

High Deforestation:

- Forest cover is now just 27.2% of the total land area of Malawi
- Wood is the main fuel in Malawi
- 95% of homes still use wood or charcoal for cooking
- Nearly everybody uses three-stone fires for cooking
- Each fire consumes about three large bundles (weighing about 66 lbs each) of wood per week
- 80% of Malawians subsistence farm
- Forest protection was removed in '94
- Deforestation is causing major climate change, flooding and soil erosion



The switch from cob to brick construction uses the equivalent of three large mango trees to make just a small family house.

## Malawi by the Numbers

**Unstable Weather** 

Poor Infrastructure

Lack of Services



Highly Rural – 88% in 2005

High Population Growth - 248 % 1975-2005

Poverty Incidence - 56%, \$160 / Year GNI

Low Nutrition – Stunted Children 43%

High Disease – Life Expectancy 41

**Government Corruption & Poor Credit** 

Low Enrollment n Primary Education

Inflation - 15.4% (29.3% in 2000)

Exchange Rate – 1 Kwacha = 0.0018 US Dollar



- Compassion Projects: Temporary Shelter, Safety Updates & Staple Foods Distribution, Doors Project, Dress Like a Malawian Child, Bridges to Africa Technology Drive
- Animal and Farming: Gardening, Bees, Rabbits, Chicken, Goats Husbandry & Fish Cultivation
- Disaster Relief: Rebuilding Support and Materials, Flood Management, Emergency Supplies
- Disease Prevention: Mosquito Nets, Sanitation and Disease Training,
- Orphan Housing: Bridges to Africa Technology Drive to Fund an Orphanage (See Next Slides)
- Trade Schooling: Baking, Sewing, Crafts & Jewelry Making (Soon Welding, Shoe Making, Etc.)
- Health Funding: Needed Medical Services Funding
- Education Funding: Student Back to School, Tuition, Uniforms, Shoes, Hygiene, Books, Etc.
- Technology Gifts: Wheelchairs, Bicycles, Trade Equipment, Office Equipment, Solar Cooking
- Day Care Facility: All ages, volunteer staffed, educationally based, food and shoes provided
- Sustainability Projects: Green House, Seed Banking, Solar Food Dehydration, Solar Lighting, Ponds

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