MALAWI CHARITY IN FOCUS

Children proudly wearing their new kit donated by Scottish Rugby

Students at Bright Futures Secondary School, Ibuluma, Chitipa

The weekly feeding routine for 500 children

Two local groups, Allander Rotary Club and Allander Probus, are raising awareness and funds for a charity project in Malawi.

The groups are supporting Changing Lives Malawi, which aims to improve the lives of vulnerable people in the African country. Malawi is the seventh poorest country in the world.

Changing Lives Malawi is run by a group of volunteers in Central Scotland with the aim of helping hundreds of orphans and other at-risk children through a variety of projects in Northern Malawi. The goal is self-sufficiency and sustainability.

The Scotland Malawi Partnership is also a supporter of the project and helps to connect, support and represent the many individuals and organisations in Scotland, which have dignified people-to-people links with Malawi.

Malawi economy, largely dependent upon rain-fed crops, is vulnerable to weather-related shocks and food insecurity in rural areas is extremely high.

Locally, Allander Rotary and Allander Probus have hosted events and talks to increase public awareness of the plight of Malawi. They are looking to match students with sponsors to support their secondary education because this isn't free in Malawi.

Allander Probus organised a talk earlier this year presented by the Scotland Malawi Partnership, which was also attended by members of Allander Rotary club, to discuss and exchange views on how our community can support people in Malawi.

William Ho, president of Allander Probus, said: *"There are many areas that Malawi needs help. The focus of our fund-raising is on education because human resources is the most important element to develop a country in the long run. This approach also provides sustainability in development. We hope that together with Allander Rotary we can continue to do more to support the plight of people in Malawi."*

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www.changinglivesmalawi.com
https://allanderprobus.co.uk
www.allander-rotary.org,
www.scotland-malawipartnership.org