

Education for All



Case Study: Mchinji Orphanage, Mchinji, Malawi

Partner: Home of Hope

Overview:

Mchinji Mission Orphanage is one of the largest children's homes in Malawi, a country that has around 1 million orphans in a total population of 12 million, where HIV infection rates are high, and is consistently ranked as one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. Since 1997 the home has helped take care of around 500 children and has residential space and classrooms for nursery, primary and secondary classes, despite receiving no long-term funding from the government.

Issues of the project:

The home desperately needed not only educational materials for the school, but also toys, furniture and cooking utensils to fully equip the home, making a for a homely feel to an otherwise uncomfortable situation. Computers were desperately needed to advance the employment and learning skills within the home as well.

Education for All's contribution:

In April 2008, Education for All provided one 40ft container load of equipment for the orphanage, including stationery and books, bicycles and toys, sports equipment, a cooker, fridge and microwaves, bedding and 30 computers. In total 302 items were shipped to the Orphanage from the Education for All warehouse in the UK, creating improved learning spaces as well as a kitchen and a computer centre.

Partners comments:

"Special thanks go to the fantastic team at the charity Education for All..... they even loaded the container for us!".
Mrs R Lowdon, Secretary, Home of Hope

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