

Cross Party Group (CPG) on Malawi

Wednesday 1st May, 2019 18.00 – 20.30

(Please congregate in the lobby at 17.45)
Scottish Parliament, Committee Room 5

AGENDA

This meeting of the Malawi CPG will hear from Health projects in Malawi funded by the Scottish Government's Malawi Development Programme

Co-Convenor: *Liam McArthur MSP*

Secretary: **David Hope Jones**

18.00 Welcome, apologies & minutes of the last meeting

Liam McArthur MSP

18.05 Presentation: University of Strathclyde - Overview and Update on Malawi Floods

Prof Robert Kalin, *Professor of Environmental Engineering for Sustainability, Director, Climate Justice Fund Water Futures Programme*

Devastating floods are causing significant human impact in the Southern region of Malawi. Reuters reports from March 13th state that 56 people have now died, 577 injured & 83, 000 people have been displaced with 187 camps created. The districts of Machinga, Chikwawa, Zomba, Mulanje, Nsanje, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Phalombe, Blantyre, Neno Mwanza, Dedza, Balaka and Mangochi are currently the worst affected districts we understand. The Scottish Government announced on March 14th, a [further £175,000 to support emergency flood relief through the University of Strathclyde](#). Updates can be found on the SMP website at: <https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/news-events/all-news/malawi-floods-update/>

18.20 Open discussion & Q&A

18.30 Presentation: St John Scotland & St John Malawi

Angus Loudon, *Executive Director, St John Scotland*

St John Scotland will offer insights and updates into their work with sister organisation St John Malawi which delivers first aid and healthcare services to vulnerable members of the communities in Blantyre and Lilongwe. This latest project is expected to benefit 57,000 people at home, including more than 10,000 expectant and new parents. Local St John Malawi volunteers make door-to-door visits to expectant and new parents, teaching pregnant women about nutrition and antenatal check-ups, and helping them prepare for delivery. The volunteers also help households improve sanitation to prevent potentially life-threatening water-borne illness. In remote villages, where health services are unavailable, St John and local health staff run outreach clinics to bring services to some of the country's most vulnerable people. More than 25,000 people also stand to benefit from community health education, including young people before their first pregnancy.

18.45 Open discussion & Q&A

18.55 Presentation: WaterAid

Elizabeth McKernan, *Manager - WaterAid Scotland & Northern Ireland*

WaterAid is improving the health of mothers, girls and children in rural and peri-urban low income areas of Machinga and Zomba by facilitating access to safe water, improved sanitation and good hygiene in health care facilities, early childhood development centres and communities. They are also working in partnership with Mary's Meals, providing WASH in 9 centres where a daily hot meal is provided.

19.10 Open discussion and Q&A

19.20 *Presentation: Scottish Global Health Co-ordination Unit*

Mike McKirdy, *Professional Advisor, Scottish Global Health Co-ordination Unit, Scottish Government*

19.35 Open discussion and Q&A

20.00 Networking and Malawi G&Ts/soft drink

20.30 Close