

RISEUP MALAWI

2023 UMODZI GUESTHOUSE CAPITAL PROJECT

> CREATING A FUTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY <

PROJECT OVERVIEW

RISEUP MALAWI HQ, MAKAWA TRADING CENTRE, MANGOCHI, MALAWI



**EDUCATE. INSPIRE.
EMPOWER.**

*Article 26 of the United Nations Universal
Declaration of Human Rights, 10 December 1948:*

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION.

MISSION + VALUES

01 EDUCATION FOR ALL

Breaking the Poverty Cycle

Our foundational mission is to provide educational access to children and their parents. We believe if we can keep a child in school, and give their parents the knowledge they need to feed their families, we can break generational cycles of poverty in rural Malawi.

02 MALAWIAN LED

Empowering Leadership

We prioritize hiring Malawian employees and building up leaders from within the community. We count job creation as part of our mission, ensuring all program design, implementation & management starts with the needs and voices of our community.

03 SUSTAINABILITY

Fostering Independence

We know that hand-outs don't work. For real change to happen, our community must take ownership in the process of poverty alleviation. We encourage this accountability from within through in-country asset building & hands on educational training.

04 STEWARDSHIP

From God, For God

We believe that God is in control of all aspects of our work and wants to bless our community. We give Him the glory for all we accomplish, knowing that we are just vessels living out His calling. We want to pour out the same love Christ showed the world to our children in Malawi.

THEN & NOW

THE RISEUP JOURNEY

2010-Present

Co-founders Megan Mathis and Hudson Mwale first met in 2010 at the Lake of Stars Music Festival near Hudson's home in Mangochi, Malawi. 8 years later, when Megan's mother suddenly passed away from cancer, God put a calling on Megan's life and the RiseUp story began. We've grown from a few students in a tiny, renovated chicken coop back in 2018, to over 300 students today in our 2,200 sq. ft. solar-powered community center. We are deeply grateful for the financial blessings of individual and corporate supporters from around the world who recognize the needs of our community and are willing to help us create positive change.



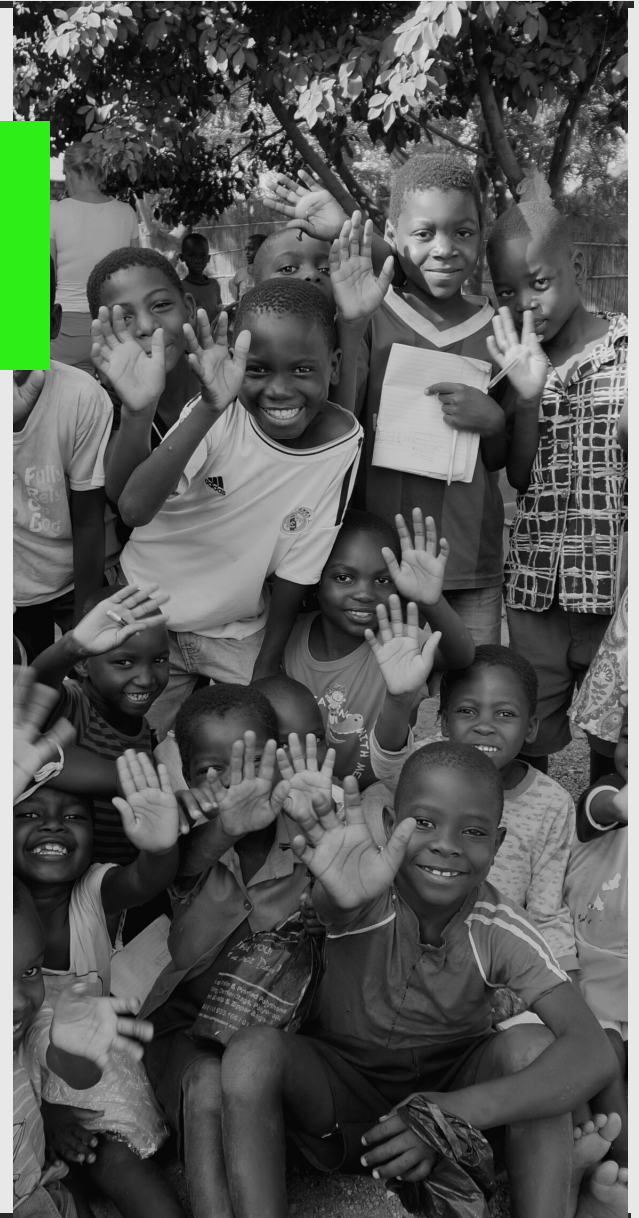
THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA

WHERE WE WORK

Mangochi District, Malawi

Even though Malawi is ranked among the world's least developed countries, it's earned the nickname "The Warm Heart of Africa" because of the kindness of its people. A tiny, landlocked country in southeastern Africa, Malawi boasts Africa's 3rd largest lake, breathtaking mountains & an abundance of exotic wildlife.

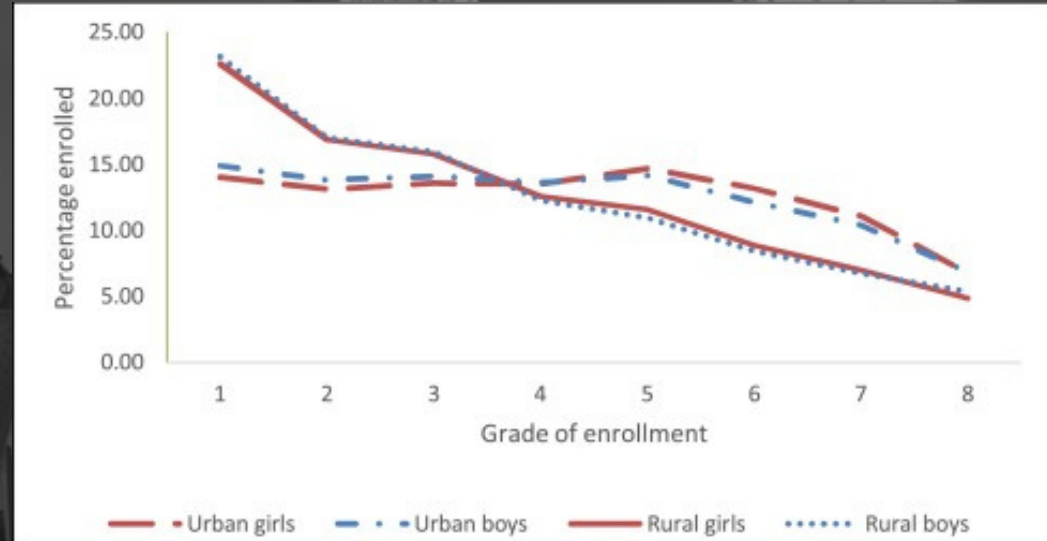
As much beauty as Malawi contains, it also sadly faces extraordinary development challenges. According to the World Bank, the share of Malawians living below the international poverty line of \$1.90/day has declined only slightly from 71.7 percent in 2010 to 70.3 percent in 2016. Access to education (literacy rates in our district are the lowest in the country at only 53%) and food scarcity (87% of our families rely on rain-fed agriculture) keep a majority of Malawians locked in generational cycles of extreme poverty. This is why tackling these two challenges is at the forefront of our mission.



THE EDUCATION CHALLENGE

TACKLING THE BARRIERS

Although initial school enrollment in Malawi is high, half of all children will drop out by the end of year 6, and only a third will complete the full 8 years of primary school (UK Research & Innovation). Barriers to education are profuse, and those that are able to remain in school face overcrowded classrooms, material shortages, long distance commutes to school (sometimes up to 10k each way) and hunger crises that make it difficult to learn. With 1 in 5 children in Malawi facing chronic malnutrition, looking at enrollment alone only gives us part of the picture.



Percentage of enrollment in Malawi by grade level and gender. Source: "Tackling girls dropping out of school in Malawi: Is improving household socio-economic status the solution?"; International Journal of Educational Research Volume 103, 2020.

Systemic health problems such as HIV, malaria, and malnutrition are one of the biggest barriers to education, while child marriage, unwanted pregnancies and indirect costs of school supplies and uniforms result in many more dropping out. With a stagnant literacy rate of 62.14%, Malawi faces one of the most overwhelming education challenges in all of Southern Africa. Drop out rates among girls in secondary education increased by 48% between 2020 & 2021, making girls particular vulnerable.



BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE

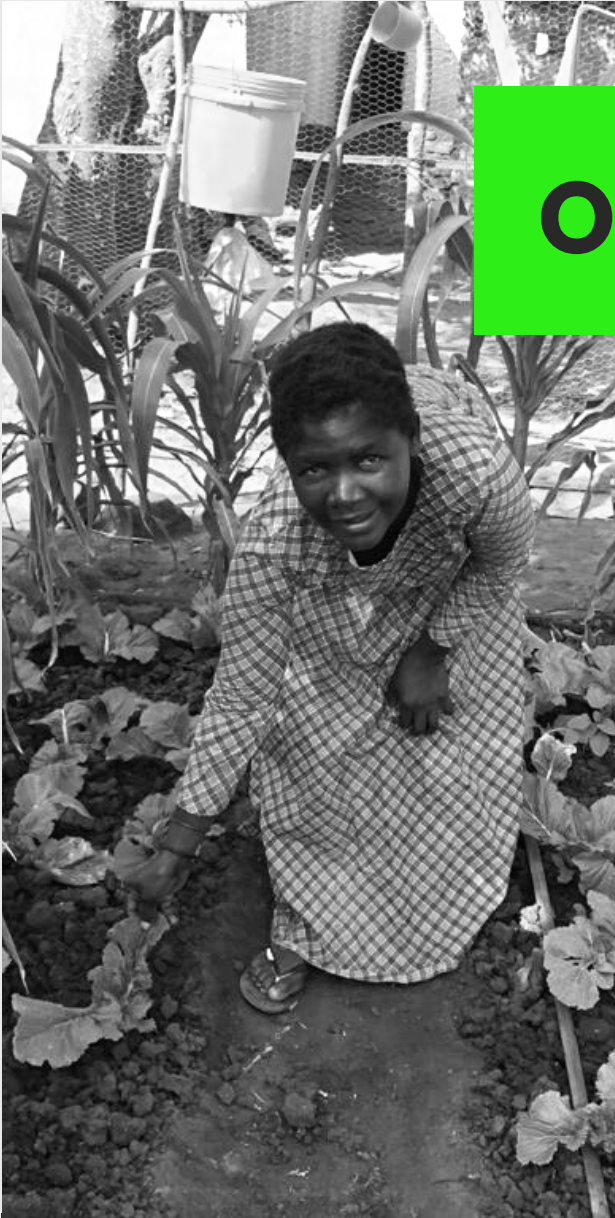


A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT

Education as a path to sustainability

Every initiative of ours is backed by a desire to create independence and self-reliance for our children and their families. We know that there is no better way to achieve long-term sustainability than by walking alongside our families in loving relationship and investing in their knowledge and skill sets. By offering free after school extended learning, secondary school

scholarship, and farming training, we encourage our community to be stewards of their own gifts and resources. Our goal is to move our community closer to what God created them to be by empowering them to earn a sustainable livelihood through their own efforts. And that starts with education.



OUR PROGRESS

2018: RiseUp Malawi is granted 501(c)(3) status. Our classes are moved from Hudson's porch to our first building, a renovated chicken coop in his backyard that bears the RiseUp name.

2019: We introduce our first farming training program, with great success, to parents of our community after realizing how many of our children were struggling in the classroom due to malnutrition.

2020: RiseUp mobilizes & shifts resources to become a community leader in the COVID19 prevention effort in Malawi. In the fall we move into our solar-powered community center, The Kudziwa Center For Knowledge.

2021: As COVID restrictions ease, we see an influx of children into our after school program, reaching capacity at 300. We introduce a second farming workshop, drip irrigation.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

IN-COUNTRY ASSET

Our guesthouse will provide critical in-country income generation from rentals that will be invested back into our programs, lessening dependence on foreign donor dollars.

VOLUNTEER ACCOMMODATION

FOSTERING ADVOCACY

We know that the best way for someone to become an advocate is to have them experience our community firsthand. Our guesthouse will provide a comfortable, low-cost accommodation option for our volunteers.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB CREATION

Construction & management will provide local employment and fair wages. Procurement from local enterprises for materials & furnishing will benefit local entrepreneurs. Overall, this project will reduce poverty and unemployment.

THE UMODZI GUESTHOUSE

A FIRST LOOK

Renderings by Arch Green Associates Architects - Lilongwe

Umodzi means unity, fellowship, & togetherness in Chichewa, Malawi's local dialect. We chose this name because we want our guesthouse to be a gathering space where diverse groups from around the world come together to serve our community.

Our guesthouse property will feature a larger dormitory structure with his & hers bunk rooms & bathrooms, and a common area that will include a full kitchen, dining area, lounge and reading nook. 3-4 private summer huts will offer guests an opportunity for more privacy and will be rented out for income generation that will be invested back into our programs. The structures will be built using sustainable, ISSB blocks that will combat the deforestation challenge in Malawi and our energy will be sourced using solar power.



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

BUILDING WITH INTERLOCKING STABILIZED SOIL BLOCKS (ISSBS)

Low impact & low cost

ISSB's offer an affordable, sustainable alternative to the traditional brick making process that dominates construction in Malawi. ISSB's are made from a precise mixture of red soil, sand and cement which is compressed in a superior semi-automatic machine. This process reduces CO2 emissions by over 80% compared to wood-fired burnt bricks, thus contributing to healthier forests in developing countries. These climate friendly effects come with 20-40% in economic savings as material and transportation costs are reduced from using natural soil available on site.

Because ISSB's are made from local materials, they can be produced by small and medium sized enterprises and the local workforce if appropriately trained. Architects predict based on the materials used that ISSB construction has a longevity of 100 years.



INVESTMENT CAPITAL REQUIRED

MULTI-PHASE FUNDING

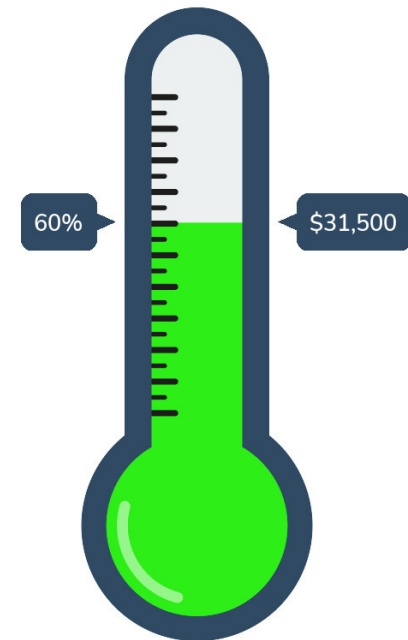
Where We Are At

Global inflation and a rise in the cost of materials have affected our projected budget. The total guesthouse build stands right now at \$91,539.25. This projection includes a 15% contingent for further inflation impact in the second half of 2022.

Because of these increased costs, we have broken our fundraising into two phases: PHASE 1 will consist of the funding and construction of the main guesthouse & kitchen slated for a 2023 start, while PHASE 2 will consist of the funding and construction of the additional summer huts (TBD start date). As of August 2022, we are 61% funded for PHASE 1.

PHASE 1 FUNDING PROGRESS

GOAL: \$52,304



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PROJECT TIMELINE & BUDGET

PHASE 1A | JAN-MAR 2023

Foundation & Erection of Walls

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$21,585.58

PHASE 1B | APRIL-MAY 2023

Roofing

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$4,886.31

PHASE 1C | MAY-JUNE 2023

Electrical Wiring, Tiling & Painting

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$3397.72



PHASE 1D | JULY-AUGUST 2023

Plastering, Flooring, & Plumbing

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$7116.14

PHASE 1E | AUGUST 2023

Kitchen (*Estimate for cabinets + appliances)

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$8,000

PHASE 1F | SEPTEMBER 2023

Wardrobes and Furnishings

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$4922.87

PHASE 1G | SEPTEMBER 2023

Construction of Septic Tank

COST(MATERIALS + LABOR) : \$2396.01

TOTAL COST : \$52,304.63

3 WAYS TO HELP US GROW OUR IMPACT

BLESS US WITH A SPECIAL GIFT THIS YEAR

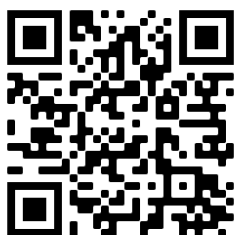
Your gift of any amount will help us reach our fundraising goals so that our community can grow with the construction of an in-country income generating asset.

SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING

Spread your impact out over the year and help us plan better by committing to an on-going monthly gift.

SHARE OUR STORY

Your words have power. Advocate for our community by our sharing our story on social media and with friends, family and colleagues. You never know who's heart you might touch!



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