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Senior Assistant Project Manager Jumbo facilitates a Mobile Video Show in Usisya

We are thrilled to announce that Temwa has received our largest ever grant from Malawi's National AIDS Commission to fund various HIV & AIDS projects within the Nkhata Bay North region.

The grant will be implemented into projects targeting different groups at real risk of contracting the HIV virus or already living with it including our Integrated Youth, Sexual Reproductive Health and AIDS project, our Mobile Video Shows and our AIDS Action Clubs in schools.

By empowering the area's youth with the knowledge required to make informed decisions concerning their sexual and reproductive health, we aim to reduce the spread of this devastating disease.

We will also implement a mobile voluntary counselling and training (MCVT) project in order to provide follow up services and provide support for those that test positive in the Nkhata Bay North area.

Huge thanks to the National AIDS Commission Malawi for this tremendous support!

AIDS ACTION CLUBS IN SCHOOLS

Temwa is successfully continuing this project aimed at tackling the spread of HIV & AIDS in Malawi. The scheme, which equips children with knowledge, attitudes and practices surrounding sexual and reproductive health by organising voluntary clubs, is aimed at empowering young people to take centre stage in the fight against the spread of HIV & AIDS. Fourteen schools have been involved, each helped by Temwa to organise their own Action Club. In the previous newsletter we reported that six schools had received their initial training, and we are now happy to announce that the remaining eight schools have also been trained. We have recently received continued funding from a generous anonymous corporate donor for the expansion of this project through 2011. Many thanks to our donor for the continued support.

UWE 'DEGREE TREE' PROJECT

The University of the West of England (UWE)-funded 'Degree Tree' community forestry project is now well underway with the establishment of tree nurseries at the Temwa offices and five other selected sites within the local area.

The aim of the scheme is to offset the amount of paper and energy used by students whilst studying through tree planting in Malawi.

In total over 16,000 seedlings have already been planted at the chosen sites with another 10,000 indigenous and fruit tree saplings being raised at the Temwa offices. This includes the 6,000 saplings that represent all the students that graduated from the University of the West of England in 2010.

Pot filling and planting is still in progress at the various nurseries with the intention of raising the total number of bedded saplings to 36,000.



Senior Project Assistant Benson and Trustee Hannah in Temwa's Tree Nursery

MOBILE VOLUNTARY AIDS COUNSELLING AND TESTING

We are delighted to announce that our Mobile Voluntary Counselling and Testing (MVCT) project has received renewed funding from T & J Meyer Family Foundation for the continuation of the project through 2011.

Temwa staff have set up twenty testing centres throughout Nkhata Bay North, and testing and Mobile Video showings are regular happenings throughout the region. So far, over 2,000 members of the community have been tested for HIV & AIDS meaning that we will far surpass our target of 3,000 participants by the end of this phase.

Many thanks to T & J Meyer for their continuing support of this crucial project.



Temwa Health Assistants prepare for Mobile Voluntary Counselling and Testing



WETLANDS UTILISATION PROJECT RECEIVES CONTINUED LUSH FUNDING

Temwa are delighted to announce that they have received a further grant from LUSH Charity Pot to continue the Wetlands Utilisation project.

The previous 12 month project cycle which was funded by LUSH Charity Pot and an anonymous donor has so far served nearly 200 beneficiaries, including families affected by HIV and AIDS, households headed by females or widows, and families looking after orphans. The main activities which were carried out between July and September 2010 included further farmer training, finalizing the

'MAWA LANGA' PREMIERES IN MALAWI

The Malawi premiere of 'Mawa Langa' took place on the 19th November 2010 in Malawi's capital, Lilongwe.



Dignitaries at the film premiere

The film, a collaborative effort by Temwa, Youth Net and Counselling and UK based Purple Field Productions, elegantly tells the story of two children whose lives have been affected by the AIDS pandemic.

The opening night brought out a sizeable crowd with the Minister of Youth Development and Sports, Lucious Kanyumba, amongst the other dignitaries in the audience.

Mawa Langa is now being used as a participatory tool in schools and youth clubs to help educate and inform young people about the issues surrounding the aids virus. Over 700 copies have now been distributed to schools and various other organizations around Malawi with another 2,300 going out this year in an effort to engage the country's youth in the fight against HIV & AIDS.

Visit www.temwa.org for more information

ADDITIONAL NEWS

The Usisya Community Centre continues as normal, with the hall playing host of a wide variety of community events and activities • The Nick Webber Trust bursaries are ongoing, enabling a number of children to attend secondary school • A school roof has been completed in Thoto Msinge thanks to a generous donation from Palmer & Howells • We are proud to report that 16 groups trained by Temwa through our Youth Enterprise Development Scheme have successfully secured funding from YEDF, and business projects are underway • Halfway through the Farmer Training Support project, Temwa has already trained nearly 600 men and women in northern Usisya. Beneficiaries of the project have been trained by Temwa in sustainable agricultural skills such as natural fertilization techniques, soil and moisture conservation, and seasonal cropping (Full update next issue) • Cameron Saul, director of Bottle Top, one of Temwa's key funding partners, visited Temwa's projects in Malawi in December. He is extremely impressed with Temwa's projects!



Cameron Saul and Temwa Librarian Hillary in the Temwa Libaray



Senior Project Assistant Benson and beneficiaries at the Wetlands Project

UK UPDATE: NEW TEMWA STAFF & OFFICE

In autumn 2010, Temwa UK took on three new staff members. They include four new Interns: UK Projects Assistant Abi Jones, UK Events Coordinator Kate Popham, UK Schools Assistant Christina Goulding and UK Communications Assistant Dan Yeo. And one new part-time staff member: UK Fundraising Coordinator Megan Arch. This capable new group of staff means that Temwa will be able to multiply our efforts to raise funds and awareness for our projects in Malawi.

We are also pleased to announce that Georgina Davies, a Temwa volunteer, has won the Vodafone World of Difference competition. This programme pays for people to work for their favourite charity full time for a two-month period. Georgina will join the Temwa staff as our new UK Projects Assistant for March and April.

In order to accommodate our new staff, we are also pleased to announce that Temwa has moved into our first office space in the UK! Our offices are located at the Hamilton House in Bristol, see our new address on the front page.

Temwa's sincere thanks go out to an incredibly generous anonymous donor, who has fully funded our office and new staff.



New UK Projects Assistant Abi runs the Cardiff Half Marathon for Temwa

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TEMWA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Temwa would not be able to maintain our highly efficient development projects in Malawi without the help of our amazing supporters who are tirelessly committed to our cause. If you would like to get involved, here are some of the ways you can support our work:

• **Volunteer**

We frequently host events in the Bristol area, and are always looking for dedicated volunteers. Contact events@temwa.org.uk for more information.

• **Donate**

We run our projects entirely on donations and grants from dedicated individuals, corporate partners and trusts. To donate online, visit our website at www.temwa.org or contact megan@temwa.org.uk.

• **Standing order**

Another way to support Temwa and to make sure we are running strong into the future is to set up a standing order to come to us on a monthly basis. Contact Megan Arch at megan@temwa.org or 07964 933722 for more information.

• **Wish list**

Our offices in Malawi are currently in need of the following items:

- o Laptops
- o Mobile phones
- o Digital cameras
- o Digital projector & screen
- o USB memory sticks

If you have any of these in working order and would like to donate them, please contact Megan Arch at megan@temwa.org.uk or 07964 933722.



Temwa's new boat brings our projects to the region



Newly-roofed school in Thoto Msinge thanks to Palmer and Howells

THANKS

- T&J Meyer Family Foundation
- Palmer & Howells
- LUSH
- CVS
- Sift Media
- Toojistar - newsletter printing
- Paul Brana-Martin
- Catherine & Tom Evans
- Yasmin & Adam Hood
- Kieran Chahal & Joe Stracey
- Brenda Rogers
- Mrs. Burkit
- London and Bristol Artists who participated in Art for Africa: London
- Bristol and Cardiff Half Marathon runners
- Participants in the Great Western Sponsored Cycle
- Participants in the Sponsored Climb
- All performers and musicians participating in GoGo Fandango
- Undercover Rock
- LAB
- The Folk House Bristol
- The Big Chill Bar Bristol
- The Bank of Stokes Croft
- Duchess Photographic
- Jake Davis Design
- Thanks to all who donated in lieu of Christmas gifts
- Thanks to all who donated in lieu of birthday gifts
- Our new UK interns
- And HUGE thanks to all of our donors for their continued support



Musician Phil King delights the crowd at the Folk Night



Art for Africa – London was a huge success!

AN INTERVIEW WITH... **MARK WILLIAMS,** FOUNDER, PROMOTER AND PROJECT MANAGER FOR AMERICAN ORGANISATION UTU.

By teaming up with Temwa Malawi in 2010, utu has been able to invest in educational community projects aimed at preventing the further spread of the countries HIV pandemic.

Can you tell us a little bit about the organisation utu and your role within it?

On my first trip to Kenya with my youngest daughter Alison, I was moved by the sheer numbers of orphans and upon return did some research that confirmed my guess, HIV & AIDS is the culprit. While I was impressed with the numbers of funds and groups combating the disease, I was disappointed with the results. What I noticed was the lack of early preventative education being delivered in a manner that would first get the youth's attention and second, leave a lasting impression. My idea was simple enough and not really new, use technology to get the children engaged and build off that connection with them. To get "your foot in the door" with the community; do something that improves the life in the community (classroom, school supplies, clinic).

What then interested you about the projects that Temwa has running?

When I read of the similar approach Temwa was using to deliver the education.

What do you make of Temwa's own efforts to inform people of Malawi about issues



Mark & Project Manager Nyambe at our Agricultural Training Centre

surrounding the HIV epidemic?

Overall excellent, but like all organizations including utu, we can always improve and grow.

How did you become involved with Temwa?

One of our board was living in London, contacted Malawi Education Project that led to Temwa, and the networking and communication began.

On your visit to the Temwa projects in Malawi, what did you make of what you saw and experienced?

Honestly, my first reaction was that Temwa, while their heart is in the right place, they are too diversified and could not possibly be effective. I could not have been more mistaken and I blame that on my ignorance on how a multi-faceted organization can be operated.

As a whole then what do you make of the organisations efforts both in the UK and Malawi?

I think the results speak for themselves; apparently the UK team is excellent in raising funds and management, while the delegated structure in Malawi seem to be an excellent model. Consider this, our two groups were formed around the same time, yet Temwa's accomplishments are far more numerous. While we do one project a year with no ongoing dependency from the community, Temwa is working with them on a daily basis. I am proud of utu's work, but Temwa truly is a community builder.

For more information about utu's work , visit www.utuafrica.org



Mark presenting on HIV & AIDS to members the community



Mark heading out on Temwa's boat to lakeside villages