

The Afriana Foundation

The Afriana Foundation is founded in 2011 in the Netherlands, as a Christian non-profit organization whose principal objective is to reduce child mortality in Africa. Through various projects, the Afriana Foundation focuses on children and families living below the poverty line. The Foundation is also attempting to improve the living conditions of these communities by fighting against poverty, diseases, neglect, and abuse.

With the help of the local community the Afriana Foundation runs a feeding program for malnourished children and babies. Parents are supported and trained to grow crops and receive seeds and fertilizer so in a structured way to combat hunger. By neglect / abuse or the death of their parents, children are cared for in the home Africare. During their stay, these children are accorded the possible opportunities of adoption by relatives or carefully examined and caring families. If this possibility is excluded, the child remains in the home Africana. Where they are provided with basic needs, love and education. Besides that they are trained to prepare them for an independent and bright future.

The foundation is currently focusing on Malawi and works closely together with Nkhoma hospital. The foundation has a memorandum of understanding with the hospital. (See attached)

Malawi

Officially the Republic of Malawi, is a landlocked country in southeast Africa that was formerly known as Nyasaland. It is bordered by Zambia to the northwest, Tanzania to the northeast, and Mozambique on the east, south and west. The country is separated from Tanzania and Mozambique by Lake Malawi. Malawi is over 118,000 km² (45,560 sq mi) with an estimated population of 16,777,547 (July 2013 est.). Its capital is Lilongwe, which is also Malawi's largest city; the second largest is Blantyre and the third is Mzuzu. The country is also nicknamed "The Warm Heart of Africa". Malawi is among the smallest countries in Africa. Lake Malawi takes about a third of Malawi's area.

Malawi is among the world's least-developed countries. The economy is heavily based in agriculture, with a largely rural population. The Malawian government depends heavily on outside aid to meet development needs, although this need (and the aid offered) has decreased since 2000. The Malawian government faces challenges in building and expanding the economy, improving education, health care, environmental protection, and becoming financially independent. Malawi has a low life expectancy and high infant mortality. There is a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, which is a drain on the labour force and government expenditures.

Nkhoma hospital

The village of Nkhoma, its mission community and hospital are located 60km south of Malawi's capital Lilongwe, 15km east off the main road running from Lilongwe to Blantyre.

Over almost 100 years, the hospital has developed from a single missionary doctor equipped only with a qualification in tropical medicine, into a reasonably well-equipped 220-bed facility, with all major departments and a busy eye department. The hospital and Nkhoma synod mission premises are still located at the original mission site with many buildings dating back to 1912, when the mission was founded. The Hospital's primary catchment area is the surrounding rural 32,000-strong community, but it serves patients from all over Malawi as well as from neighboring

Mozambique. It offers inpatient and outpatient care on site and conducts mobile clinics within its catchment area.

Introduction Nicole van Elteren

My name is Nicole van Elteren. I was born in 1986 and grew up in the Netherlands. I have a bachelor degree in International Fashion Management and worked almost four years for an international clothing brand as merchandise planner. In 2012 I went to Malawi for a short mission trip. Back home I couldn't settle down and decided to quit my job to go back to Malawi for a year to see what God had got planned for me. God's plans were different as the plans I had in mind.

Currently I'm living in Nkhoma, Malawi for more than 6 years. I started my own organization and sponsor currently almost 250 orphans and vulnerable children. Besides that there have been children in my project over the last few years who are now out of need. If there is no one to care for the children I take them into my house, care for them and nurse them back to health. Six girls are living with me long term, I care for them, send them to school and teach them the gospel. I adopted a Malawian girl and I'm in the process of adopting another girl. I could have never imagined my life would change like this but I thank God everyday for the beautiful family he gave me.

During my stay in Malawi I saw there was a high need to assist orphans and vulnerable babies. Therefore I started a milk project to supply Lactogen milk powder. Lactogen milk powder is very expensive and not affordable for most families in the villages. When a mother dies or is not able to breastfeed due to illness they feed the babies a maize porridge which often results in malnutrition. I come alongside these families, assist them with Lactogen milk powder and teach them about hygiene and health. I provide them basic needs as bottles, soap and clothes. Also I teach them about agriculture; How to improve their harvest, crop rotation and sustainability.

Sponsoring

Currently the foundation is sponsored by an organization from Canada which is called 'Stand as one ministry' and by an organization from America which is called 'Peanut butter and Jesus'. Other donations are coming from private donors.