

Your Sponsor A School Report

Kaphirikwete Primary School, Balaka, Southern Malawi

Sponsored by: St Willigis School, Mary's Meals Germany

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Thank you for changing lives!

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You're doing something amazing! By providing a daily meal for every child in your chosen school, you're giving young people in one of Malawi's poorest communities the chance to gain a life-changing education.

Without your support, these children could be working in fields, selling on street corners, or even scavenging in the garbage just to survive.

Your generosity makes it possible for **1,504,471 children** in **18 countries** to enjoy Mary's Meals each day at school!

Thanks for giving so generously and choosing to sponsor an entire school. We're very excited to share this report about the difference your support is making!



About Mary's Meals

- We work with local communities to provide life-changing school meals in places where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.
- Mary's Meals began in 2002 when our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life, he replied simply: "To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."
- Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



About Mary's Meals

- It only costs £13.90 / €15.60 / \$19.50 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year!
- We feed 1,504,471 children in 18 countries every school day!
- It's a simple idea that works! Research shows that children who eat Mary's Meals have more energy, feel healthier and happier, find it easier to concentrate and do better in school.
- We are committed to keeping costs low – at least 93% of donations are spent on our charitable work.
- Without passionate, motivated volunteers, our work would not be possible.



About Mary's Meals

- Mary's Meals is owned and run by local communities. We provide food, training and equipment so that volunteers can cook and serve school meals for their children.
- We have more than 80,000 volunteers in Malawi alone.
- Where possible, we buy food from local farmers and producers. This helps to support local economies and benefits the wider community.
- The promise of a daily meal in a place of learning encourages hungry children to come to school where they can gain a basic education which provides an escape from poverty.



Mary's Meals in Malawi

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries. Many families live through farming, but struggle to grow enough food.

It is also home to our largest school feeding programme. Today, almost one in three primary school-aged children in Malawi receive Mary's Meals!

Veronica, who became an orphan aged nine, was one of the first children to receive Mary's Meals at school. She recently graduated from university!

She told us: "Eating Mary's Meals at school helped me concentrate and education gave me the confidence to succeed."

"Thank you for helping Mary's Meals so that other children have the chance of a better life and can fulfil their dreams, like I did."



Your sponsorship details

School name: Kaphirikwete Primary School, Balaka, Southern Malawi

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Country



Malawi

Enrolment



619 pupils

305 boys

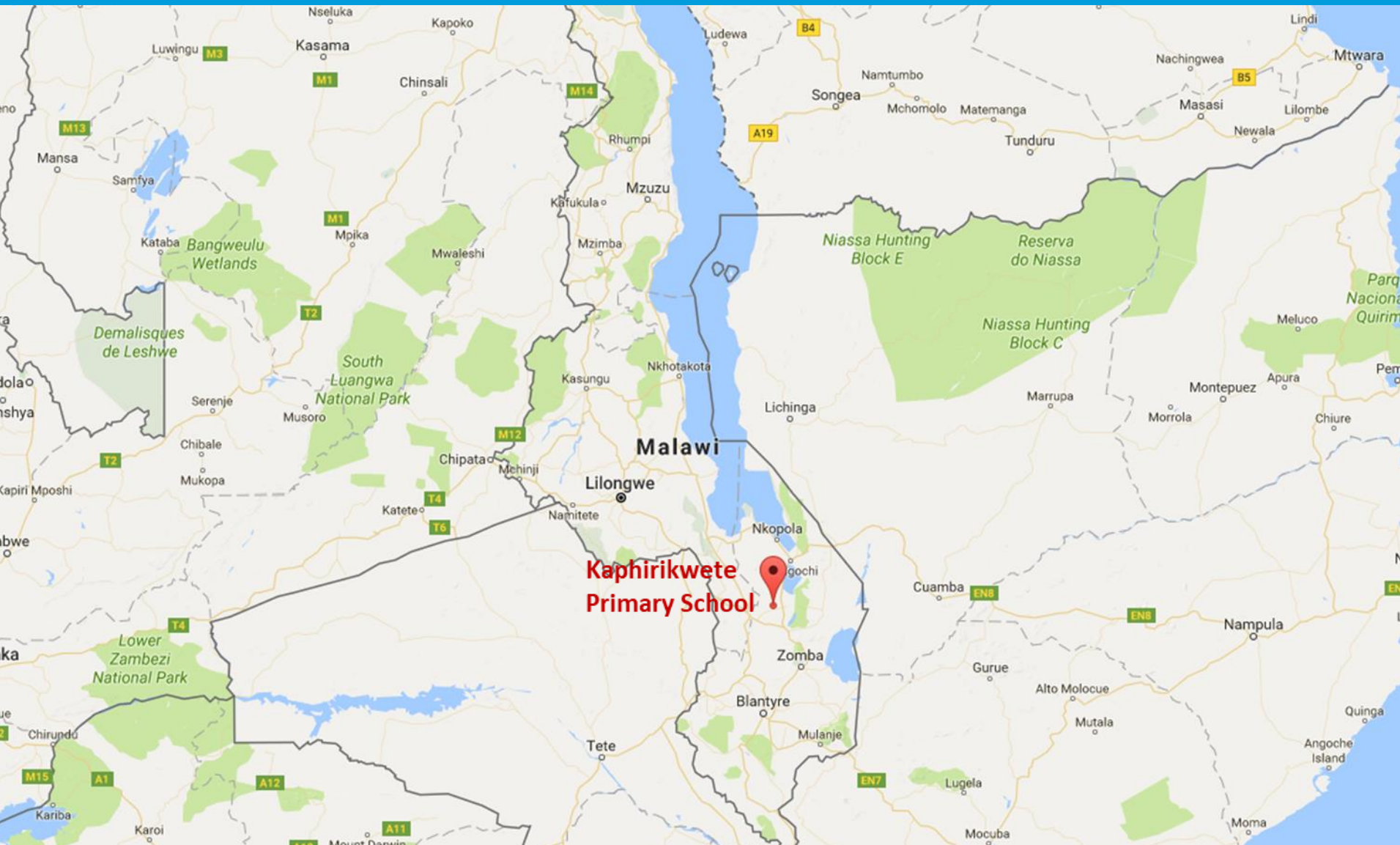
314 girls

Meal



Vitamin-enriched
maize porridge

Location of your school



About your school

Kaphirikwete Primary School now has 619 pupils enrolled, made up of 305 boys and 314 girls. The children range from Standards 1 to 8.

There are 4 permanent classrooms at the school and the pupils are taught by a total of 8 teachers. The school's water source is a borehole in the school grounds, which is very close to the kitchen, and there are 14 pit latrine toilets on site which are shared equally between the boys and girls.

In addition to a woodlot/maize garden, the school has a football pitch for the children to use.



“I would like to be a teacher when I finish with my education. I like playing netball, Ndado, Phada and fishfish. I know that school is very important, because when I finish with education, I will be employed and then be independent.”

– **Alinafe Sidreck, 13 years, Standard 3**

“I would like to be a mechanic when I finish with my education. I come to school hungry, because we do not have enough food at home. I always have hope that when I come to school, I will be served with porridge.”

– **Noor James, 10 years, Standard 3**

“Our children come to school hungry, and the porridge is attracting lots of children to attend school, they no longer desert classes.”

– **Annie Boti, Hadija James, Agnes Chitenje, Volunteer Cooks**

“Before the introduction of the porridge, many parents were not sending their children to school, instead they were sending them to get married quickly, and since the introduction of the porridge many are attracted to school and are not absenting themselves.”

– **Lackford Beselemu, Standard 5 Teacher**

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Mary's Meals to the children here,
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Annie Boti, Agnes Chitenje, Hadija James – Volunteer Cooks



Annie Boti cooking porridge





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Noor James

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Alinafe Sidreck



Lackford Beselemu – Teacher

Solomon Mphamba
Headteacher



Dear Sir/Madam,

THE IMPACT OF MARY'S MEALS TO OUR SCHOOL

Kindly I write to outline a brief
impact of Mary's Meals to our school.

The school enrolment has increased
due to the provision of food.

The daily attendance of learners
has also improved for the better due
to the availability of food at the school.

The pass rate has also improved, most
of the learners in all the classes are
performing well in all subjects.

The learners' parents income has also
improved. They are now spending less,
the meals act as a cushion to ease
the pain of taking care of their
children in the morning.

Absenteeism rate has also been
reduced, learners attend classes
regularly.

Drop out rate has also been
checked, learners feel that
there is no need to stay at
home and do nothing instead of
remaining in school and
learn and eat as well.

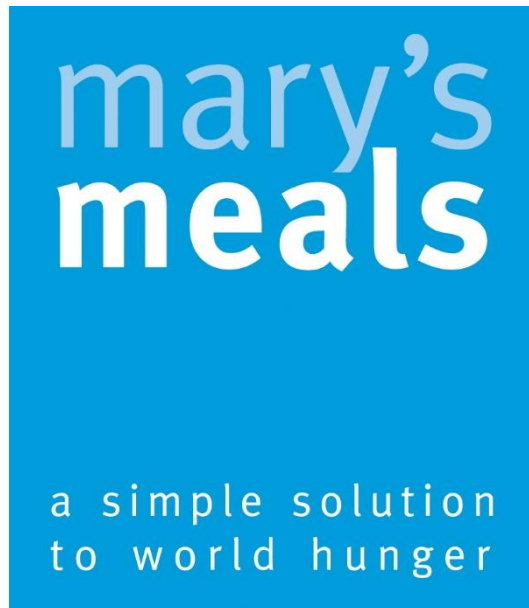
This is all what I wanted
to bring to your attention.

Yours faithfully
Shirley D

Thank you so much!

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