

REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD SUPPLIMENTS TO BIMBI VILLAGE



Monday 11th April 2016

Shine Centre in Chilambe, T/A Kuntumanji in Zomba District.

Shine Relief Trust is committed to relieving the suffering of vulnerable children. Even though our main focus is to reach out to children and young people, Shine Relief Trust also reaches out to other vulnerable groups.

Due to recent events, Shine Relief Trust has provided aid to flood victims from Bimbi village who were devastated the most recent storms and floods in January 2016 which saw many homes blown down and farms destroyed. About 200 families that were affected by this second flood and provision for 32 families was agreed by Shine Relief Malawi to help sustain them through this difficult time.

Chief Chilambe, who was very concerned about the welfare of this group of people living 10KM from Chilambe, attended the distribution and along with the chairman of Area Development Committee (ADC), Mr Anderson Maseke and Counselor Mr Andrew Tambala of Kuntumanji Ward. Mr Andrew Tambala expressed his gratitude towards the support that families were receiving from Shine. He understands their situation as he works closely with them. He had helped to identify these families and arranged for them to attend the event.

He explained that the faces that were present that day were the ones that were in great danger and deserved to benefit from the help that Shine had prepared for them and added that Shine had come at the right time as most families did not yield **anything from their fields**.

‘I thank Shine for granting me this opportunity because to me it’s a relief for at least for now I won’t have to work for long hours just for me to get money to buy food to support my five siblings at home.’
Comment from one 15 year old boy who is the sole provider of his family.

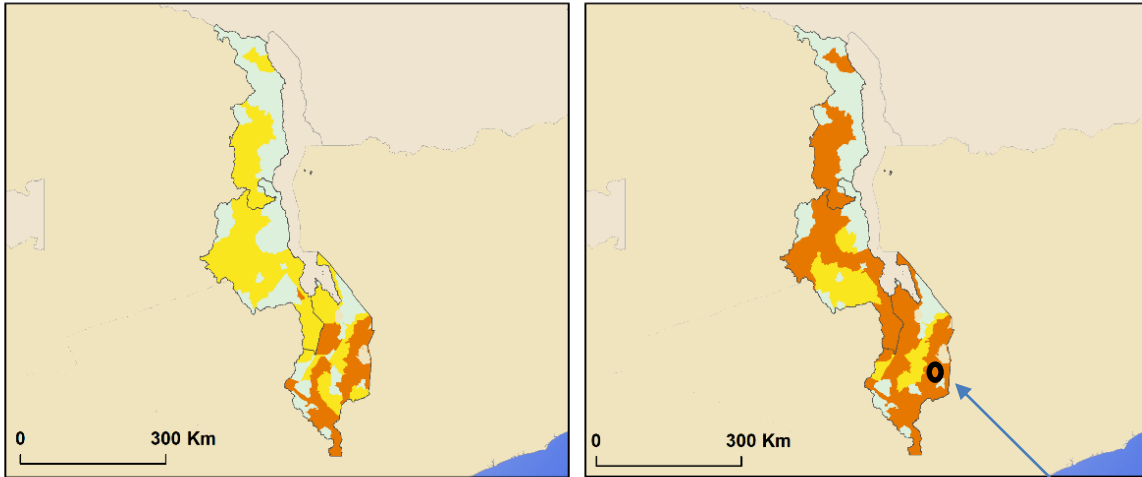


After distributing maize and clothing, one woman explained that she was so grateful for the support from Shine, especially at this difficult time. She continued to explain that their situation got so bad that they were feeding on grass in order to stay alive, grinding the seeds into flour to make a porridge.

The chairman of Area Development Committee (ADC), Mr Anderson Masese said that more help is needed for these families because they are still living in hunger, with the danger of people losing family members. He asked Shine's director, Mrs Suzen Zidana, to write proposals to different stakeholders and well-wishers to help gain enough support to reach more people.

Near Term: October-December 2015

Medium Term: January-March 2016



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Prayer

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and justice for the poor.* Psalm 14-0 v 12



“As many families from Bimbi Village continue to live with hunger and the situation will even get worse because many families did not harvest maize which is Malawi’s staple food, there is a need for other stakeholders to get involved in order to rescue these people from their current situation. It is beyond their control and so many families are suffering - please pray that the aid and future support for Bimbi village and the whole of Kuntumanji will be forthcoming.” Counselor Mr Andrew Tambala