuzu College of Nursing) [mmallewa@kuhes.ac.mw](mailto:mmallewa@kuhes.ac.mw)
* **Jade**: Moni Nonse, I'm Jade, part of the Scotland Malawi Partnership, Media and comms: [jade@scotland-malawipartnership.org](mailto:jade@scotland-malawipartnership.org).
* **Alan**: Alan Laverock; finance officer at SMP; lead trustee of Bananabox Trust, assisting with projects in Northern Malawi, principally sports, disabled work and school feeding; and treasurer of Mamie Martin Fund, which helps 147 girls through secondary education in Northern Malawi
* **Catriona Connolly**: Catriona Connolly. Scotland Malawi Anaesthesia. I would echo James Turing's question about how Scottish government will support small charities ( such as SMA) whose effect on SDG ( in our case- maternal mortality) produces a lot of bang for their buck, but who do not have the financial infrastructure to administer large grants. This has been asked before, and a solution agreed- that golden jubilee would administer health grants. But the agreement with Golden Jubilee finance department was not formalised. We cannot get anyone to administer large grants if we are successful in being awarded them.
* **TECNO CAMON 15**: Hello, I am Sylvester Chawala Project Manager on Malawi side, representing Scotland-Malawi Twinning Project (SCOMAL)
* **James Longwe**: James Longwe, Executive Director, PDI
* **Hendricks Nkhata (He/Him)**: Hendricks Nkhata,Malawi Climate Leaders Project Coordinator,Malawi Scotland Partnership.
* **Matthews Mfune**: Will there be time for the responses to some of the questions we sent in advance last week?
* **Davie Chilinda**: Muli bwanj Nonse, I am Davie Chilinda, playsoccer Malawi ambassador.. Email: [daviechilindawillard@gmail.com](mailto:daviechilindawillard@gmail.com)
* **Beatrice Kabota**: Beatrice Kabota, Nkhoma Hospital, MASCOT Project
* **David Hope-Jones**: To @ Matthews Mfune. Please put your question in the chat box here, thanks
* **Linda Dembo**: 1. Any plan for the Scottish Government to extend the current projects and/or any future funding opportunities after 2023?
* 2. Can future funding allow MasP members to work in consortia in relation to their specific strands in oder for members to request more funding from Scottish Government
* **Zirare P. Phiri**: Zirare Phillimon Phiri, Programs Manager, Mphatso Zathu Foundation, [zirarepphiri@gmail.com](mailto:zirarepphiri@gmail.com); <https://web.facebook.com/MphatsoZathuFoundation>
* **Mwapatsa Mipando- KUHeS, Malawi**: Hello. I am Mwapatsa Mipando ([mmipando@kuhes.ac.mw](mailto:mmipando@kuhes.ac.mw)) a team member for both the Bt-Bt Research Project and MalDent Project that are collaborative projects of KUHeS & Uni of Glasgow.
* **barry klaassen**: Barry Klaassen Scotland Emergency Medicine -Malawi Project
* **Neil Gray**: Good to see and hear from you again Peter, thank you for your school partnership work
* **Eve Broadis Fair Trade Scotland**: Could we have more support for the Campaign to re certify Mzuzu Coffee - so important for them to benefit from the additional roasting income as well as exporting their Green bean thro the Fairtrade system, as the community receives the Fairtrade Premium.
* **Emma Wood**: Emma Wood of STEKAskills and Queen Margaret University . Tested the feasibility of Critical Dialogue Groups as an alternative to voluntourist style trips. This demonstrated that young poverty experienced Malawians can counter the narrative of 'development' and challenge the donor dependency culture to inspire young Scots to learn about structural inequality and resilience in ways they found 'life changing'. So young Malawians are enhancing Scottish culture by teaching young Scots about social justice and inclusion as well as global citizenship.
* **barry klaassen**: Barry Klaassen Scotland Emergency Medicine -Malawi Project would agree with Catriona s point through difficulties with management of grants within NHS Orgnisations we are severely hampering the ability of health projects from NHS Scotland delivering what we set out to deliver for our Malawian colleagues we must strive to honour the commitments we have made to our partners
* **Godknows Maseko**: yes schools partnership play a very big role with great impact as well.

we at STEKA we are also coming with a dialogue programme where we are looking into youths from Malawi and Scotland will be able to sit down and have a dialogue on issues affecting them in different areas like environment cultural and education

* **Neil Gray**: Many thanks, Itcan, would love to be able to see that presentation too please
* **Emma Wood**: Good to see Godknows Maseko and Gift Thompson in the chat showing that poverty experienced people also need a voice and that the relationship between Scotland and Malawi is two way. Malawians like them are having a big impact on Scotland and Scottish young people's understanding of complex issues such as social exclusion.
* **Neil Gray**: Thank you so much Dezie, really and incredible journey and the difference you are making for you are children.
* **Mindy Panulo**: I am Mindy Panulo from WASHTED centre. At WASHTED we are very proud of our long-term partnership with University of Strathclyde which started back in 1980s and included the establishment of WASHTED Centre in 2003 where I am based in our joint research group.

Our partnership has always been based on Malawi driven priorities supporting the attainment of initially the millennium development goals and more recently the UN SDGs. I want to take the chance to share with you some of our collaborative work between WASHTED and Strathclyde over the last 20 years which has primarily focussed on environmental and community health

We successfully developed the Chikwawa Health Initiative which was funded by the SG International Dev Fund from 2006 – 2016.

There are a number of examples of the impact of this work, for instance, the programme developed the healthy settings approach hand in hand with the government of Malawi, components of which were adopted in the national health strategy

* **Mindy Panulo**: The success of these SG funded programmes with Strathclyde raised the profile of the WASHTED Centre and have significantly expanded our joint research programmes since that time with funding through Horizon 2020 and UKRI which have supported the development of improved community health programmes focussed on food hygiene, water treatment systems, antimicrobial resistance and plastic waste management to better inform future interventions.

Recently we have focussed on COVID-19 prevention programmes funded by Scottish Funding Council through Strathclyde and UKAID through COVID 19 Hygiene Hub

This allowed us to provide direct support to schools and high risk but underserved areas such as a guardian shelter. Learning outcomes from our previous hygiene behaviour change programmes are informing new national guidance for hygiene in schools.

Furthermore, our higher education engagements and partnerships have significant impact, not only in the work we do but also in the capacity that has been built across WASHTED and the wider MUBAS through Masters and PhDs scholarships and development of improved systems and structures.

WASHTED and Strathclyde team would really welcome an opportunity to share more about our partnership with you at another time!

* **Catriona Connolly**: Can the minister let us smaller organisations know the outcomes of these discussions, please
* **Joanna Keating**: The Alliance consultation is an opportunity to feed in

<https://www.intdevalliance.scot/how-we-help/policy-and-advocacy/scottish-government-international-development-programming-new-way-forward-global-solidarity>

* **Frances Guy**: yes, please do participate in the consultation... though in theory it closes today! we will keep it open for comments from malawi.. please do comment! thanks
* **Tione Kaonga**: Great presentations by all the speakers and Thanks, Minister for your commitment.
* **Catriona Connolly**: Thanks Joanna. Some of us- are close to giving up- and in my case - nobody else in Scotla is working on maternal mortality as a team hospital ediucation issue as we are
* **Godknows Maseko**: our last dialogue program with students from Grenniffer and Watson's school where so amazing which youths from our organisations learned alot from them as one way of how they can build self asteem and how they can be able to challenge some of the issues which can affect their education in connection with cultural issue
* **HP**: This was very important meeting