

Purchase of Motorbikes for Ripple Africa Coordinators

FE Reference Number:	FF674
Date of Grant Accepted:	27 th June 2023
Amount:	£10,412
Name and Location of Project:	Nkhata Bay District, Malawi
Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:	£1:1200 Malawi Kwacha
Actual expenditure:	See Expenditure Section below

Project Overview

Ripple Africa has been running environmental projects in rural areas of Malawi for many years now and one of the ways in which we ensure that the projects are successful is by providing transport for our staff teams to travel to the areas in which they work so that they can carry out their duties more effectively. We have previously purchased motorbikes for other team members on the cookstove and fish conservation projects and it has significantly increased staff efficiency. We have sourced a good supplier and understand the training and registration processes necessary for their use.

Our original request was for the purchase of 12 motorbikes for project coordinators on the Changu Changu Moto fuel efficient cookstove project, the orange fleshed sweet potato project and for Dan Shaba who manages activities from our base in Nkhata Bay District. The request was also for the ancillary costs, such as training, vehicle registrations etc. The grant awarded was for the purchase of four motorbikes and eight helmets.

Project Progress

The motorbikes have all been purchased and are now in use. We were able to secure funding from another donor to enable us to purchase the other eight motorbikes and the photo below shows the new motorbikes. All staff have been fully trained.



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One motorbike is being used by Francis Singini, our Sweet Potato project coordinator and three by Changu Changu Moto project coordinators.

Between them, they will benefit the following project beneficiaries:

Cookstove Beneficiaries (including their families)	60,000
Sweet Potato Farmers (including their families)	6,250
Preschool Children	900
TOTAL	67,150

The other eight motorbikes purchased with funding from another donor are all being used by new Changu Changu Moto project team members.

Expenditure

Motorbikes Purchase Actual Costs					1200	
Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost £	Total Cost £
Purchase of Motorbikes	4	Motorbikes	2,350,000.00	9,400,000.00	£1,958.33	£7,833.33
Helmets	8	Helmets	55,500.00	444,000.00	£46.25	£370.00
Transportation	4	Motorbikes	90,000.00	360,000.00	£75.00	£300.00
Insurance	4	Motorbikes	30,000.00	120,000.00	£25.00	£100.00
Change of ownership	4	Motorbikes	29,500.00	118,000.00	£24.58	£98.33
Number plates	4	Motorbikes	38,000.00	152,000.00	£31.67	£126.67
Registration	4	Motorbikes	25,000.00	100,000.00	£20.83	£83.33
Road Traffic registration card	4	People	20,000.00	80,000.00	£16.67	£66.67
Learners licence	4	People	8,000.00	32,000.00	£6.67	£26.67
Booking licence	4	People	5,000.00	20,000.00	£4.17	£16.67
Licence card	4	People	20,000.00	80,000.00	£16.67	£66.67
Miscellaneous	4	People	50,000.00	200,000.00	£41.67	£166.67
Transport, allowance and accommodation coordinators during driving lessons	4	People	150,000.00	600,000.00	£125.00	£500.00
Driving lessons	4	People	160,000.00	640,000.00	£133.33	£533.33
Full Licence	4	People	10,000.00	40,000.00	£8.33	£33.33
Transport and accomodation to organise	1	People	325,000.00	325,000.00	£270.83	£270.83
				0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL				12,711,000.00		£10,592.50

There is therefore an overspend of £180.50 which we were able to cover from Ripple Africa reserves. Invoices are attached at Annex 1

Impact

The photos at Annex 2 show the work that the coordinators are able to do now that they have the motorbikes to use.

CASH SALE No. **2007**

LION STAR INVESTMENT
Specialist in: Motorcycles & Spare Parts

P.O. Box 2899 Lilongwe. Cell: +265 888 231 199 +265 993 784 058

FORC1677 Date: 13/07/2023

M/s: Ripple Africa

QTY	DESCRIPTION	@	K	t
3	Motorbike	2,350,000	7,050,000	
Total			7,050,000	

M. Banda

CASH SALE No. **2007**

LION STAR INVESTMENT
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FORC1680 Date: 13/07/2023

M/s: Ripple Africa

QTY	DESCRIPTION	@	K	t
1	Motorbikes	2,350,000	2,350,000	
Total			2,350,000	

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CASH SALE No. **2009**

LION STAR INVESTMENT
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FORC1683 Date: 13/07/2023

M/s: Ripple Africa

QTY	DESCRIPTION	@	K	t
20	Helmets	65,000	1,300,000	
Total			1,300,000	

M. Banda

The invoice on the left includes helmets provided for other bikes that were not funded by this grant



Francis Singini (in yellow) is the sweet potato project coordinator in Nkhata Bay District and is helping 1200 householders like Joseph each year to grow orange fleshed sweet potatoes.

These are higher yielding and higher in Vitamin A than the white fleshed varieties normally grown in the area.

Joseph is delighted as he is able to get two crops a year from the vines that he is given and can also sell the leaves which are popular as a relish.



The children at the nine preschools run by Ripple Africa benefit from the sweet potato meals that they are given each day.

All the preschools have a vegetable garden where the new varieties of sweet potatoes are grown and Francis helps the teachers to ensure that they get the best crops each year from their vines.



Our Changu Changu Project team members like Alinafe and Mercy can reach more villages on their motorbikes to ensure that the project is on target and to support the community volunteers who help householders to construct and use their new fuel efficient cookstoves.



The householders are so proud of their new cookstoves that they are now decorating them!

So as well as providing a safer cooking method which uses much less wood for cooking, the changu changu motos are also becoming a design statement!