



Ripple Africa



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This year we will be fundraising for Ripple Africa, a charity based in Malawi.

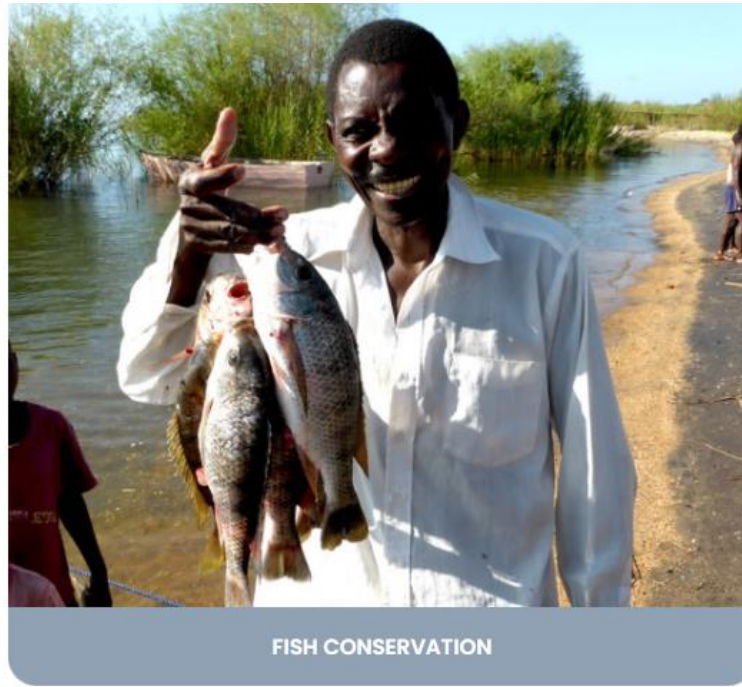
Their aim is to try and empower communities so that they can achieve a **sustainable** future.

Ripple Africa's belief is "Providing a hand UP and not a hand out" – this means that they help the local people to overcome the challenges they face by responding to the needs of the community.

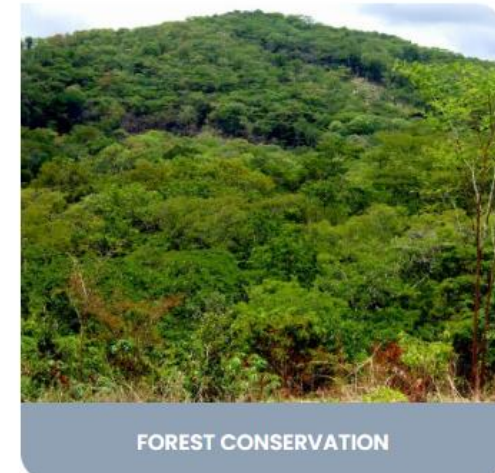
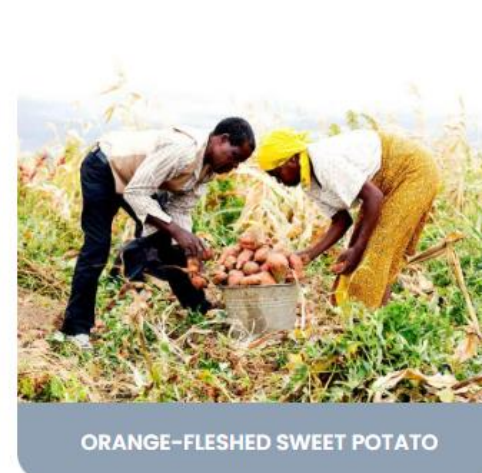
Over the years Ripple Africa has developed its environmental projects.

These are:

- Fish Conservation
- Tree Planting
- Fuel-Efficient Cookstoves
- Orange-fleshed Sweet Potato Farming
- Forest Conservation



As a result of deforestation in Malawi, their first environmental project was community tree planting which continues to be a very successful project with about two million trees planted each year!



To improve local education in Malawi, they also run eight pre-schools, support six primary schools and a secondary school.

This year, we are going to be 'twinning' with Matete 1 Pre-school which is very exciting!

This means that over the year, we are going to:

- Fundraise money that will go towards the running cost of the pre-school for the entire year
- Receive photographs and information from Matete 1
- Make fun and educational displays and send pictures to Matete 1
- Compare FHJS with Matete 1
- Receive letters from Matete 1

Welcome to matete 1 Pre-School



Matete 1 Pre-school Fact File

We run eight pre-schools, providing early childhood education to over 900 children every day in Malawi. The children learn the alphabet, numbers, colours, shapes and much more. Singing, dancing and play are important parts of the day too and we have introduced different activity zones to encourage child-led development.

Our pre-schools are equipped with 27 local teachers who are extremely enthusiastic and who have attended various training courses in order to provide the children with the best start to their learning journey.

Each pre-school has varied learning resources and the walls are adorned with colourful pictures and words including the alphabet, numbers and lots of animals. They are a safe and fun place to learn, and the perfect foundation for children going to primary school.

Before going home, the children receive a nutritious meal of sweet potato, the only hot meal of the day for some children. Our teachers are growing a new-and-improved variety of orange-fleshed sweet potato which are a vital source of Vitamin A.





At Matete 1 Pre-school the teachers are Anita, Master, Leah and Ben. They have 179 children registered, 80 boys and 99 girls. This is our largest pre-school as it is located near to the main road where there is a small set of shops known as a trading centre. Lots of families choose to live near the trading centre so that they can buy and sell goods.

The second reason is that Matete 2 Pre-school is located in the hills so further for the children to walk and tends to only attract children who live up in the hills. Not surprisingly, this is one of our smaller pre-schools but it still has over 80 children enrolled.

This year 38 children left to start primary school and we are waiting to see how many new two-year-olds join.

Our pre-schools are inclusive and when a child attends with additional challenges, Matilda who runs our Disabilities and Rehabilitation project carries out awareness and training sessions with our pre-school teachers.

Across our eight pre-schools we have children with hearing and sight impairments, Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and knock knees. It is important to provide a safe space for them to attend not only for themselves but for their peers. At Matete 1 Pre-school there are three children with a disability.

