



# MAI AISHA TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Committed to the Empowerment of People through  
Education, Health and Food Security.



**Mai Aisha  
Trust**



## **WHO WE ARE**

The Mai Aisha Trust may be nearing its 15<sup>th</sup> year since it was created, but it continues to grow and develop. In so doing, it can remain at the forefront of serving communities around Malawi.

Through its focus on empowering the underprivileged and developing communities, it has since its inception in 2002 as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) helped many people in Malawi through its innovative and wide-ranging development programmes.

The organisation's philosophy is that an improved livelihood is essential for social and economic development. Its strength lies in its ability to remain responsive to the needs of those that it serves.

It focuses on relief and development through sustainable and participatory approaches aimed at empowering the rural communities to improve their living conditions by ensuring that they have access to education, health and a sustainable livelihood.

The Mai Aisha Trust primarily initiates its programmes based upon the demand-driven approach, and designs them to be responsive to the local needs and priorities, working collaboratively with partner organisations on many occasions.

It is upon these foundations that the success of the Mai Aisha Trust can be attributed. In the future, it will continue in its efforts to ensure that the under privileged can benefit from the work that it carries out.

# OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES

## 1. Education

The Mai Aisha Trust believes education is a key to the development of any society, and it is for this reason that it continues to make significant contributions in less privileged communities in both rural and urban areas, in secular and non-secular education.

We continue to provide financial and other additional support in running schools benefitting from the trust. The target schools include Mai Aisha Academy in Lilongwe, with 270 students; Balaka Islamic Institute, with 93 students; Nangapoche Junior Primary, with 1053 students; and Namalweso Full Primary School; with 700 students. Over 35 students are being supported in tertiary education.

### **MAI AISHA ACADEMY:**

Mai Aisha Academy is located at the heart of capital city in Lilongwe. The school opened its doors in 2006 in order to offer quality education to the less privileged and orphans. The school has now clocked 10 years since it opened its doors and managed to send 15 students to pursue tertiary education in various universities both locally and internationally. Mai Aisha Academy has preschool, primary and secondary.



## 2. Health

The Mai Aisha Trust in partnership with other stakeholders, support health facilities to provide improved health care services in both rural and urban areas.

Through its range of static and mobile clinic services, many families in districts around the south of Malawi benefit from the expertise and professionalism of the Trust's medical clinicians.

The Somba and Katuli Health Centres, which opened their doors around 2011 and benefits over 35,000 patients per annum represents one of the Trust's success stories. The clinics are located in the Eastern part of Mangochi.

Apart from the static clinics, the trust is also running mobile clinics at Katema and Makanjira. These areas being very remote have challenges in terms of accessibility to government hospitals.

The clinics operate from Monday to Saturday with over 200,000 patients treated of different ailments per annum. Mobile clinics are an integral part of its communities.

***Katema dispensary:*** the clinic sees 350 patients per day.



### 3. Food Security

As is the case in the developing world, Malawi heavily relies on agriculture as a means of supplying an income. Many in this country of some 17 million people make their livelihoods in this way, and dependence on what can be an unpredictable climate can make things difficult at times.

The overall objective of supporting farmers in small scale irrigation farming activities is to address the increasing acute shortages of food at household level. In so doing, it will improve the micro-economic status of the rural farmers. The intervention comes as a response to erratic rainfall patterns due to global climate change.

The work of the Mai Aisha Trust around water and irrigation means that small scale irrigation farmers in rural Blantyre, Chiradzulu and Mangochi districts are able to gain a livelihood.

#### **ONE OF THE FIELDS IN MANDIMWI:**

Mandimwi irrigation scheme was established in 2007 with an effort to respond to communities' self-help initiative in small scale irrigation farming. Mandimwi has turned into an agricultural show centre for other stakeholders. Close to 500 farmers benefit from small scale irrigation farming activities





# Where We Are

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Population

21%

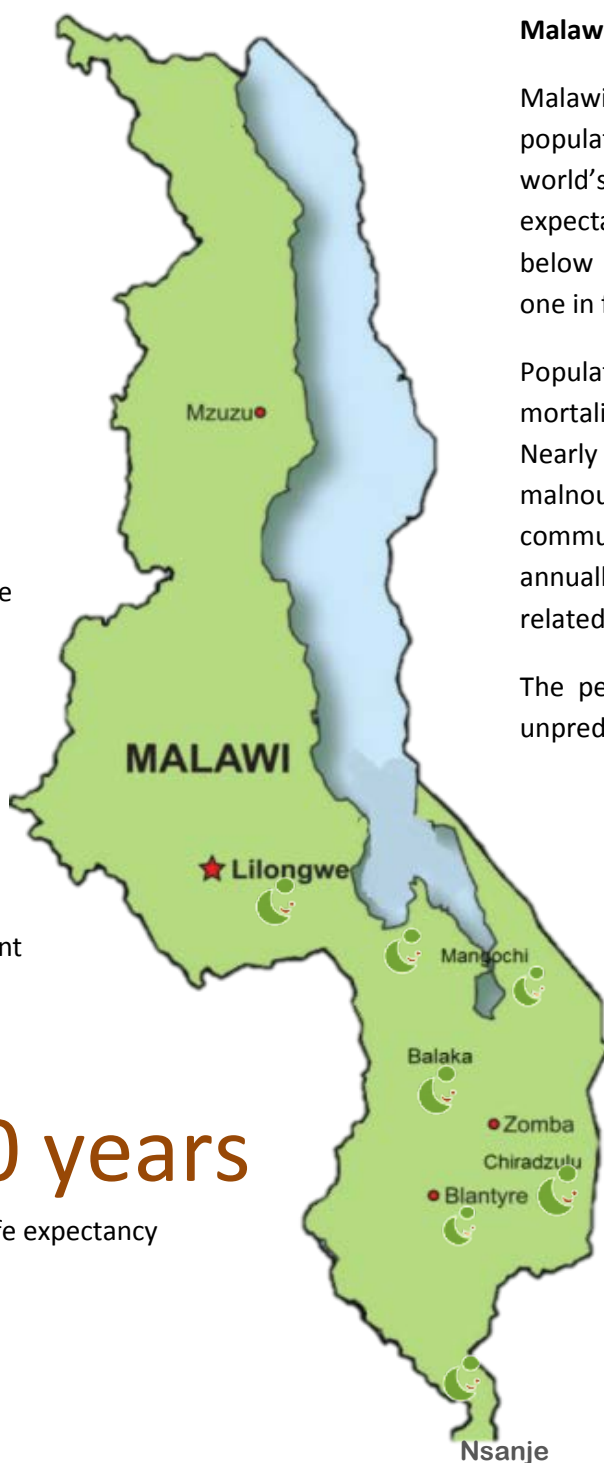
Under 5 mortality rate

50%

Under-five malnourishment

50 years

Life expectancy



## Malawi

Malawi is a small nation in southern Africa with a population of about 17 million. It is one of the world's least developed countries with a low life expectancy. Two thirds of the population lives below the national poverty line, and more than one in five is believed to be living in ultra-poverty.

Population growth, fertility, maternal and child mortality rates are among the highest in Africa. Nearly half of all children under five are malnourished, with HIV and Malaria affecting the communities the most. Over 5000 women die annually during childbirth or from pregnancy related illnesses.

The people depend on subsistence farming with unpredictable rains affecting harvests.

## OUR FUTURE PLANS

- Increase number of students accessing both basic and tertiary education through infrastructure development
- Increase number of health facilities in order to promote access to healthcare service in rural settings
- Promote food security at household level through support to small scale irrigation farming in the rural areas

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