

Activity report 2020

Origin

Since 2016, ReachOut has supported a group of around eight students. In the first years, the supported students went to a secondary school. A number of them successfully completed secondary school and were interested to move to the next level, that is, a vocational training or a university education. ReachOut has continued its support to these students as it is ReachOut's goal to help the students until they reach the capacity to take care of themselves by finding a good job and being independent and responsible citizens.

Tragically, in 2019, ReachOut's first chairman, Jaap Smit, passed away. We remember him as the chief initiating benefactor of the foundation. His wife has pledged to continue the usual support to ReachOut, for which we are very grateful. Nonetheless, this situation underlines the need for a campaign to attract a broader group of donors.

ReachOut achieves the ANBI status

During the year of 2020, ReachOut obtained the ANBI status, which provides special tax releases to donors. ReachOut's website was improved to make it more accessible and convincing to outsiders. This process will continue in the coming years. In 2020 no new students have been adopted and supported by ReachOut's support programme as the entire available budget was necessary to support the incumbent supported students.

The new steering committee in Malawi was in office. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it could not function to the full. Nonetheless, we are thankful for the ReachOut management in Malawi; despite the difficult circumstances because of the pandemic, the work was carried out well.

The students supported in 2020 were as follows.

The supported students	Their schools
Abigail Banda	Malawi Assemblies of God University
Zephaniah Batamu	The Malawi Polytechnique
Gerald Mkwelera	Lilongwe Technical College
Nellie Mtalika	MCV Secondary School
Nolit Mtawale	Blantyre International University
Innocentia Numero	Trinity Nursing College
Chisomo Segula	Domasi College of Education
Grivice Thandaza	Chancellor College (University of Malawi)