

Review of activities 2013/2014

Malawi

We were awarded Scottish Government funding for our project 'Tools and Training for Livelihood in Malawi'. The total amount of the grant received for 2013-2014 amounted to £35,203.33, from this £1,333 has been re-allocated to be spent in 2014–2015.

We continue to partner two organisations in Malawi; MACOHA (Malawi Council for the Handicapped) and KODO (Kuthandiza Osayenda Disability Outreach). Both organisations are running vocational training programmes for people with disabilities (PWD's) living in rural areas of Malawi. By June 2014, MACOHA will have provided 12 months carpentry training for 5 PWD's, and 6 months tailoring training for 8 PWD's, in Nkhotakota. KODO will have provided 6 months vocational training for 30 PWD's in tailoring, basket chair making or curios carving. In total 43 PWD's will take part in this training programme per year. All trainees also receive business training, AIDS, reproductive health and gender awareness training, start up tools and materials. A further 43 PWD's will be trained in Malawi between July 2014–June 2015, with a further 43 between July 2015–June 2016. In total 129 PWD's will take part in this programme over 3 years (2013 – 2016).

GCT are, in addition, partnering 3 Scottish Tools for Self Reliance workshops and the Eco-Centre, Fife, who collect and refurbish tools sent to Malawi for use by the trainees. A shipment of sewing machines and tools was sent to Malawi in October.

In August 2013, Emma Duncan (Project Manager) and Ayesha Christie (GCT India Project Manager) conducted a monitoring and evaluation visit to Malawi. GCT have produced a film, and booklet about the project, as well as organising presentations and events in Scotland. GCT have also been given permission by the Scottish Government to give £700 from our grant to KODO, to transport 50 wheelchairs from Zambia to Malawi.

India

GCT has continued to work in partnership with Global Concerns India. Global Concern's India continues its work with women's collectives in the Bangalore slums and rural villages in Karnataka state. Over this year, as well as receiving ongoing training to participate in the governance of their own communities, the women's collectives have also been active in taking part in rallies to combat violence against women, human trafficking, and to promote gender equality.

Global Concerns India has also continued working with children in the Bangalore slums, running various programmes to supplement children's school education. As well as providing support with literacy and learning, Global Concerns also runs workshops to encourage creativity in children, which include theatre, dance, puppetry and artwork. The children's workshops currently take place on the street outside the Global Concerns' office in the slum.

Over the last year we have continued fundraising to build the Children's Creativity Centre in a Bangalore slum. Friends and supporters of Global Concerns have been involved in a variety of fundraising activities, including the Three Peaks Challenge and a Music Gig fundraiser.

Kenya

GCT has continued to communicate with Humble Generation and its various supporters in Mombasa. In June 2013, £738.50 was donated to Humble Generation for an ongoing scoping exercise to explore the feasibility of their project working with street children.