

# Blantyre North Relief Project /Sindima Memorial Institute

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**Blantyre North Relief Project (BNRP)**, is nonprofit organization (NGO) with a Tax Exempt status under NGO Bill Section 20 (3) (4) in Malawi. BNRP is a member of Council on Non-Governmental Organizations in Malawi (CUGOMA)

**Our Mission:** The mission of BNRP is to provide humanitarian assistance to children and youth orphaned by HIV/AIDS and TB patients, women, the elderly, the physically challenged, and the chronically ill.



## What we do

Started in 1985 by supporting five orphans, BNRP humanitarian services now include many services.

We have a **Nutritional Feeding Center and Nursery** for 180 children under five.

We provide **food, clothing, blankets, and school materials** to 700 orphans of all ages.

We **support** women, grandmothers taking care of their orphaned grandchildren, and the elderly poor.

We pay **fees and tuition** for orphans to attend secondary, technical, and college education



We **build brick homes** for orphans in need. The philosophy of BNRP is not to institutionalize orphans, but let them grow in their own villages among their relatives with support from BNRP. Our housing project was featured in a United Nations' media outlet [www.mediaglobal.org](http://www.mediaglobal.org) (December 2009).



**Before**



**After**

We have an **irrigation farm** to support our orphans, the elderly, and HIV/AIDS patients. The farm will also feed patients at the hospital and students at Sindima Memorial Institute. The farm will be a demonstration farm for students in agricultural

biotechnology and food processing engineering programs at the Institute.



## We drill wells for

**safe water** in rural areas to eliminate waterborne diseases. At 63%, infectious diseases are the leading cause of deaths of children under five.

We focus on **Disease Prevention** through our malaria eradication project. This project is expanding to include eradicating ignored leading infectious killer diseases to children under five: diarrhea, dysentery, pneumonia, and measles. Infant mortality rate is 76 live births per 1,000 (Malawi Ministry of Planning Development). The maternal mortality rate is 980 per 100,000 live births.



In addition to the 12,000 mosquito nets distributed in



2011 to children, BNRP has expanded its malaria eradication project to include **AIDS testing** and **TB treatment** to roll-back these killer diseases. One million people of ages 19–49 live with HIV/AIDS and 8 people die every hour, every day. BNRP hired and trained 50 malaria monitors to visit every home in their area to conduct malaria clinical assessment and rapid diagnostic testing of every individual for malaria parasites.





BNRP has a **mobile health clinic** that goes to various villages every weekday for malaria diagnosis, testing, and treatment. BNRP health workers also provide treatment of common

diseases. The **ambulance** transports serious patients to BNRP clinic, or to a nearby health centre. BNRP health monitors follow-up with patients after four days of treatment for assessment.



BNRP provides **free health service** to everyone in the area. The mobile clinic reaches people in 130 villages, testing and treating people for malaria and other common diseases in school buildings, under trees, or in open space wherever people gather. In 2011, we have **reached over 97,000 people**.



We are **building a hospital** in a rural area where the nearest hospital is 65km (40ml) away. The 180 bed hospital will serve a population of 130,000 in the 65km radius area. The hospital will provide clinical training to students in allied health sciences.



## Sindima Memorial Institute of Arts and Technology

This will be a private comprehensive academic institution offering orphans secondary education, baccalaureate degrees, masters, and doctoral programs.

Malawi has universal primary education, but by fifth grade nearly half of all school children drop out for lack of school materials, clothing, food, and parental support due to deaths from HIV/AIDS. Secondary education is for non-poor children.

On June 15, 2005 the Malawi Secretary of Education approved and granted permission to build the university. The Institute will be a 2,500 student-body comprehensive academic institution whose objective will be to prepare orphans to become highly trained and skilled professionals who will respond to the health care, economic needs, and the development of Malawi and southern Africa.

The Institute will have 6 academic divisions: secondary education, colleges of arts and humanities, commerce, communication, science and technology, and allied health sciences. The flagship division of the Institute will be the allied health professional programs which alone will offer 25 degrees including 6 masters degrees and 5 doctorates in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, and nursing education and science. A minimum of 40% of the student body will be female.



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