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Community Update

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If communities in sub-Saharan Africa are ever going to escape the devastation and oppression of extreme poverty, they need to be equipped and empowered to bring transformation. WOW, with help from donors like you, is committed to seeing that happen.

“The sleeping giant has become a standing warrior!” Mgona: A Transformed Community

No longer divided and suffering alone, the people of Mgona have rallied together to bring lasting change to their community.

When construction of a Life Center first began in Mgona, poverty and hopelessness pervaded the entire community. Opposition between local chiefs left the people of Mgona in a state of chaos and unrest. In addition, there was little work to be found and hundreds of lives were being destroyed by HIV and AIDS.



Thanks in part to the support of WOW donors like you, change has come to Mgona. The Life Center currently under construction in the community has brought together young and old in a united effort to bring new life to Mgona. Jobs have been created and old disputes have been set aside in order to focus on construction.

Once built, this center will serve to feed the community, house a preschool, a support group for People Living With AIDS (PLWA), a training center, a place for Home-Based Care workers to meet, and many more valuable changes for hope in this community

Even the government of Malawi is taking notice, with local officials visiting to learn how to bring the same transformation to other communities in need. Your support is truly making a difference for the people of Mgona!

◀ As the walls of the Life Center go up, the community rallies in support.

Inspiring Leaders in Njewa

One of the greatest challenges faced by schools in sub-Saharan Africa is lack of access to resources. It is difficult to inspire children to learn when you are only able to teach by rote.

Children attending school in Njewa have been given new reason to be inspired to learn, thanks to your support. As a creative solution to the lack of supplies at the school, small squares of chalkboard were painted across the school's floor. This allows each child to have a workspace of their own to practice and engage with what they are learning.

Education is one of the most powerful ways to bring true and lasting change to a community. The faithful commitment of WOW community sponsors is ensuring that the children of Njewa are given a fighting chance!



The new school has inspired teachers and given students new opportunities to learn.

New Life in Shamabanse

Orphaned and vulnerable children rarely have anyone to fight for them. Thanks to WOW supporters, the Jasmine Community School in Shamabanse offers new hope to children devastated by poverty and AIDS.

The school has recently been recognized by the government for the change it is bringing to the community, and will now be equipped with additional trained teachers to assist the team already in place. The garden at the school provides practical training for children and members of the community in growing sustainable food.

Because of the incredible response to WOW Christmas, orphaned and vulnerable children in Shamabanse have received the supplies and uniforms they need to attend the school. Equipped and inspired, the next generation of Shamabanse's leadership has been filled with hope for the future.



Children learn valuable life skills in the school garden.