

# Providing a hand UP, not a hand out

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## Report for The Allen and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement for RIPPLE Africa's Girls Dormitory project

### Summary

Donor Name: The Allen and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement  
Project Name: Girls Dormitory Project  
Grant Size: £10,000  
Date of award: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

### Background

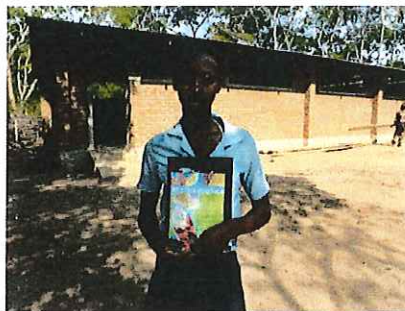
Secondary school education for girls in Malawi can often be extremely difficult. While boy students finish school and return home to study as they choose, traditionally girls are expected to do household chores when they get home. With consistently less time to study, girls are disadvantaged throughout the whole of their education, but never more so than during critical exam periods in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years. For a few years now, our girl students have been camping on classroom floors overnight during exam months to avoid these home burdens; we want to provide safe facilities to help them put their education first.

### The Project

RIPPLE Africa is building a Girls Dormitory at Kapanda Secondary School in Malawi. This is a government school built and supported by RIPPLE Africa. The dormitory will provide accommodation for 56 girls from years 2 and 4 and a matron, and will include safe sleeping quarters, dining/study area, kitchen, toilets and washing facilities. The dormitory will provide a safe, supportive and empowering learning environment for study and revision.



Our building team at the start of the project



Alice Banda outside the new dining and study block



Some of the students who will be living in the dormitory during term time

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### **Progress**

We are delighted to be able to report that construction of the dining and study block was completed several months ago and the building has been in use as an additional classroom and independent study room for the school until the dormitory is completed. Once the girls are in residence, this building will be used for them to study and eat in.



The dormitory itself is now complete and final work is being done to finish the interior while work has started on the toilet / washrooms and kitchen area. There has been a slight delay as government requirements for construction of these changed and we had to alter the design. However, we are now in the process of construction and it is hoped that the girls will be in residence very soon.

These are the latest photographs that we have of the main dormitory building which were taken in June. Since then the scaffolding has been removed and interior work is being completed. We will be in Malawi again soon and will be able to send new photos to you if you would like us to.

### **Project's Future After the Grant Period**

The girls are extremely excited about being able to move into the dormitory and be able to study once the school day is over. We have recently been successful in securing funding for electricity to be supplied to Kapanda School and if we are able to raise additional funds, we will be able to install lights into the dormitory, washrooms and dining and study block so that these can be used into the evening. However, even without this, girls will now be able to study until dusk from the end of the school day (2pm) which will greatly increase their chances of success in their exams.

### **Concluding Thoughts and Thank You**

We are extremely grateful to The Allen and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement for their support for this project which will be enormously helpful to the girls in their crucial exam years.

**TAWONGA UKONGWA from all of us here in RIPPLE Africa - THANK YOU!**

Very best wishes,

Pam Haigh  
Trusts Fundraiser  
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