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Schooling for 2,500 AIDS orphans in Malawi

Children and young people are the forgotten victims of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Some 15 million children and young people worldwide have already lost fathers, mothers or both parents to AIDS, most of them in southern Africa. Malawi, one of the poorest countries in Africa, is home to around 550,000 AIDS orphans. Many of these are left to fend for themselves and must work to survive. They do not have time to attend school.

A parentless generation

It is as though the future were dying before the very eyes of the living: many Malawian villages are peopled virtually only by old people and children, the latter's parents having died of AIDS. Every year, almost 100,000 people in Malawi are newly infected with HIV/AIDS. Given the magnitude of the epidemic, many families and village communities are wholly unable to cope.

The project: active support and education for 2,500 AIDS orphans

KINDERNOTHILFE is providing assistance to 2,500 AIDS orphans and needy children in 33 villages near the city of Blantyre. The most important element of the work is the local people. With the help of project employees, they are gradually succeeding in bringing about lasting improvements to the situation in their villages and taking responsibility for AIDS orphans. They are supported by volunteers who were specially trained for their work as part of the project. They care for the children, provide practical advice and support to the adults, and help the boys and girls to gradually come to terms with the loss of their parents.

Nurseries for the younger children, schooling for the older ones

A nursery was set up in each village to look after the younger children and to help them develop. In the company of other children, the boys and girls are recovering from their ordeal and are finally able to laugh again. Thanks to this project, the older children are able to go to school again. They are given notebooks, pens and school uniforms and, should they require it, extra assistance with their lessons. In order to reduce the HIV/AIDS rate in the long term, project employees are also undertaking vital educational work in the villages as well as providing support and medical care to people with the HIV infection and other chronic illnesses.



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