

# ReachOut Education Support Foundation Activity Report 2023

## 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 the foundation'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.

## Funds

Tragically, soon after her husband's death (in 2019), we have to report the demise of Gerda Smit. Because of this sad truth, the continuous financing of Reach Out was called into question. Fortunately, the Smith family committed itself to continue the contribution that their parents were making. However, no new students could be accepted, so that the programme will phase itself out in a period of four to five years. Before, ReachOut has made intensive efforts to find other donors, but, unfortunately, these attempts failed to be successful.

## Graduations

ReachOut has continued its support to the students it had adopted. Despite delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the following students managed to successfully complete their studies:

- Chisomo Segula (Domasi College of Education),
- Innocentia Numero (Trinity Nursing College)
- Nolit Mtawale (Blantyre Int. University)

## Steering committee

We are delighted and grateful that these students have succeeded in completing their studies. These results have been highly facilitated by Mr Benson Makwasa (ReachOut's field administrator), Rev. Fletcher Kaya (representative of EBM International) and the other members of the steering committee in Malawi.

Writing 2024, the following students are receiving financial support from ReachOut:

Abigail Banda – Malawi Assemblies of God University

Nellie Mtalika – Malawi Assemblies of God University

Alfred Tsegula – Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)

Paul Mhone - Malawi College of Health Sciences (climate medicine)