



Banda Bola Sports Foundation Chituka Village Project

Progress Report
2009-2019



THE FOUNDATION



Together We Can
Make a Difference

[Banda Bola Sports Foundation](http://www.bandabolasportsfoundation.org) celebrates a decade of service as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of rural children in Malawi's Chituka Village region. The Foundation's mission is to motivate and prepare vulnerable children to attend school and improve their lives. We create opportunities for young Malawian girls and boys to achieve personal growth and advancements in education.

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CHITUKA VILLAGE PROJECT

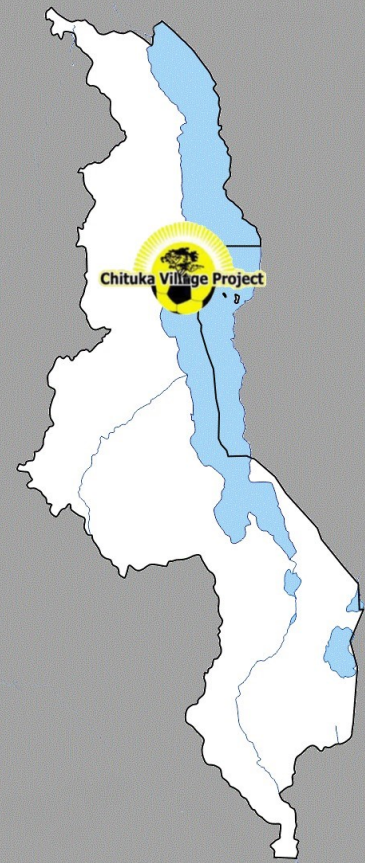
The Banda Bola Sports Foundation-Chituka Village Project is located in Nkhata Bay South District, Northern Malawi, Central Africa.

Children in Malawi face many adversities, including poverty, famine, disease and short life expectancies. School attendance is not mandated by the government and, because of various hardships, many children do not attend school. Those who do attend school lack basic supplies like pens, pencils and notebooks. The student-teacher ratio is as high as 80-to-1, making individualized attention nearly impossible. As a result, many children do not have the opportunity to learn.

The children also face hardships at home that prevent them from attending school and deprive them of a sense of childhood. Many young girls find themselves taking on the role of a parent for their siblings or are pressured to marry at an early age.

The Chituka Village Project plans to affect change in these areas. We provide basic resources and offer after-school sports activities and educational tutoring.

The Foundation has partnered with local organizations, Mzuzu University, secondary schools and soccer clubs to secure volunteer mentors and coaches. The result will be bright futures and endless possibilities for those who participate.



OUR MISSION

- 1 To encourage children in Malawi to attend school by providing after school sports programs.
- 2 To raise funds and collect school supplies and sports equipment for children to attend school and participate in sports.
- 3 To promote, encourage and educate children in Malawi in the principles of athletics, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Who are we and how do we work in Malawi?



We are committed to improving the lives of youth in Malawi. Currently, we have over 23 local volunteers working as mentors, trainers and teachers for children throughout the Chituka Village area. We use sports as a catalyst for improving school attendance, encouraging gender equality, and motivating personal growth.

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OVERVIEW

STRONG LEADERSHIP

President and Founder is a native born Malawian
Speaks the national language and local dialect
Understands the region and culture
From a family of traditional leaders
Respected by village elders

COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Requires gender equality in soccer leagues and games
Encourages inclusion of children with disabilities
Creates an environment conducive to learning
Requires equal treatment of boys and girls in school
Introduces play into lives of children

FOCUSED PROGRAMS

Scholastic Soccer League
After School Tutoring Program
Summer Reading Program
School Lunch Program
Soccer games and clinics



MALAWI ENGAGEMENT

Partners with NGO's and Mzuzu U
Reliable local volunteers
Rotary Club support
Parent participation
Parliament backing

NETWORK OF U.S. SUPPORTERS

Coaches Across Continents
University and High School soccer teams
Community organizations
Elementary schools
Youth sports clubs
Churches and libraries

CHALLENGES

Working in a culture of severe poverty
Supplementing a weak, underfunded school system
Building an adequate soccer training facility
Raising funds to run focused programs
Sourcing school supplies and sports equipment
Finding more local volunteers

Using Soccer for Education and Social Change



Improving
School
Attendance



Teaching Gender
Equality



Teaching Children
Soccer



Engaging the
Community



Creating Hope
for the Future

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EDUCATION

The Chituka Village Project aims to increase school attendance and provide services to schools throughout the region. Through sports, the Foundation helps motivate and prepare children to attend school and improve their lives.

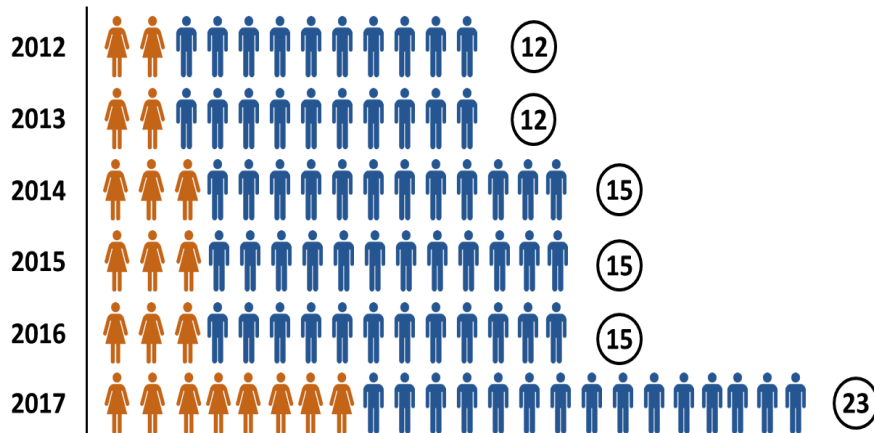


GENDER

Not only do we monitor gender ratios within our soccer teams, we also support female empowerment through a program that removes barriers related to menstruation by teaching young women how to sew their own pads.



Local Volunteers by Year



HEALTH

Food insecurity negatively impacts health and education outcomes. It contributes to increased school absenteeism, dropout rates, poor learning capacity, and educational gender gaps.

In 2018, Chiktuka Village Project provided
an in-school feeding program for

236 children



TIMELINE

2009

- BBSF sponsors first co-ed soccer tournament in Chituka Village. 4 primary schools participate
- School for the Deaf fields a girls team

2010

- BBSF begins equipment collections from colleges, youth sports organizations, elementary and high schools, libraries and churches
- UMass Soccerfest fundraiser in the US

2011

- BBSF partnership with Jack Brewer Foundation.
- GE donates refurbished computers
- 1st container of donated goods arrives in Chituka
- First Sports Day in Chituka Village

2012

- Scholastic Soccer League created in Bandawe Zone. 7 schools are eligible
- After School Reading/Mentoring Program begins

2013

- Scholastic Soccer League expands to 10 schools
- 2nd container of donated goods arrives in Chituka
- Dutch Volunteers run clinics in Chituka
- 12 local volunteers participate in BBSF programs

2014

- M.O.U and increased work with Mzuzu University
- Program receives attention and support from local Malawi Member of Parliament
- Scholastic Soccer League plays 8 games
- School passing rates among girls improve

2015

- 3rd container of donated goods arrives in Chituka
- Coaches Across Continents (CAC) partnership
- BBSF distributes balls to all 30 schools in region
- US Volunteers run clinics in Chituka
- BBSF establishes Summer Reading Program

- Mooncatcher partnership provides hygiene products to help keep girls in school
- After School Program begins registrations
- 15 local volunteers are participating

2016

- 1st women's showcase: Kachere and Tukombo Zones
- Partnership established with Kickin' Back
- Coaches Across Continents 2nd year of clinics
- BBSF adopts Child Protection Policy
- Promoted Mzuzu area Women's League
- M.O.U with Nkhata Bay Development Trust (NBDT)
- Scholastic Soccer league expands to all 30 schools in the 3 zone area – 1500 girls and boys are participating

2017

- Historic first - 3 students from Malenga Mzomba Primary School selected for National Secondary School
- Coaches Across Continents runs 2 weeks of clinics
- MYOBD - 16 Volunteers give clinics to 30 primary schools
- CONGOMA registration (established as NGO in Malawi)
- After School Lunch Program Begins
- Laptop donation from Niskayuna Rotary

2018

- Developing proper field and latrines, support of MYOBD
- Fundraising and donation events by Kickin' Back, CDYSL, UMass women's soccer and BBSF in the US
- Kickin' Back sends container of women's sports apparel, equipment, and books. Distributed to over 35 schools
- 60+ volunteer coaches trained by CAC

2019

- Girls' changing rooms building foundation laid
- Co-ed league begins for grades 1-4 in Bandawe Zone
- 9 schools receive metal soccer goal posts
- Mooncatcher distributes sewing machines at Malenga Mzomba Primary School for menstrual pad production
- MYOBD funds School of the Deaf poultry farming program and runs soccer clinic for coaches
- Northern region girls soccer showcase held in Chituka region

HIGHLIGHTS



The scholastic soccer league is in
30 schools with over
1500 students

10 Years

of playing, learning and donating, with
the support of global partners



**Higher Attendance and
Passing Rates**

Students selected for national secondary
school



4 Containers Shipped

Each containing essential school and
soccer supplies



2011



2012



2015

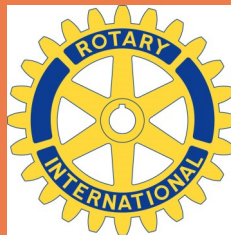


2018

Thank You For Making A Difference With Us!



Partners



Organizations that work with BBSF

Afrim's Sports ProKickSoccer
Boston University
Capital Region School Districts
Capital District Youth Soccer League Clubs
Concordia College
Guilderland Public Library
Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church

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Manchester Soccer Club (CT.)
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Mzuzu University, Malawi
New England Mutiny Soccer Club
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