



Beit Trust / Scotland Malawi Partnership Flood Recovery Mini-Grants INFORMATION PACK AND APPLICATION FORM

19th May 2015

Background:

We are pleased to inform members that the Trustees of the Beit Trust have donated £20,000 to the Scotland Malawi Partnership to assist with community recovery, rehabilitation and preparedness work after the January floods in Malawi. In turn, the Scotland Malawi Partnership is looking to onward disperse all of these funds to members of the SMP and our partners in Malawi, the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP), who are working with communities affected by the floods. We are immensely grateful for the generosity of the Beit Trust Trustees, which has made these grants possible.

The SMP will disperse these funds in a timely, effective and transparent manner; ensuring projects that offer the greatest impact are supported and that all projects work within agreed Scotland-Malawi 'Partnership Principles'.

Our model as a network celebrates people-to-people and community-to-community links driven by friendship, mutual understanding and volunteerism. This bottom-up approach offers considerable impact with even relatively modest quantities of financial support. Accordingly, we will look to distribute these funds to a number of community-level projects that are already working together in this area.

Mini-grants available:

Members of SMP/MaSP can apply for a mini-grant of £1,000 (cMK690,000) to £3,000 (MK2m) for projects helping communities recover from the January floods in Malawi. Applications must come from both a Malawian and a Scottish organisation together; both organisations must be appropriately constituted and registered locally; and funds can be dispersed to either the Scottish or the Malawian organisation.

We hope schools and community groups, as well as NGOs, will apply for these mini-grants, we have therefore ensured the application form is proportionate to the sums requested, and is entirely free of jargon! It should take no more than half a day to fill in but it's important *both* the Scottish and the Malawian applicants are actively involved (this will be checked).

Mini-grants will be awarded on or around the 12th June and work funded must be completed by 31st December 2015. Work must be related to flood recovery, rehabilitation, or helping communities in Malawi become more prepared for possible future flooding. Within these terms, we set no other restricting parameters: it could be work supporting education, healthcare, infrastructure, livelihoods, food security or any other area, as long as it is community-driven and in response to the January floods.

Timescales:

19 th May 2015:	Mini-grants call issued
10 th June 2015:	Deadline for applications
12 th June 2015:	Successful applications informed
15 th June 2015:	Projects can commence
31 st December 2015:	Projects completed

Selection Process:

SMP/MaSP will have a small selection panel composed of Directors and staff from Malawi and Scotland. We will do everything possible to make decisions quickly, fairly and transparently. Both Malawi and Scottish applicants should be contactable 10-13 June as we will likely look to speak with applicants should clarification or further details be required. All decisions are final and there is no appeal. We reserve the right to make pragmatic decisions as required: for example, funding some but not all aspects of a project, or offering more funding than £3,000 if the fund is undersubscribed. Such decisions will be made in dialogue with the relevant applicant.

APPLICATION FORM:

To apply for a Beit Trust / Scotland Malawi Partnership Flood Recovery Mini-Grant please complete this form and return to david@scotland-malawipartnership.org by 09.00, 10th June 2015.

If you have any questions, or require any assistance, please contact david@scotland-malawipartnership.org

YOUR DETAILS:

Only applications from *both* a Malawian and a Scottish organisation can be considered.

Applicant Details: Malawian Organisation

Name of Organisation:	Zambezi Evangelical Church (ZEC)	Lead Contact: <i>[Must be contactable 10-15th June]</i>	Rev. Luckwell Mtima
Address:	ZEC Malawi, Mitsidi Synod, PO Box 490, Blantyre, Malawi		
What is your organisation's legal status? <i>(charity, registered company, school, etc)</i>	Church		

Are you registered with CONGOMA?

Yes

No

Are you registered with NGO Board?

Yes

No

Are you a member of the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP)?

Yes

(This is a requirement)

Applicant Details: Scottish Organisation

Name of Organisation:	Zambesi Mission	Lead Contact: <i>[Must be contactable 10-15th June]</i>	Mike Beresford/Ralph Gunn
What is your organisation's legal status? <i>(charity, registered company, school, etc)</i>	Registered Charity in Scotland, England & Wales		

Are you a member of the Scotland Malawi Partnership?

Yes

(This is a requirement)

YOUR PROJECT:

In one sentence, what overall change will this project achieve? [max 50 words]
It will provide a long-term lifeline to vulnerable families in the Lower Shire area whose source of food and income was destroyed by the recent flooding.

What problem, relating to the floods in Malawi, is this project looking to address? [max 100 words]
About 1750 families within ZEC lost their maize crops and 570 families' homes were also destroyed. Many of them will not be able to harvest another crop until March/April 2016 at the earliest. How will they feed their families in the intervening period? Zambesi Mission will be watching with compassion to see how they cope and will help if necessary (and where our resources allow) to provide food aid. But a more sustainable solution is to help these church communities with the "tools" they need to feed their families and be more resilient in the long-term.

What evidence do you have that this problem is a priority for the local community? [max 100 words]
In the early days of the crisis, Zambesi Mission delivered emergency aid through its Malawian office to affected churches in the Lower Shire area, providing households with maize, beans, salt and soap. Each church has different specific issues and problems: but all they are very concerned about how they will feed their families and those in their communities until the next harvest has been gathered in. We have listened to their concerns and discussed options with them. We seek to enable our church partners to have the tools they need to help themselves in the long term.

What will your project do? [max 200 words]
<i>Please describe what activities will be funded, how these will be completed, and who will be responsible for what, and when.</i>
Zambesi Mission has been working with needy families within ZEC churches in the Lower Shire area as well as other affected parts of Malawi. Our aim is to seek sustainable solutions to problems, and help without creating dependency or inequity. Following visits to flood-affected churches in April, this project aims to implement "kids for kids" projects in seven ZEC churches in the Lower Shire area: Ngabu, Bangula, Nsanje, Ndamera, Dzinthenga, Muona and Nchalo. The goats will be given in pairs to the most needy families. The owners would be encouraged to keep their goats (ie not eat them straightaway) and allow them to breed, thus producing offspring. The firstborn kid of each pair would be returned to the church for distributing to another vulnerable groups. This ensures that the benefits continue for many years to come. The project would be implemented by Zambesi Mission's Field Director Simon Chikwana, with support from Projects Officer Rose Chirwa. The implementation will be carried out in partnership with ZEC, namely Regional Superintendent Rev Isaac Mpanga together with the local pastors and elders at each church. Overall responsibility for the project within ZEC lies with the General Secretary of the church, Rev Luckwell Mtima.

Where specifically in Malawi is the project based?			
District:	Nsanje and Chikwawa	Town(s)/Area:	7 towns, incl Ngabu, Bangula & Nsanje

How many people in Malawi do you anticipate benefitting from this project? [max 50 words]
325 (65 families of average size 5 people, each receiving a pair of goats) many people <i>directly</i> benefitting 1400 (will receive their own kids as the project progresses) many people <i>indirectly</i> benefitting

When will the project be completed? <i>Latest 31st December 2015</i>	<i>[max 50 words]</i>
All distribution of goats will be complete by end December 2015.	

How much are you applying for? <i>From £1,000 to £3,000</i>	£ 2,910
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If successful, to which organisation should payment be made? Scottish partner Malawian partner

How would these funds be spent?

Item of expenditure	Cost
130 goat kids @ 15,000MK ea (average price) = 1,950,000MK = £2,910 @ £1 = 670MK	£ 2,910
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	£
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TOTAL:

£2,910

YOUR 'PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES':

The SMP is committed to good partnership working.

Over the last four years we have consulted more than 200 Scottish and 200 Malawian organisations, asking what are the key *principles* of a good partnership. 11 'Partnership Principles' were identified by the people of Malawi and Scotland, to which we hold ourselves and our members accountable.

As part of your application, please comment on how your flood response will work within each of these 11 principles:

<p><u>P</u>lanning and implementing together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whose idea is this? - Who was involved in the planning? - Who is implementing the project? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>The idea is based on a long-running and successful project between Zambesi Mission and ZEC called "kids for kids". During our visits to meet churches affected by the floods we all agreed that this project was the best way to partner with the churches without creating unhelpful dependency.</p>
<p><u>A</u>ppropriateness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does this fit with local and governmental priorities? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>Keeping of goat herds is a normal and well established practice in Malawi. They are used for their milk and meat. Goat farming helps local communities progress towards self-sufficiency. The project therefore fits in excellently into local and governmental priorities.</p>
<p><u>R</u>espect, trust and mutual understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How well do you know the community you are working with? - How will you ensure respect for this community is maintained? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>We know the local churches and their leadership intimately. Mutual respect is maintained through our shared faith, in which we recognise that we are both equal and inter-dependent.</p>
<p><u>T</u>ransparency and Accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will you share information about this project? - Who are you accountable to, and how? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>We will share information about this project with our supporters (and anyone else who wishes to see it) via our website www.zambesimission.org and through sharing news during our visits to Zambesi Mission's supporting churches throughout the UK.</p>
<p><u>N</u>o one left behind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will you be sure men and women benefit equally? - How will you ensure the marginalised are not excluded from the benefits? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>The pastors and elders at each church, with the support of the church leaders Rev Mtima and Mpanga, will specifically target the most vulnerable family groups within the community - they will be the ones who benefit first. Zambesi Mission's field team will oversee and participate in this process.</p>
<p><u>E</u>ffectiveness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When completed, what evidence can you give to show this project has been successful? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>We will return to each community and prepare a report showing the benefits that have been gained. Animal traceability in Malawi can be problematic, so the accuracy of the metrics may not be 100%, but we hope to see growth in the numbers of goats kept within each church.</p>
<p><u>R</u>eciprocity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will communities in Malawi and Scotland contribute to this project? 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>The local communities in Malawi need to construct simple houses to provide shelter and protection for the goat kids at night. The church community in Scotland is involved through Ralph Gunn's visits to churches in which he shares about the work in Malawi. They pray and support through donations.</p>
<p><u>S</u>ustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What will happen after the money is 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>The benefits of the goat kids should, if the communities are supported and encouraged correctly, be experienced for years to</p>

<p>spent?</p> <p>- How will the benefits be sustained?</p>	<p>come. There are many cases in Malawi where destitute families are able to use their herds of goats to fund higher education which can result in community transformation.</p>
<p><u>Do no Harm:</u></p> <p>- Could anyone be worse off as a result of the project? (think about what impact you might have on: the local economy; gender equality; food security; local culture; climate change; democracy, governance and local planning)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>Goats are relatively prolific breeders, so a herd can increase in size quickly. It is possible that the goats' grazing habits may cause tension within communities. However, the disparate nature of these communities and the limited number of goats concerned means that over-grazing should not be a concern.</p>
<p><u>I</u>nterconnectivity:</p> <p>- Who else is doing similar work in this area and how are you connecting with them?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>Other organisations are working in the Lower Shire area (eg Torch, Faith in Action). We communicate with these groups on a regular basis to encourage one another, share ideas and discuss policies. We also offer our support and services to our peer organisations.</p>
<p><u>P</u>arity (equality):</p> <p>Who 'owns' the project? Who has the power?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[max 50 words]</i></p> <p>The project will be owned by ZEC, Zambesi Mission's partner in Malawi. The members of ZEC are empowered to participate in the project and enjoy its benefits themselves. Zambesi Mission acts as a partner and overseer in the project.</p>

I am happy for all details contained in this form to be put in the public domain *(This is a requirement)*

To the best of my knowledge I confirm all details given in this form to be true *(This is a requirement)*

**Once completed, please email this form to david@scotland-malawipartnership.org
no later than 09.00, 10th June 2015.**