

# Activity and Impact Report

## April – September 2017



## SUMMARY:

As a transparent and member-led network, every six months the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) publishes a report on its activities and impact. This report complements our official [Annual Report](#) and the formal reporting to the Scottish Government as part of the SMP's core funding. This report aims to keep members briefed and engaged on the work of the Partnership through the year and our progress against the activities, outputs, outcomes and impact in our 2017-20 Strategic Plan.

A key part of our approach in this strategic period is finding new and innovative way of engaging those not able to attend our meetings, forums, training and events in person: looking at how we make our work scaleable and sustainable, how we reach beyond those in the room, and ensure continued legacy long after events end. This has included greater use of online systems and remote input, as well as regularly publishing short inspiring videos sharing what we have done and the tone of our work. These videos offer a valuable narrative/case study. We particularly recommend from this period our videos on:

- Our [AGM](#)
- Our [Health Forum](#)
- Our [Further and Higher Education Forum](#)
- Our [Schools Forum](#)
- Our ['Partnership is' campaign](#)
- And [Vera's arrival at the AGM](#)

Through this period we have seen ever increasing support for the narrative of *dignified partnership* advanced by the SMP.

We were overwhelmed with support from MSPs while hosting our exhibition in the Scottish Parliament, with [almost 100 MSPs](#), including all the party leaders, recording personal video messages of support for the SDGs and our work.

The [Westminster Hall debate](#) in September was another key moment in this period, with passionate speeches from each of the Scottish political parties in Westminster. The UK Minister of State for Africa was very affected by this debate, noting his deep admiration for the Scotland Malawi Partnership and putting on record that DFID is keen to emulate the SMP's model. He said:

*"...I pay tribute to the Scotland Malawi Partnership—genuinely one of the most unique, remarkable, interesting and human interweavings of two nations anywhere in the world."*

*"There are three things from which we can learn. The first is ... the civic multiplier—the way in which the Scotland Malawi Partnership, with a relatively modest amount of money, can draw on all the institutions to create a much richer partnership and be more than the sum of its parts. The second element, which has come through time and again in today's speeches, is mutual respect. Everyone who spoke talked a great deal about equality and about how we can learn as much from Malawi as it can learn from us. Finally, there is the genius of co-ordination and connections. Since 2005 the work of the Scotland Malawi Partnership has been not to create the connections, but to find them and mine them—to draw them out of the soil and reveal to us that thick web of connections between two nations, essentially putting Malawians on the board. That is a very important part of the work of the Scotland Malawi Partnership"*

*"...What is so striking about the Scotland Malawi Partnership is that it has found ways of engaging a whole human population. Britain could do that in Malawi or in Tanzania, Uganda or Nigeria. It is a very exciting way of thinking about how to do development in the 21st century. The fact that so many right hon. and hon. Members are here championing international development shows how these human connections give us the legitimacy and centre to make progress..."*

## Key Events and Engagements:

In this six-month period, the SMP hosted 12 main events, attended by 542 people:

Event	Date	Venue	Attendees
<a href="#">Zambia, Rwanda, Malawi Collaboration Forum</a>	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	11
<a href="#">Schools Forum, Inverness</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Highland One World Global Learning Centre	41
<a href="#">Christian Aid Roundtable</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	10
<a href="#">SDGs exhibition Parliament</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Scottish Parliament	100 MSPs
<a href="#">CPG on Malawi – LGBTIQ rights</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Scottish Parliament	27
<a href="#">Health Forum</a>	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	43
Media training for Zambia and Rwanda	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	6
Zambia, Rwanda and Malawi Collaboration and Sharing Forum	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	8
<a href="#">Agriculture and Food Security Meeting</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	33
<a href="#">CPG on Malawi – Renewable Energy</a>	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Scottish Parliament	44
<a href="#">Further and Higher Education Forum</a>	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Edinburgh City Chambers	26
<a href="#">SMP AGM</a>	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Stewart's Melville College, Edinburgh	193

The Partnership co-hosted or supported a further 14 events attended by over 1,161:

Event	Date	Venue	Attendees
Ayr Presbytery Malawi event	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Kincase Parish Church, Prestwick	c200
RCPSG Global Health report launch	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow	c100
Dinner with HRH the Princess Royal	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Holyrood Palace	20
RCPSG Triennial Ball	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Kelvingrove Art Gallery	c200
Turing Talks	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Nation Museum Edinburgh	c150
ScotDEC SDG's event	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Moray House	c30
Europe and External Relations Committee evidence session	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Scottish Parliament	c30
George Watson's College, Launch of Malawi partnership	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	George Watson's College	c100
<a href="#">Colin and Alison Cameron's official visit to Malawi</a>	July 2017	Malawi	n/a
<a href="#">Launch of David Livingstone Centre funding</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre	c45
<a href="#">Climate Justice Innovation Fund Grants Programme</a>	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Edinburgh Methodist Church	26
<a href="#">Malawi Independence Gala Night in Scotland</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow	140
WOSDEC Conference	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017		c100
Westminster Debate	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Westminster Palace	20



Dancing at the 8<sup>th</sup> July Malawi Independence Day Celebrations, supported by the SMP

## Activities and Impact

**IMPACT: Vibrant, diverse and productive civic links between the peoples of Scotland and Malawi.**

<b>OUTCOME 1:</b>	<b>Civic links between Scotland and Malawi are coordinated, and the capacity of partnerships to be effective and impactful is enhanced</b>	
<i>OUTPUT 1.1:</i>	<i>Programme of development and capacity building opportunities offered to members.</i>	
ACTIVITY 1.1.i:	<p><u>Member Training, Consultancy and Mentoring.</u> Offering a needs-led package of training, consultancy and mentoring support services for members in areas including: Chichewa, Chitumbuka, culture, communications, etc.</p>	<p>The SMP held two <b>language and culture sessions for groups going to Malawi</b>, one at St Margaret’s Academy on 19th April 2017 attended by 34 people and one at Rosshall Academy with the MYLOL group on 30th May attended by 18 people. The MYLOL group tweeted “<i>Huge thanks to Emily, great info, advice and support</i>”.</p> <p>The SMP taught <b>Chichewa lessons at George Watsons College</b> during their Malawi week on 17th and 18th May 2017, these were attended by 180 students.</p> <p>The SMP <b>trained two member organisations in video editing</b>. One participant, Moira Dunworth of Mamie Martin Fund, emailed afterwards to say: “...a really good outcome is that we can now see video-making as a useful tool in our work, in many ways. As always we are indebted to Jackie for her IT mentoring and advice but to the SMP for the push out of the 20th century and into the world of video!”</p> <p>We also gave <b>media training, advice and support</b> to the Rwanda and Zambia networks on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017, with very positive feedback from both.</p>
ACTIVITY 1.1.ii:	<p><b>Member Awards Programme.</b> Supporting members to assess and communicate their impact and principles in exchange for publicity and recognition</p>	<p>We delivered our <a href="#">2017 Member Awards</a> programme, inviting members to apply by creating a short video about their link with Malawi, highlighting one of our <a href="#">11 Partnership Principles</a>.</p> <p>The programme <b>succeeded achieving all five of its objectives</b> in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising awareness of our members’ work and the Scotland-Malawi relationship, with <a href="#">16 videos</a>, viewed more than 8,500 times</li> <li>2. Raising awareness of our Partnership Principles and supporting members to self-reflect against these</li> <li>3. Encouraging members to think about how they communicate to wider publics about their work</li> <li>4. Offering training and support to our members in videography and editing</li> <li>5. Developing engaging new content for the SMP website</li> </ol> <p>The winners were: <a href="#">500 Miles</a>, <a href="#">Mamie Martin Fund &amp; The Soko Fund</a>, <a href="#">St Matthew’s Academy</a>, and <a href="#">The University of Glasgow</a>. Each won a hand-carved trophy from Malawi, a hamper of Malawian goods and a Malawi tourism prize (including a flight to Malawi, free hire car, stays at some of Malawi’s best lodges, etc).</p> <p>The shortlisted videos were: <a href="#">Andy Walker from Police Scotland</a>, <a href="#">EMMS International</a>, <a href="#">Kenyawo Kids</a>, <a href="#">LUV+</a>, <a href="#">Mission Rabies</a>, <a href="#">Oxfam Scotland</a>, <a href="#">Rachel Macleod</a>, <a href="#">The Responsible Safari Company</a>, <a href="#">David Somervell</a>, <a href="#">The University of Edinburgh</a>, <a href="#">VSO</a>, and <a href="#">Nkhoma Hospital</a>.</p>



The University of Glasgow winning their Member Impact Award

<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.iii:</p>	<p><b>Partnership Principles.</b> Encouraging and supporting our members to work within and towards the 11 Scotland-Malawi Partnership Principles which have come from significant consultation across both countries.</p>	<p>The <a href="#">2017 SMP AGM</a> was themed around “understanding partnership”, with 200+ members engaged in a range of activities around the <a href="#">Partnership Principles</a>.</p> <p>At the AGM, we launched a special <b>new pop-up exhibition</b> composed of 11 banners which are now being used by our members at events across Scotland.</p> <p>66 members made specific ‘<b>partnership pledges</b>’ at the SMP AGM. We have recorded all of these and over the coming months will be emailing them to find out how they have got on, and what support we can offer. 78% of respondents to the AGM feedback survey (n33) said the ‘<b>Partnership Principles in Action</b>’ section was “<b>excellent</b>” or “<b>very good</b>”. Members said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “[I have] <i>better knowledge of other people’s partnerships</i>”</li> <li>- “<i>Overall I was inspired that partnership connections are important, worthwhile and make a real difference</i>”</li> <li>- “<i>the theme of partnership served as a very strong anchor - a good mix of formal business but good humour and music</i>”</li> <li>- “[I liked most] <i>hearing partnership success</i>”</li> <li>- “[I liked most] <i>the Partnership Principles and stories</i>”</li> <li>- “[I liked most] <i>the Partnership Principles in Action – good to speak to others with similar views but different approaches</i>”</li> </ul> <p>The SMP <a href="#">Partnership Principles</a> were a key focus of the <b>Schools Forum</b> held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. All schools continue to be encouraged to apply for their SMP silver Partnership Principles certificate through the schools newsletter, schools forums and one-to-one support.</p> <p>The SMP ran a <b>workshop on the Partnership Principles</b> at the 8<sup>th</sup> September WOSDEC development education conference for teachers in Glasgow.</p> <p><b>16 Members created videos</b> based upon the SMP’s 11 Partnership Principles as part of the <a href="#">2017 Member Awards</a>.</p> <p>The Head of Youth and Schools ran a week-long <b>capacity building programme with MaSP in Lilongwe</b>, together developing two new workshops on the Partnership Principles for delivery across Malawi in schools with links to Scotland.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.iv:</p>	<p><u>Development understanding.</u> Working with leading experts and academics to distil core concepts relating to poverty and development good practice into simple user-friendly bite-sized briefings to support, inform and strengthen members’ work.</p>	<p>We are currently at an early stage of scoping a new piece of work which will work with leading academics across Scotland to produce <b>bite-sized videos</b> which we will disseminate through our website and bulletin. This will be launched in 2018.</p>



**Joanna Keating, Head of International Development at the Scottish Government, helps select the winners of our networking competition by 'spinning the gin', at our AGM!**



<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.v:</p>	<p><u>Understanding Needs.</u> Actively consulting members to understand needs, priorities and opportunities</p>	<p>In July the '<a href="#">Coffee with Kathy</a>' campaign was launched, to introduce the SMP's new Member Services Manager and to actively consult members. 25 one-to-one meetings with members were held across Scotland including with associates, schools, youth and organisations. The meetings have focused on learning about members, what their priorities are and their impact in Malawi; communicating support available from the SMP; consulting those based outside central belt on needs for specific support in their region; communicating on priorities e.g. Member Awards (impact), Partnership Principles, SDGs, updating member profiles, transparency platforms, tourism, Malawi goods; and highlighting members in the same area/field of interest for potential collaboration. There have been 'Coffee with Kathy' meetings, in, <i>inter alia</i>: Edinburgh, Perth, Dumfries, Lockerbie, Oban and Airdrie.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.vi:</p>	<p><u>Reactive Support.</u> Responding to requests for advice, support and practical assistance from members, partners and the public</p>	<p>We have responded to <b>hundreds of enquiries</b> in this period, offering advice, information and signposting to members, partners and the public.</p> <p>Of particular note, is the support we have given members to secure a <b>UK visa</b> for their partners to travel to Scotland. For example, in this six month period we have given support for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The University of Glasgow to host Sharifa Abdulla to undertake a 3-year PhD [ongoing]</li> <li>2. The BBC to invite the Madalitso Band to the UK [ongoing]</li> <li>3. Just Dance Orkney to invite their Malawian partners to Scotland [ongoing]</li> <li>4. A member of the Malawi-Scottish diaspora to invite her sisters to come to Scotland for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday [ongoing]</li> <li>5. Penicuik High School to invite their Malawian partner teachers [successful]</li> <li>6. Water Witness International to invite their new Malawi Director, Doreen Chanje's, and part of her induction [successful]</li> <li>7. Vera Kamtukule, the new MaSP Chief Exec, to visit Scotland [successful]</li> <li>8. Association of Malawians in Scotland to invite Lawrence Khwisa (aka 'Lulu') to visit Scotland for the Independence Day Celebrations [successful]</li> <li>9. Glenrothes Chuluchosema partnership to invite four representatives from the Malawian churches [successful]</li> <li>10. Queen Margaret University to support Gift Thompson to study in Edinburgh [successful]</li> <li>11. Link Community Development to invite Enoch Kandeu Chisale to Scotland [successful]</li> <li>12. Napier University to invite four partner academics [successful]</li> </ol> <p>We have also supported members traveling to Malawi to secure the appropriate Malawian visa, issuing letters of support.</p> <p><b>Alan Kimmitt of the Church of Scotland said:</b>  <i>"Without the support of SMP and others, but particularly SMP, the visit of our four partners from Chuluchosema would not have been possible. The SMP's visa service was invaluable and it's highly likely that visas would otherwise not have been granted for some or all of our visitors. "Because of your help, we had a wonderful partnership visit which has inspired the communities here and in Malawi. The visit has also paved the way for a possible partnership between the High School here and the Secondary School in Malawi. "When we speak to our partners about the visa process for Malawians, it's deeply saddening that the UK appears so unwelcoming to them. Your visa service is a step towards dispelling that feeling. You are doing great work – please keep it up!"</i></p> <p><b>Jane Geddes of Napier University, said:</b>  <i>"I would say that the support we received was of great value. For all of us (the four Malawians and myself as organiser of their stay) the</i></p>

knowledge that SMP was there to support us through what was a stressful process was very reassuring. Submitting all 4 visa applications at one time gave us the peace of mind, particularly as the Malawians were very aware of our visa system and potential delays. The SMP office proved helpful when 3 of 4 visas came through, trying to find the reason why the fourth was delayed. In the event, the outstanding visa led to an arrival delay of 4 days. “

**Joanna Davies of Just Dance Orkney said:**

*“I am currently in the process of helping apply for a visa for my friend in Malawi. Without the support of David and SMP I would not have had a clue where to start or how to have gone about this. The support I have received so far has been extremely helpful and knowing that they will be with me to the end of the process is very reassuring as it is not an easy task”*

**Keith Murphy of Penicuik High School said:**

*“The support we received from the Scotland Malawi Partnership was absolutely invaluable. One member of staff from our partner school had an issue with their visa application and without the help of SMP the planned visit to our school would not have taken place. We appreciate how much time was spent by the Scotland Malawi Partnership in liaising with authorities in South Africa to review the visa application, as I would not have known where to start with the process. The visa application process for our partners can be difficult and cumbersome and the length of time it takes can be prohibitive when organising a visit. This is especially so if an issue arises during the process. We really appreciate the dedication, hardwork and continued support of the Scotland Malawi Partnership in our work and would hope that the process for applying for visas will become more streamlined as we move forward. Thanks to all the team we had a successful initial visit providing us the opportunity to meet with our friends and establish our school partnership agreement”*

**Trudi Sieland of Water Witness International said:**

*“Thank you for your recent support in obtaining a UK visa for our Malawian colleague, Mrs. Doreen Chanje. We found your service of utmost help. We only had limited time to make the visa application, and opted for priority service. However, there is no guarantee that visa applications are processed in the time provided and SMP's advice and actions have given us assurance.*

*“The SMP has always been one step ahead in contacting the relevant authorities in Lilongwe and Pretoria ensuring our application is processed in time. The support letters both for the visa application and immigration officials have been a bonus, and the former certainly made an impact on the application outcome. The visa was granted within the 5 day time frame and we were able to make relevant bookings for our colleague in time for her travel.*

*“All in all, we sincerely value the support provided by SMP and look forward to using your services in future.”*

**Lyndsey Rae of Link Community Development said:**

*“We found it extremely helpful to have support to navigate the online system, which isn't always very clear, and to know that our visa would be processed as a priority through our relationship with the Scotland Malawi Partnership. We feel it is important to nurture our links with colleagues in Malawi, and being able to arrange for them to visit and undertake training for work purposes is very beneficial. Through our colleague's visit, we were able to undertake training for him that is essential to his working role, make connections with other organisations and NGOs, and raise the profile of our valuable work. Thank you very much for all of your help!”*

		<p><b>Helen Mein of Glenrothes Church said:</b>  <i>"The service that SMP staff, and you in particular, have provided for the visa applicants with whom I have been involved has been personal, prompt and persistent. I know that underlying this assistance has been, and continues to be, some very well judged networking and diplomacy that would have been entirely outwith the capacity [and patience!] of most people. For as long as HMG persists in its current immigration &amp; visa policy for visitors and study/exchanges etc it is vital that SMP has the capacity to continue to support the visa application process AND to continue to lobby for a more enlightened policy and a more humane process."</i></p> <p>We have also been supporting Scottish organisations travelling out to Malawi to secure <b>Malawian visas</b>.</p> <p><b>Sally Rae of George Watsons College said:</b>  <i>"Since the introduction of the tourist visa in Malawi I have asked the Scotland Malawi Partnership for assistance for my last 4 trips to Malawi. The help received has been invaluable. It has always been very reassuring having an official letter to explain the purpose of each visit."</i></p>
<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.vii:</p>	<p><u>Regional Outreach</u>. Pro-active efforts to reach beyond the central belt and support rural/remote members</p>	<p>The <b>Schools Forum was held in Inverness</b> on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, attended by 41 people from the north of Scotland.</p> <p>The '<b>Coffee with Kathy</b>' campaign had one-to-one meetings with members in Edinburgh, Perth, Dumfries, Lockerbie, Oban and Airdrie.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 1.1.viii:</p>	<p><u>Sustainability and Transparency</u>. Supporting members to self-reflect and share experience, learning and best practice relating to sustainability and transparency, and connecting members with existing and new literature, learning, advice.</p>	<p>We are currently developing our <b>sustainability campaign</b> which will be launched in 2018.</p> <p>We are in the process of developing a new campaign to encourage to members to increase their transparency by uploading as much information about their Malawi link to their <b>SMP web-profile</b> as possible. This will continue through this grant period.</p>



Emily running a workshop at the 3<sup>rd</sup> May Schools Forum workshop in Inverness

<b>OUTPUT 1.2:</b>		<u>Members receive regular bulletins, and have access to current information, online.</u>
ACTIVITY 1.2.i:	<u>Members Bulletin.</u> Sending a weekly news bulletin to all members with news, updates, advice, information, events, briefings and opportunities.	26 <b>weekly bulletins</b> have been sent to over 1,000 members.  <b>Schools Newsletters</b> were sent in June 2017 with 14.6% opens and 2.7% clicks, and in September 2017 with 17.4% opens and 3.9% clicks.
ACTIVITY 1.2.ii:	<u>Members Database.</u> Maintaining the national online database of Scotland-Malawi links, encouraging and supporting members to update and take ownership of their own web-profile.	Since April 2017, there have been <b>59 new members</b> added to the SMP Database. Of these new members, 11 have been Full Members, 25 Associate Members, 13 are Schools, and 10 are Youth Members.  We have supported <b>20 members to update their SMP Website Profiles.</b>  We have secured an <b>internship programme</b> with a major US university to increase our capacity to update our database systems and support members to update their online profiles.  We have invested time and capacity into exploring new <b>database packages</b> . We are continuing to assess options, working with SIDA and others.

<b>OUTPUT 1.3:</b>		<u>Creation of opportunities for in-person networking and sharing between members</u>
ACTIVITY 1.3.i:	<u>Member Forums and Working Groups.</u> Facilitating regular meetings bringing members together working in the same area for sharing, support and advice, with tangible outputs from working groups.	The <b>Health Forum</b> held on 19 <sup>th</sup> May was attended by 43 members. There was shared discussion and learning from attendees on leadership capacity building in Malawi, developing impact and upscaling successful work, with a focus on maternal health, health systems strengthening in Malawi, followed by an open discussion on leadership, coordination, shipping to Malawi, gender. A <b>promotional video</b> was made of this meeting  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Prof Paul Garside of the University of Glasgow</b> said the forum had been: <i>"...very useful and very interesting as we've had discussions about how to better coordinate and better deliver all of the things that we do from Scotland to Malawi, for the benefit of everybody in both Malawi and Scotland. It's been a great day and we look forward to doing it again."</i></li> <li>- <b>Florence Lungu, a midwifery lecturer at the University of Malawi and Vice President of the Malawi Association of Midwives</b>, said: <i>"It has been great to be here ... it has given me an insight into the programmes and the support of the SMP to Malawi ... it is very encouraging that people come and make time and have that passion to support us in Malawi."</i></li> </ul>

- **Nicola Goldman of Action for Muona** a student association in St Andrews, said: *“I thought the Forum was really good because you saw from people that had actually worked in the field from Scotland so you could see what they felt worked and what they felt didn’t. If you’re going into global health you need to see that otherwise you don’t know if what you’re contributing is actually valuable.”*
- **Heena Quamar of First Aid Africa**, said: *“It was a really great opportunity to see the links that everyone else has between Scotland and Malawi, and a chance to network with other organisations; see where their troubles are and what hurdles they have faced; and see if we can help them and they can help us.”*

The [Further and Higher Education Forum](#) met on 20<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by 26 members. Member updates from the Universities of Strathclyde, Glasgow, St Andrews, and Stirling included sharing successes, challenges and opportunities. Updates on Commonwealth Scholarships, the DFID SPHEIR consortium bid, the Scottish Government’s Malawi call, funding, and an opportunity for collaboration through open discussion and planning was held, followed by networking. A [promotional video](#) was made of this meeting, as well as [videos of all seven talks](#).

- **Dr Mia Perry of the University of Glasgow**, said: *“It’s been a great pleasure to be here. It’s been very informative and actually inspiring... I’ve met a lot of new people in the space of two hours: people that I wouldn’t usually have an opportunity to meet from different universities and different sectors and that’s been really, really useful and interesting. It’s also been useful to hear about a longer history of collaboration between Scotland and Malawi... Hearing about the trajectory of partnership in terms of the cultural integration as well as the addressing of issues has been really interesting and I leave thinking about what we learn from our work in Malawi as well as what we can contribute and I think that’s really important.”*
- **Carol Clement of the University of Strathclyde**, said: *“I really enjoyed today because it’s great to hear the diversity of all the work with Malawi that’s happening across so many Scottish organisations.”*
- **Dr John Kirkland, Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities**, said: *“I thought today’s meeting was a great chance to share experiences. I was really pleased with the honesty. People were willing to recognise when things had gone wrong as well as when things had gone right, and what we can learn from that. What I take back is that there is a great need for groups like this that bring together in a completely informal way organisations that are absolutely committed to the same aim because projects come and go but you guys will still be here in ten years’ time and you will be able to build up an awful lot of learning through that experience.”*
- **Dr Mathildah Chithila, formerly Chief Executive of the National Council for Higher Education**, said: *“I have been so much inspired because there’s so much that has been discussed that is so fitting for Malawi: the issues that we can do about Malawi; what can be done about higher education in Malawi; what sort of support, what sort of collaboration that can happen between the Scottish side and the Malawi side in terms of higher education. So very inspiring.”*

The [Agriculture and Food Security Meeting](#) we hosted for members on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August brought together 33 members working in this area. In advance of this meeting the SMP [published 10 videos relating to members’ work in this area](#) to support sharing and networking.

The [Schools Forum](#) met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, bringing together 41 teachers in Inverness. We published a [promotional video](#) from this meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Julie MacDonald of St Joseph’s Primary School</b>, said: <i>“it was great to be at the forum today. I’ve been directed to lots of great resources to plan topics around the Global Goals.”</i></li> <li>- <b>Chloe MacDonald of Lochardil Primary School</b>, said: <i>“It was really great to come along to the forum tonight to share loads of ideas with people and to get ideas back. We’re just starting a new school partnership so it was fab.”</i></li> <li>- <b>Rachel Avery of the Highland One World Centre</b>, said: <i>“It has been fantastic to have the Scotland Malawi Partnership School’s Forum hosted here. It’s been a great way of getting 35-40 teachers come and share lots of their experiences. Really useful networking opportunities.”</i></li> </ul> <p>On 8<sup>th</sup> May the SMP hosted a <a href="#">sustainable energy and sustainable markets</a> round-table meeting. The meeting was scheduled around a visit to Scotland by Pansi Katenga, the Country Manager of Christian Aid Malawi. The meeting provided a platform for Pansi Katenga to brief members on Christian Aid Malawi’s work and to engage Scottish organisations working with Malawi around sustainable energy and sustainable markets. The meeting was attended by 10 members.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 1.3.ii:</p>	<p><u>Active networking.</u> Developing and facilitating opportunities for strategic networking between members and with key individuals.</p>	<p>All 12 SMP events in this period and 14 partnered events included <b>active networking</b>.</p> <p>The recent <b>SMP AGM</b> was a great success in this regard. Held at Stewart’s Melville College, it was attended by 200+ members, guests and volunteers who contributed to active networking. There was interactive discussion and active self-reflection against the SMP’s Partnership Principles. All attendees were asked to find new contacts working in either the same geographic or thematic area. There was time for members to network standing on a large map of Malawi, to find those working in similar areas. Once new connections between members were made, these were represented by making a link with ribbon between the two names on a special networking board. From this we then randomly selected a number of winners, giving away free flights to Malawi and stays in leading lodges.</p> <p><b>59 new connections were documented</b> on our networking board – we will be emailing all of these 59 new connections in the coming months to support these new links.</p> <p>Feedback and evaluation forms showed that each attendee made an average of <b>three new contacts per person</b> at the AGM.</p> <p>Feedback from AGM attendees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>“An excellent mix of formal business, participants’ voices, and networking!”</i></li> <li>- <i>“Format worked well – very interactive, great for networking”.</i></li> <li>- <i>“Fun day, great networking”.</i></li> <li>- <i>“[I liked most the] networking and hearing peoples’ stories”.</i></li> <li>- <i>“Good to meet other people and see what they are doing. It gave me a broader understanding of the range of work done”.</i></li> <li>- <i>“[I liked most the] meeting other people from different organisations and from Malawi – inspirational”.</i></li> </ul> <p>33 attendees completed the feedback form at the end of the event. 87% of respondents rated the event as “excellent” or “very good”. No one rated it as “average” or “poor”.</p>



Networking at the AGM



All five Holyrood Party Leaders show their support for the SMP's week-long UN Global Goals exhibition in the Scottish Parliament, recording video messages alongside 100 MSPs

<b>OUTCOME 2:</b>	<b>The value of partnerships between Malawi and Scotland, and the experience and learning of SMP members, is reflected in the policy and outputs of political and policy making fora</b>	
<i>OUTPUT 2.1</i>	<i>Programme of cross-party political strategic engagement</i>	
ACTIVITY 2.1.i:	<u>MP/MSP Engagement.</u> Briefings for, and meetings with, Scottish MPs, MSPs and political parties: connecting with constituency Malawi links.	<p><a href="#">Briefed all 129 MSPs on Malawi links in their constituency/region</a> – emailing and writing to all MSPs.</p> <p><b>Met with 98 MSPs</b>, giving them hard copies of the Holyrood constituency briefing document at the <a href="#">SMP's SDG exhibition</a> (9-11 May).</p> <p><a href="#">Briefed all 59 Scottish MPs about Malawi links in their constituency</a> after the June snap election and again the week before our Scotland-Malawi <a href="#">Westminster Hall debate</a> (13 September).</p> <p><b>Met with a range of Scottish MPs in Westminster</b>, including, <i>inter alia</i>: David Linden MP, Patrick Grady MP, Ross Thomson MP, Christine Jardine MP, Chris Law MP</p>
ACTIVITY 2.1.ii:	<u>MP/MSP Support.</u> Communicating and disseminating messages of support from political parties, party leaders and MPs/	<p>Recorded <a href="#">98 video messages of support from MSPs</a> during the SMP's week-long exhibition in the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p><a href="#">Tweeted 98 photos of MSPs showing their support</a> at the SMP Holyrood exhibition.</p> <p>Requested, supported and promoted the 13<sup>th</sup> September Scotland-Malawi <a href="#">Westminster Hall debate</a> which saw 14 Scottish MPs, from every Scottish political party in Westminster, promote Scotland's links with Malawi, the work of the SMP (36 references) and the work of 55 SMP members. There was unanimous all-party support and goodwill for Scotland's links with Malawi.</p> <p>- <b>David Linden MP</b> said: <i>"I pay tribute to the Scotland Malawi Partnership for all its work to promote the relationship between our nations...[which] is tireless in [its] resolve to celebrate the scale, energy and impact of Scotland's bilateral relationship with Malawi."</i></p> <p>- <b>Alistair Carmichael MP</b> said: <i>"...I should also pay tribute to the Scotland Malawi Partnership, which provided me with a briefing for this debate."</i></p> <p>- <b>Hugh Gaffney MP</b> said: <i>"I will say a word about the Scotland Malawi Partnership, which exists to co-ordinate, support and represent the huge number of civic links that Scotland has with Malawi. It is a small charity working independently, but it is changing lives. Organisations from across Scotland include half of Scotland's local authorities, every Scottish university and most of the colleges, as well as more than 100 primary and secondary schools, hundreds of faith groups, hospitals, businesses, charities, NGOs and, more widely, several grassroots community-based organisations. I urge as many people as possible to join the Scotland Malawi Partnership..."</i></p>

- **Patrick Grady MP**, said: *"The Scotland Malawi Partnership continues to publish evidence of its impact and outreach in both Scotland and Malawi."*

- **Ian Murray MP**, said: *"I think it would be appropriate to pay tribute to ... the Scotland Malawi Partnership. ... [it] does so much, not only to enhance the partnership but to provide us all with the information we require in this kind of debate."*

- **Liz McInnes MP** said: *"The Scotland Malawi Partnership helps to ensure that Malawi has a continued high profile in Scotland, particularly in schools and among youth organisations."*

- Responding for the UK Government, **the Minister of State for Africa, Rory Stewart MP**, gave an impassioned speech about the *"genius of the Scotland Malawi Partnership"*, outlining three ways the UK Government could learn from this model: the *"civic multiplier"* effect; the commitment to *"equality"* and *"mutual respect"*; and the *"genius of co-ordination and connections"*. He paid *"huge tribute to the Scotland Malawi Partnership"* and stated: *"Learning that we cannot necessarily do everything, and that we may want to take a leaf out of the book of the Scotland Malawi Partnership and learn how to operate at a smaller, more human scale in certain designated countries, may be important for the British Government"*. He concluded by saying: *"What is so striking about the Scotland Malawi Partnership is that it has found ways of engaging a whole human population. Britain could do that in Malawi or in Tanzania, Uganda or Nigeria. It is a very exciting way of thinking about how to do development in the 21st century. The fact that so many right hon. and hon. Members are here championing international development shows how these human connections give us the legitimacy and centre to make progress."*

[Live tweeted](#) through the [Westminster Hall debate](#) to promote, support and thank the speeches of the 14 Scottish MPs that spoke, with 45,288 impressions on Twitter.

Sent hand-carved 'Thank you' trophies from Malawi to the MPs that spoke at the [Westminster Hall debate](#), with eight MPs then **tweeting photos of them with the trophies** and hanging them on their office walls ([Hugh Gaffney MP](#), [Rory Stewart MP](#), [Chris Law MP](#), [Patrick Grady MP](#), [Alastair Carmichael MP](#), [Chris Stephens MP](#), [David Linden MP](#), [Alison Tewliss MP](#)).

**Supported Scottish MPs to [tweet](#) what they felt 'Partnership Is...'** in advance of the SMP AGM.

Recorded a **video message from Patrick Grady MP**, supporting our [Agriculture and Food Security Meeting \(3rd August\)](#)

The [First Minister tweeted](#) her support for the Scotland Malawi Partnership's SDGs exhibition on the 6<sup>th</sup> June from the @ScotGovFM account



Scottish MPs, from all parties, join the UK Government's Minister for Africa in praising Scotland's civic links with Malawi in the UK Parliament

<p>ACTIVITY 2.1.iii:</p>	<p><u>MP/MSP Action:</u> Representing key areas of concern for members (e.g. visa processing, UK-Malawi tax treaty, SDGs) and supporting input to policy-making.</p>	<p>Through this period we had various meetings with <b>DFID</b> and the Scottish Government, inputting to and supporting their respective Malawi development programme.</p> <p>We also met with the Department for International Trade, DFID, the Malawi High Commission and Scottish MPs, to discuss SMP members' concerns about the <b>impact of Brexit on Malawi-UK trade</b>, securing strong assurances from the UK Government.</p> <p>We met CDC (<b>Commonwealth Development Corporation</b>) and met with Scottish MPs to discuss CDC's work with Malawi – supporting sustainable and ethical investments in Malawi, especially the new 'Impact Accelerator' programme which supports smaller investments with clear human development impact benefits.</p> <p>We briefed Scottish MPs on our members' concerns regarding the way in which <b>UK visas</b> are issued for Malawians invited to Scotland. The <a href="#">Westminster Hall debate</a> had 21 references to visa issues from Scottish MPs, raised by representatives of every Scottish political party in Westminster. Responding for the UK Government, the Minister of State for Africa said: "...I think we can do more on visas. Progress has been made. We have now identified a designated UK Border Force officer, who will focus on Malawi visas to try to facilitate the Scotland Malawi Partnership. That may save the right hon. Member for Orkney and Shetland from having to spend every Saturday talking to the UK Border Agency. However, there is more that can be done."</p> <p>We briefed Scottish MPs on our members' concerns regarding the <b>UK-Malawi double taxation treaty</b>. The <a href="#">Westminster Hall debate</a> had 23 references to the treaty, raised by representatives of every Scottish political party in Westminster. Subsequent to the debate the SMP met with FCO officials who have been tasked with re-energising talks to update the treaty.</p> <p>In the June UK snap general election, the SMP represented Malawi links and our key areas of concern with each of the parties. The SNP manifesto included a direct commitment to "<i>continue to call for the UK government to renegotiate a new, fair tax treaty with Malawi.</i>" We supported <a href="#">further cross party manifest commitments</a> to: 0.7% of GNI for ODA, maintaining the definition of aid, the UN SDGs, the work of DFID, partnership working, the Commonwealth, engaging civil society in ODA, trade, tax justice, internationalism, global health, climate and the environment, gender, human rights, governance, research, migration, vaccination and slavery.</p> <p>We have been in <b>dialogue with the Minister of State for Africa</b> since the Westminster Hall debate to further encourage and support an approach to international development which brings together governmental and non-governmental efforts in active synergy.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 2.1.iv:</p>	<p><u>Cross Party Group.</u> Facilitating and providing Secretariat for Malawi CPG in Holyrood and supporting the Malawi APPG in Westminster</p>	<p>There have been <b>two Cross Party Group meetings</b> since April:</p> <p>The first was on <a href="#">LGBTQ rights</a> in Malawi, held on 10<sup>th</sup> May with 27 attendees. Presentations were given by Alan Msosa (Essex Human Rights Centre), Scott Cuthbertson (Equality Network), Dr Matthew Waites (University of Glasgow). Discussion followed regarding African Union leadership, how to engage the Malawian government through HIV work, and the role of churches and human rights.</p> <p>The second was on <a href="#">Renewable Energy</a>, held on 13<sup>th</sup> September with 44 attendees. There were speakers from Scotland Lights Up Malawi and SunnyMoney Malawi, the University of Strathclyde, the University of St Andrews/TownRock Energy, the International Resources &amp; Recycling</p>

		<p>Group, and experts in Malawian energy and wind energy in Scotland. An informative Q&amp;A followed. Continued sharing was also considered through technology and making the information readily available for future use, and ongoing learning.</p> <p>Rising from the Westminster Hall debate, there was a cross-party enthusiasm from across Scottish MPs for the establishment of a <b>Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group</b> (APPG). The SMP has been asked to offer secretarial support for this group which will have its first meeting and AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
ACTIVITY 2.1.v:	<p><u>Parliament Engagement.</u> Supporting and feeding into parliamentary debates, committee inquiries and other parliamentary business.</p>	<p>Hosted a <a href="#">pop-up exhibition in the Scottish Parliament</a> for a week, in which 100 of Scotland's 129 MSPs recorded video messages of support.</p> <p>Have started process with Lord McConnell and Patrick Grady MP to securing a <b>one-week exhibition for the SMP exhibition in the Palace of Westminster.</b></p> <p>Gave <a href="#">oral evidence to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee</a> on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Supported the <b>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association</b> and the <b>Westminster Foundation for Democracy's</b> work with Malawi.</p> <p>Secured and supported <a href="#">Westminster Hall debate</a> on the Scotland-Malawi relationship (details above).</p>

<u>OUTPUT 2.2:</u>		<u>Local authority engagement programme:</u>
ACTIVITY 2.2.i:	<p><u>Local Authority Briefing.</u> Briefing all 32 Scottish LAs on local Malawi links.</p>	<p>Have written <b>32 Local Authority briefings</b>, detailing how SMP members are spread across the 32 authorities.</p>
ACTIVITY 2.2.ii:	<p><u>Local Authority Contact.</u> Meeting with Scottish LAs and connecting them with local Malawi links.</p>	<p>Briefed Edinburgh City Council and Glasgow City Council on Malawi links in their local authorities.</p> <p>We are in the process of <b>writing to all 30 other Local Authorities</b> to share our briefings for their authority, and arrange face to face meetings.</p>
ACTIVITY 2.2.iii:	<p><u>Local Authority Contact:</u> Meeting with Scottish LAs and connecting them with local Malawi links.</p>	<p>We wrote to the <b>new Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow</b>, briefing them on SMP members' work in their respective Local Authorities, and inviting them to continue as <i>ex officio</i> Co-Presidents of the SMP. We have met with both LPs and both have accepted this invitation.</p> <p>We have signed a <b>renewed tenancy agreement</b> with Edinburgh City Council, such that the SMP offices can be based in the City Chambers for a further three years, to 2020.</p>



OUTPUT 2.3:		<i>Support for Scottish Government International Development Strategy: assisting constructive synergy between governmental and non-governmental efforts</i>
ACTIVITY 2.3.i:	<p><u>Promotion.</u> Capturing content relating to the impact of SG-funded work and sharing this with wider audiences, building public awareness and support.</p>	<p>The SMP continues to support and promote the SG's International Development work on <b>social media</b>.</p> <p>The <b>SMP disseminates key updates on the SG's work</b> to members and partners through the SMP bulletin and as news stories on the SMP website – for example, promoting the <a href="#">Climate Justice Innovation Fund</a>, the <a href="#">Small Grants Programme</a> and the <a href="#">David Livingstone Centre funding</a>.</p> <p>The <a href="#">2017 Member Impact Awards</a> promoted the impact of the work of 16 members across the SMP website and social media challenges; nine of these have received SG-funding.</p> <p>The SMP has repeatedly offered to do more to do more to promote SG-funded projects in Malawi.</p>
ACTIVITY 2.3.ii:	<p><u>Support.</u> Supporting the SG in the delivery of its ID strategy, including assisting with calls for applications, encouraging and supporting members to apply.</p>	<p>The SMP has <b>promoted two SG funds</b> - the <a href="#">Climate Justice Innovation Fund</a> and the <a href="#">Small Grants Programme</a> – encouraging and supporting members to apply.</p> <p>The SMP supported the SG and Corra Foundation with the <a href="#">Climate Justice Innovation Fund Information Day</a>, advertising it to members and offering application support at the event. Application support was provided individually to three members.</p> <p>At the SG's request, the SMP has <b>supported the Zambia and Rwanda networks</b>, hosting two <a href="#">Zambia, Rwanda, Malawi collaboration events</a>, inviting representatives from the Rwanda Scotland Alliance and the Scotland-Zambia Association to meet and share experience and learning as networks. The meetings were held on 13<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> June with 19 attendees in total. There was sharing of plans and priorities, and discussions of potential future collaboration. The Scottish Government, NIDOS and the Scottish Fair Trade Forum were also invited to input. The SMP also gave a half-day of training and support for these networks on communications and member structures on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>In the April 2017 end of year report to the SG, the SMP included a detailed paper on the 30 ways in which the <b>SMP supports the delivery of the SG's new International Development Strategy</b></p>

<p>ACTIVITY 2.3.iii:</p>	<p><u>Input.</u> Feeding in constructive input and expertise from the membership, to support the delivery of the SG's ID strategy.</p>	<p>The SMP is actively working to support the SG's forthcoming <b>Malawi Development Programme</b> call for applications and is very happy, if invited, to feed into the development of the programme.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 2.3.iv:</p>	<p><u>SDGs.</u> Encouraging and supporting both civil society and government to work towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, with strategic synergy between the two.</p>	<p>In May 2017 the SMP hosted a week-long exhibition in the Scottish Parliament promoting the SDGs and briefing MSPs. Around <b>100 of Scotland's 129 MSPs visited the exhibition</b> to learn about Malawi links in their constituency, find out about the Global Goals, and pledge their support for the SMP to champion one specific Global Goal in Parliament.</p> <p>The <a href="#">First Minister tweeted</a> her support for the Scotland Malawi Partnership's SDGs work on the 6<sup>th</sup> June from the @ScotGovFM account, saying: <i>"#GlobalGoals, vision of the world Scotland shares, including ending poverty &amp; reducing inequality @ScotlandMalawi <a href="http://scotland-malawipartnership.org/get-involved/global-goals">http://scotland-malawipartnership.org/get-involved/global-goals</a>"</i></p> <p><b>90 MSPs recorded a special video message</b> outlining their support and tweeted photos of them at the exhibition. The First Minister and all five Party Leaders were involved, as was the President Officer, the Deputy Presiding Officers, Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers, and dozens of MSPs from each party.</p> <p>Through the week various MSPs used various <b>Parliamentary debates</b> and official engagements to outline their support for the Global Goals, and the importance that Scotland continues as a world-leader in their delivery.</p> <p>The Head of Youth and Schools wrote an <a href="#">article about SDG4 that was published in Stride Magazine</a> in April.</p> <p>The SDGs were one of the key themes at the <b>schools forum</b> on 3rd May. Catriona from Highland One World Centre led the SDGs discussion group, considering how the SDGs could be used for a framework for global citizenship across the whole school.</p> <p>The SMP continued to support <b>ScotDEC's SDGs seminar series</b> by attending the final showcase event on Wednesday 14th June. An SDGs CPD session is one of a number of teaching development sessions that the SMP offer, often in partnership with the DECs.</p> <p>Teaching ideas and resources for the SDGs continues to be a section in every <b>schools newsletter</b>.</p> <p><b>SDG banners</b> were loaned to members a total of 10 times between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. These were UN House (Yemen seminar), Turing Trust conference, ScotDec conference, Tearfund event, Learning for Sustainability Scotland, SCVO staff away day, George Watson's Malawi Project event, MLOL – Glasgow, WOSDEC conference, Learning for Sustainability event.</p> <p>The SMP was an active and leading member of the <b>national efforts to coordinate SDG implementation</b> in Scotland, supporting SCVO to host four meetings in this period.</p>



<b>OUTCOME 3:</b>	<b>Scottish publics beyond SMP membership are informed and engaged on Scotland-Malawi links, opportunities and impact</b>	
<i>OUTPUT 3.1:</i>	<i>New Media and Communications Strategy developed and implemented</i>	
ACTIVITY 3.1.i:	Developing. Pro-actively generating new media contacts and content, including a regular SMP feature in the Scotsman.	<p>The SMP has had three feature articles in The Scotsman in this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Scottish innovation changing lives in Malawi</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Helping young Malawian women thrive</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Scottish internationalism: why aid matters</a></li> </ul> <p>The Scotsman has a circulation of 22,000 for its paper and 119,000 online.</p>
ACTIVITY 3.1.ii:	Sharing. Ensuring Scotland-Malawi features in the media reach the widest possible audience.	<b>47 Scotland-Malawi features</b> in the press during this period. <b>100% of which have been positive.</b> The SMP share these features on social media and in the weekly bulletin.
ACTIVITY 3.1.iii:	Responding. Reacting promptly and effectively to requests and enquiries from the media to ensure maximum possible positive media coverage.	The SMP responded to a request from <b>BBC Radio Scotland</b> to be interviewed for a special feature they were creating on the David Livingstone Centre.
ACTIVITY 3.1.iv:	Social Media. Using Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and other platforms to: raise awareness, build support, promote best practice, advance core messaging and engage key stakeholders.	<b>686,913 social media impressions</b> (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn), an increase of 15% compared to the same 6-month period last year (596,607)
ACTIVITY 3.1.v:	Videos. Helping develop, promote and share videos giving case studies of members' work, promoting best practice, illustrating impact & advancing core messages.	<p>The <b>SMP created <a href="#">95 videos</a></b> during this period.</p> <p><b><a href="#">16 members created videos</a></b> which were uploaded to the SMP Youtube Channel. These 111 videos have 11,687 views between them. The SMP has 24,135 views overall on their Youtube channel.</p>

OUTPUT 3.2:		<i>SMP website development and maintenance as national hub for Scotland-Malawi interactions</i>
ACTIVITY 3.2.i:	<u>Engagement.</u> Developing the website to maximise dynamic and engaging content; capturing the energy, ethos & scale of Scotland-Malawi links.	During this period the SMP website welcomed <b>10,477 visitors</b> to the site with <b>41,931 page views</b> (a 14% increase on the same period last year). The SMP had 9,907 new visitors to the website during this period (a 20% increase on the same period last year).
ACTIVITY 3.2.ii:	<u>Interactivity.</u> Supporting members to actively interact with the website; uploading their own information & multi-media to represent their Malawi links.	The SMP emailed all members to invite them to update their <b>website profiles</b> . The SMP supported over 20 members to help them make changes to their profiles.  Members are encouraged to engage with the website through the weekly bulletins catering for youth members, school members, and general SMP members.
ACTIVITY 3.2.iii:	<u>Supporting, Mentoring and Partnering.</u> Supporting members, partners and key stakeholders to develop their own web-presence (for example, the Scottish Global Health Collaborative & GlobalGoals.scot).	During this period, the <a href="#">Scottish Global Health Collaborative website</a> which the SMP designed, created and hosts, welcomed 376 users to the site, with 1,146 page views.  The SMP published tweets featuring <b>#ScottishGlobalHealth</b> creating 5,784 impressions.



<b>OUTCOME 4:</b>	<b>New and priority areas of engagement between Scotland and Malawi are progressed</b>	
<b>OUTPUT 4.1:</b>	<i>Delivery of the Business, Investment, Trade and Tourism' programme</i>	
ACTIVITY 4.1.i:	<u>Exports.</u> Maintaining and developing Scottish markets for Malawian exports and building awareness, goodwill and support for 'brand Malawi'	Continued to support more than a dozen <b>Malawian imports into Scotland</b> , using the AGM to raise awareness by giving hampers of Malawian goods, serving Malawian gin and asking members to 'buy Malawian'.  We have started plans for ' <b>Buy Malawian 2018</b> ', for which we will be working in partnership with Lake of Stars, co-hosting a one-day festival in Glasgow.
ACTIVITY 4.1.ii:	<u>Investment.</u> Engaging, encouraging and supporting prospective investors into Malawi.	We met with CDC ( <b>Commonwealth Development Corporation</b> ) to encourage increased investment into Malawi, specifically a larger number of smaller investments which have a clear human development impact. We have agreed the shape of a communications agreement we will use to further encourage and support the Impact Accelerator programme. We are confident this will help bring considerable further investment into Malawi.
ACTIVITY 4.1.iii:	<u>Trade.</u> Supporting the development of an equitable trade relationship/landscape which maximises sustainable economic development for Malawi.	We met with the Department for International Trade, DFID, the Malawi High Commission and Scottish MPs to discuss SMP concerns about the <b>impact of Brexit on Malawi-UK trade</b> , securing strong assurances.
ACTIVITY 4.1.iv:	<u>Tourism.</u> Working with partners to support responsible tourism from Scotland to Malawi.	The SMP continues to promote Malawi as a tourist destination. There is a regular slot advertising a " <b>Malawian Tourism Operator of the Month</b> " in the weekly bulletin which goes out to over 1,000 members.  We developed <b>eight strategic partnerships</b> with key tourism partners for the AGM: Ethiopian Airlines , Ngala Beach Lodge, Central African Wilderness Safaris, Kumbali Country Lodge, Kiboko Safaris, Responsible Safari Company, Luwawa Forest Lodge and Kayak Africa. This gave us ten excellent prizes to giveaway during the afternoon, which in turn allowed us to promote Malawi tourism to members attending and also to partners and influencers on social media. Our tweets promoting Malawian tourism around the AGM generated 10,462 impressions. Winners of prizes have been encouraged to share their experiences on social media when they take up their prize – we hope this will give us a number of new blogs which will further promote Malawi as a tourist destination.
ACTIVITY 4.1.v:	<u>Private Sector Engagement.</u> Where appropriate, supporting members to explore innovative and impactful ways of connecting with and supporting the private sector, for sustainable economic development	We are continuing a number of key discussions as we explore how best to encourage and support our members to develop mutually beneficial links with the <b>private sector</b> .

OUTPUT 4.2: <i>Expand schools outreach, support for school partnerships and wider youth engagement</i>	
<p>ACTIVITY 4.2.i:</p>	<p><u>School Partnerships</u>. Supporting Scotland's 200+ school partnerships with Malawi through, <i>inter alia</i>: school speaker programme, schools bulletin, brokering assistance, outreach work, development and dissemination of resources, curricula support, Chichewa language courses, cultural lessons, assistance with reciprocal visits, enquiry handling and practical support</p> <p>The SMP, in partnership with MaSP, brokered <b>four new Scotland-Malawi school partnerships</b> (Dunbog Primary with Doroba Primary, Todholm Primary with Kibwe Urban Primary, St John Paul II Primary with Iponga Primary, Scorraig Primary with Njakwa Primary), all with the partnership principles at the core of their initial planning together.</p> <p><b>Iain Fulton of Oban High School</b> emailed to say: <i>"Thank you for starting me off on this journey last year, without you none of it would have been possible!"</i></p> <p>The Head of Youth and Schools met with the North Lanarkshire Malawi Education Partnership on 15th May to help <b>develop their cluster</b> of school links. They tweeted <i>"Great meeting with Emily chatting about how to support our North Lanarkshire schools and build sustainable partnerships"</i>.</p> <p>The SMP continues to develop relationships with organisations who work in schools across Scotland and helps <b>coordinate</b> this activity. The Head of Youth and Schools met with SCIAF on 27th April to discuss areas of synergy and support. We have also helped support coordination meetings between members and Education Scotland.</p> <p>The <b>Head of Youth and Schools visited MaSP</b> between 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September to build capacity and mutual understanding around schools outreach work and strengthen systems for joint working. Two school partnership outreach workshops were developed together, which were piloted in four schools. They also met with the British Council, Unicef, VSO, the Deputy District Education Manager in Lilongwe, Civil Society Education Coalition and the Christian Community Youth Programme. The visit has strengthened both MaSP's schools work in Malawi and the SMP's work in Scotland.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 4.2.ii:</p>	<p><u>Teacher Training and Support</u>. Working with partners to support and deliver initial teacher training (ITT) and career-long professional learning (CLPL) relating to Malawi and global citizenship.</p> <p>The Head of Youth and Schools visited <b>Queen Margaret's University</b> on 20th April to sit on the panel for the students' project proposals alongside AMS. The lecturer Emma Wood said <i>"Your contribution helped elevate a run of the mill experience into something they will never forget – and we are all grateful to you for this."</i></p> <p>The SMP delivered a <b>Chichewa lesson</b> on 9th May at Haghill Primary school in preparation for Malawian visitors in the school.</p> <p>The SMP had a stall at the <b>Learning For Sustainability Conference</b> on 12th May and had over 30 teachers sign up for more information about the SMP.</p> <p>The SMP made a <b>film with St Matthew's Academy</b> in Saltcoats on 1st June. MaSP had created a video of St Peters in Malawi – their partner school – and St Matthews wanted to create a video to share their side of the partnership too.</p> <p>The SMP attended the <b>Learning For Sustainability conference</b> on 20th June at Moray House.</p> <p>The SMP attended George Watson's College on 28th June for the launch of their <b>Watson's Malawi Project</b>. The SMP will be offering ongoing support for this project, including sitting on the task group.</p>

		<p>The Head of Youth and Schools met with Biggar High School on 29th June to offer <b>support for developing their partnership</b>, they have invited the SMP to run an INSET day for all staff in February 2018.</p> <p>David Hope-Jones spoke at the <b>WOSDEC development education conference</b> for teachers on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, as well as running a workshop on best practice in school partnerships and chairing a plenary panel discussion.</p> <p><b>Schools Newsletters</b> were sent in June 2017 with 14.6% opens and 2.7% clicks, and in September 2017 with 17.4% opens and 3.9% clicks.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 4.2.iii:</p>	<p><u>Schools Forum.</u> Hosting regular forums to bring together teachers engaged in Malawi school links, offering information, advice, coordination of effort and peer support.</p>	<p><a href="#">Schools Forum held in Inverness</a> on 3rd May in partnership with Highland One World Centre and attended by 41 people. 67% rated the forum as 'excellent' and the remaining 33% as 'very good'. We had presentations from Lochardil Primary and the Inverness Royal Academy, and discussions held around school partnerships and art/music/fiction books, Sustainable Development Goals, Global Citizenship Resources, and an opportunity to network.</p> <p>Patriona from the Highland One World Centre said: <i>"We always enjoy having you here. We had a couple of teachers pop in today who were there last night, they just wanted to say how much they enjoyed the evening and they have already booked to borrow Malawi in a box"</i>. The evaluations included comments about how 'inspirational' the forum was and the quality of the 'volume of resources and expertise of the speakers'.</p> <p>The SMP created a <a href="#">Schools Forum video</a> at the Inverness Forum in May. The video has 60 views on Youtube and ha had over 1,100 views on Facebook, reaching 3,800+ people.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 4.2.iv:</p>	<p><u>Youth Congress.</u> Hosting a youth-focused annual gathering of Scottish schools with Malawi links, providing sharing and learning between 300-400 young Scots engaged with Malawi</p>	<p>Plans continue for the <b>Youth Congress</b> which will be held next January/February at Glasgow City Chambers. Glasgow City Council is providing the venue free of charge.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 4.2.v:</p>	<p><u>Youth Engagement.</u> Delivering a strategic programme of youth engagement, including partnership working around the Scottish Government's Year of Young People, and support for university Malawi societies</p>	<p>The SMP continue to <b>support youth members</b> through one-to-one support. The Head of Youth and Schools met two of the SMP youth ambassadors on 22nd June in Dunfermline to discuss support and ideas for youth engagement.</p> <p>The SMP will launch their <b>youth competition</b> in November 2017 to invite all youth members to pitch to them an idea for an event the SMP could co-host with them during the Year of Young People 2018.</p> <p>The Head of Youth and schools attended the meeting of the <b>Scottish Resource in Education and Development</b> at Glasgow University hosted by UKFIET along with Joanna Keating and Anna Boni from Education Scotland. At the round-table the SMP shared the SMP's youth engagement activities including student societies.</p> <p>Continued engagement with Scottish university <b>student societies</b> to promote the Scottish Government's 2018 Year of Young People.</p>



<b>OUTPUT 4.3:</b> <i>Convening and supporting a community of practice on Agriculture and Food Security</i>	
<b>ACTIVITY 4.3.i:</b>	<p><u>Coordinating.</u> Bringing together organisations working directly on agriculture engagements, or with relevant expertise in this area, for the coordination of effort and promotion of best practice</p> <p>The SMP hosted a networking and sharing forum on <a href="#">Agriculture and Food Security</a> in response to issues identified by SMP Members and as part of the SMP's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan to support members with their work in food security and resilience in Malawi. Objectives were to: share information; support networking and the sharing of learning, experience and contacts; to seek input from a variety of sources; to support the development of new initiatives and collaborations; to tap into wider international expertise; and to experiment with an innovative new modality of working so that the sharing can continue beyond and after the meeting.</p> <p>33 SMP members, partners and stakeholders attended this meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, joined by Timothy Gondwe, visiting Professor from Malawi at Scotland's Rural College. Professor Gondwe gave a presentation on Agriculture and Food Security in Malawi.</p>
<b>ACTIVITY 4.3.ii:</b>	<p><u>Disseminating.</u> Providing information, support, signposting and advice, to support members to interweave food security capacity support into existing Scotland-Malawi connections.</p> <p>Working together with MaSP, the SMP produced/promoted <a href="#">ten videos from industry experts</a> on the food security crisis in Malawi. These videos have 193 views combined. The Trade and Agriculture page on the SMP website had 152 views during this period.</p>



**3<sup>rd</sup> August SMP Agriculture and Food Security Round-table meeting**