

**Donor Name:** Fondation Eagle

**Name of Charity:** Mary's Meals

**Fondation Eagle Reference Number:** FF 708

**Date of Grant Accepted:** 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Amount granted and number of beneficiaries:** 51,000 CHF to provide school meals to 2,081 children

**Name and exact location of the project:** School feeding in Malawi at 2 primary schools located Chikhwawa district, Southern Region, Malawi.

**Period of project:** 1 year

**Details of progress of the project, achievements, challenges, changes, differences etc, including photographs.**

**Please include any other information relevant to the progress/completion of the project.**

Mary's Meals is extremely thankful for the continued and dedicated support Fondation Eagle shows our work and we are delighted to share this insight into the remarkable and life-changing impact your support has had on the two schools you have supported over this grant period in Malawi. Your generous contribution of **51,000 CHF** has ensured that the children enrolled in both Chimbiya and Nyakamba Primary Schools have had the opportunity to continue their education without the fear of hunger through your provision of daily school meals.

The need for your support in Malawi

Malawi is continuing to face an acute food insecurity crisis as 2025 progresses, which is impacting approximately **1/3 of its 21 million people** with **6.8 million people** experiencing severe food insecurity (WFP, 2025). Over this reporting period an estimated **5.7 million people** in Malawi experienced crisis level food insecurity with ongoing climatic shocks and El Nino induced drought implications affecting nearly **44%** of maize-growing areas (WFP, 2025). In addition, it is estimated that **34.8% of children under the age of five** are currently experiencing stunted growth and **2.6%** are facing wasting (UNDP, 2024). Such food insecurity, compounded by ongoing climate shocks and economic instability, is limiting children's access to education, with only **50% of children** completing their primary education across the country (UNESCO, 2025).

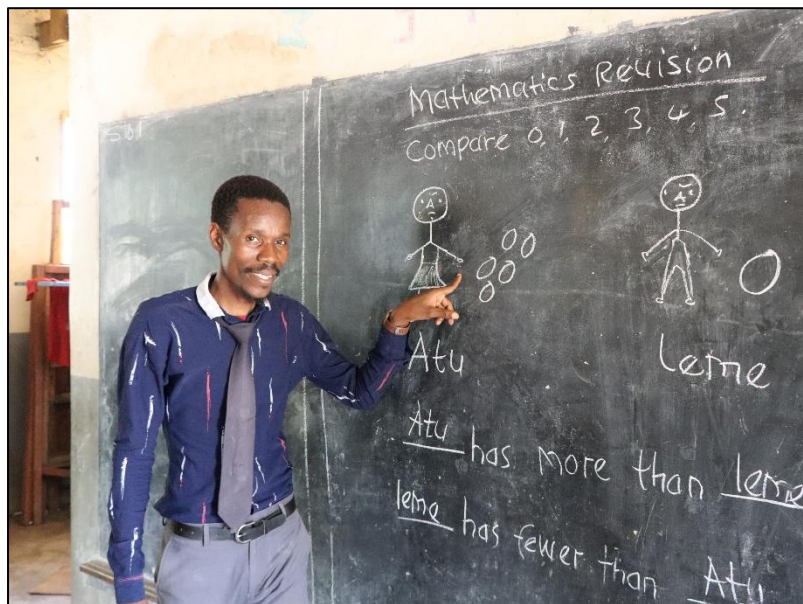
Speaking with Angela, the Country Director for Mary's Meals Malawi, she provides an updated summary of the situation in Malawi since her words we shared with you in our last report to you for this grant. Angela, pictured to the right with Magnus, our CEO, talking with our amazing volunteers, highlights the significance of your support in promoting the importance of education in Malawi: **"Malawi is a low-income country and in order to develop it needs an educated population. Our school feeding programme is attracting children into school and giving them access to education."** She continues to depict the urgent level of need throughout the communities we support: **"There are 5 million children in Malawi experiencing crisis levels of food insecurity, offering children the assurance of daily meal at school is a big incentive for them to attend. They come from low-income families who can't afford seeds or fertiliser to plant over and over again as their emerging crops are devastated by drought."** Angela goes on to explain how the situation in Malawi has worsened since our last report to you, showing just how crucial your continued support has been over this grant period in providing a sense of security and continuity for the children we serve: **"The 2025 growing season was shortened and crops did not mature. Food is now scarce and prices have doubled since 2024. There is also the risk of flooding from**



**deluges of rain- Cyclone Freedy wiped out 20,000 hectares of land which has not recovered and since then we have experienced severe drought.”** Angela’s words highlight the immensity of the challenges our school feeding programme faces in Malawi, but with your support we have been able to continue keeping our promise of a daily school meal to the children at Chimbiya and Nyakamba Primary School.

Amidst such a challenging context, we are also proud to share that our school feeding programme in Malawi is now reaching **more than 1,315,000 children** as we have significantly expanded our work since the start of 2024. Such expansions are highlighted in our recent Impact Report which presents the tireless efforts of the Mary’s Meals Malawi team throughout 2024, and during the first half of 2025, to expand the programme to **an additional 275,000 children in over 320 places of education!** Your support has played a fundamental role in ensuring our promise of a daily school meal was kept to the children we serve already enrolled in our programme whilst also empowering Mary’s Meals’ movement to reach the next child. As the communities we serve in Malawi continue to face the devastating impacts of increasingly common extreme weather shocks, compounded by national economic instability and raising global costs of living, your steadfast support has empowered thousands of families not to have to choose between their child’s education and their survival.

#### Your impact in Malawi



Teachers such as Bassah, know and see the impact of your support more than most. Bassah is a teacher at Nyakamba Primary School and highlights the challenges his students face: **“The main challenge they face is the issue of hunger, most children do not come from well-to-do families, and they are unable to secure food which leaves the children hungry and they sometimes fail to even buy their children learning materials such as exercise books, pens or uniform.”** Bassah, pictured in class to the left, only began working at Nyakamba once our school feeding programme and your support was already in place, but he tells us what he has been told from other teachers: **“From what I hear from those that were here when it started were that before they struggled to convince learners to come to school and that they only had a few learners that came to learn but as of now, we have quite a lot of children who willingly come here to learn!”** He goes on to depict the change in his students that he has witnessed as a direct result of your support and the meals you have provided: **“The children are more focused in class when they eat the meal compared to before they eat, the children are more enduring when they have eaten in that they wait till its time to knock off to go home. I also noticed that the children could bond when they are having their meals.”** Bassah’s words highlight the importance of your support in not only meeting the immediate hunger needs of the children but also in providing them with a safe environment to connect with each other through the power of a shared meal, creating a sense of normalcy and community for children facing unimaginable challenges.

It is not only the children we serve that are benefiting from the meals you provide, Bassah goes on to tell us: **“The meals made our job easier because the children are very focused when they have eaten, they participate in class actively and ask questions when they do not understand. It makes my job a lot easier because the children are energetic.”** It is clear that Bassah shares our understanding of the importance of education and acknowledges the role of the meals you have provided in supporting children to gain their education and build themselves a brighter future: **“I think school meals are very important because they motivate children to come to school and in large numbers and the meals help the children in terms of their health. Education helps children build a foundation for a better future, they learn new skills every day, education helps the children find better opportunities and even jobs as well when they grow up. Education gave me the skills and confidence to pursue a career as a teacher, allowing me to give back to the community and it also helped me find ways of helping my family, which I could not when I was not educated.”** Bassah’s testimony highlights the life-changing impact that education can have on the children we serve and your support is ensuring that children at Nyakamba and Chimbiya Primary School have such an opportunity. Bassah continues to note the impact of your support not only on education but on the health of the children we serve: **“Most of the**

children are now very healthy, we receive very few complaints of sickness. The children are energetic and they attend all classes till the end. This area is prone to flooding and is a very hot place, so most households do not harvest enough and because of this the children rarely have a morning meal. The porridge at school gives learners a good start for the rest of the day and even during the lean months, porridge is the only meal they can have in a day.”

Just like Mary’s Meals, Basah has faith that the meals you have provided will continue to impact the lives of the children we serve as they continue growing to reach their full potential and he summaries his hopes for their futures: **“I hope that the children do not stop their education after finishing primary but that they go ahead to secondary and college so that they become productive people to their family and community in the future.”** Every meal you have provided over this grant period has brought the children we serve at Nyakamba and Chimbiya one step closer to realising such hopes for their futures.

Mike’s story – a story full of hope, transformation and gratitude – also shows the powerful impact a daily meal can have. Mike is bright and determined boy in Primary standard 4 at Nyakamba school. Every morning, Mike wakes up early to sweep the compound and help his mother with basic chores before preparing for school. He washes his face, puts on his school uniform with pride, and walks to school with his little brother. On the way, they often talk and sing softly, looking forward to the day ahead. Mike knows that when he arrives at school, a warm cup of porridge will be waiting for him. This daily meal gives him the energy he needs to stay alert and learn effectively: **“Before Mary’s Meals started at our school, I used to feel tired and hungry in class. Sometimes I even missed lessons,”** Mike recalls. **“But now I feel strong and happy. The porridge gives me power to concentrate and participate in class!”**.

Since receiving daily meals, Mike's performance in class has improved significantly. His teachers have noticed his growing confidence, improved participation, and better results. He especially enjoys English and Life Skills and dreams of becoming a doctor one day so he can serve others in his community. **“I love coming to school now because I feel welcome and cared for. I even help my friends with homework sometimes,”** Mike says proudly.

Martha is Mike’s mother. She beams with joy as she talks about her children: **“I have three boys, and two go to Nyakamba Primary. As a mother, it used to break my heart when I couldn’t give them food before school. But now, thanks to Mary’s Meals, they eat every day. Mike is healthy, joyful, and doing so well in school. I can’t thank Mary’s Meals enough.”**. The meals you provided this year changed Mike and his family’s daily lives and are filling Mike and his brother’s future with hope.

#### Updates from your supported schools:

The table below highlights the enrolment figures, attendance rates and feeding rates across the two schools you support:

School name	Latest enrolment figure (boys)	Latest enrolment figure (girls)	Total enrolment figure	Average attendance rate (%)	Feeding rate (%)
Nyakamba Primary School	441	386	827	62.15	90.50
Chimbiya Primary School	643	636	1,279	56.29	85.70

The average attendance rate over this reporting period has dropped slightly since our last report to you due to the time of year. Families have external commitments and children often have to help on their family farms during harvest seasons. However, this is completely normal and as the school year begins again in September such figures are expected to return to their normal rates. This is the same for the slight decrease in feeding rate averages, however the feeding rates are still remarkably high considering the onslaught

of challenges that communities in Malawi have faced over this reporting period. Even more remarkable is that enrolment figures have not only remained stable but have also slightly increased!

Budget update:

Our low cost delivery model means that it only costs a remarkable **24.50 CHF** to provide a child with a school meal every day for a year. There are an **additional 19 students** enrolled across Nyakamba and Chimbiya Primary School which is an amazing achievement and testament to your ongoing support over this period. Your contribution of **51,000 CHF** has ensured that **2,081 children** at the schools have received daily school meals, whilst Mary’s Meals International has covered the costs of the additional children enrolled as a result of your support to ensure that all children at the schools receive our meals!

School Name	Region	Current Enrolment	Cost per School (CHF)
Nyakamba	Southern 2	827	20,261.50
Chimbiya	Southern 2	1,279	31,335.50
Total		2,106	51,597
Fondation Eagle			51,000
MM contribution			597

**Thank you**

The unwavering support of Fondation Eagle has ensured that children facing the most unimaginable of hardships at a time of increasing global need and hunger, have had the opportunity to continue their education free from the fear of hunger. We remain incredibly thankful for your ongoing support, which empowers the children we serve together to reach their full potential through the provision of daily school meals in Malawi. On behalf of all the children we serve, **thank you.**

Signature and date:



August 2025

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