

September 2018 Featured Grantee GAIA



Malawi, Southern Africa

Introducing Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA)



Together with the communities they serve, GAIA develops innovative and caring healthcare programs in resource-deprived regions in Africa, especially those most affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

Where in the world?

- Malawi, population 19 million, is located in Southern Africa.
- 84% live in rural and remote areas.
- The median age for the total population is 16.5 years. Birth rate is 41 births/1,000 population, with a population growth rate of 3.1%, ranking the country third in the world.
- 1 million people live with HIV/AIDS.



Life Challenges of the Women Served

- **Malawi is one of the countries hardest hit by HIV, and the most under-resourced to respond.**
- **In rural Malawi, 1 in 6 adults lives with HIV.**
- **Most of the population are subsistence farmers living on well below the \$250 gross national income per capita.**
- **Only 1 in 3 girls completes primary school, even fewer in the remote rural areas where GAIA works.**
- **Half of the girls in Malawi are married by 18, increasing the risk of domestic violence, early pregnancy and complications, and sexually transmitted diseases.**

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- **Thousands of healthcare workers contracted HIV and succumbed to the disease, making a fragile healthcare system even more so.**
- **GAIA's programs serve the most vulnerable villagers who live without access to reliable disease prevention, treatment, and care.**

What are we supporting?



The goal of the Nursing Scholars Program (NSP) is 1. to improve access to and quality of healthcare to Malawians, and 2. to provide disadvantaged young women with professional careers as nurses, lifting them and their families and communities out of the cycle of poverty.

Direct Impact: 20 Indirect Impact: 10,120

Budget

How DFW's grant of \$49,445 over two-years will be used:

Item	Description	Total
In-Country Personnel	Director, program manager, project accountant, project driver, NSP project officer	\$21,032
School costs	Tuition	\$10,000
Other scholar expenses	Upkeep allowance, Graduate Grant Scholarship for Quality Improvement, exam prep, council fees	\$11,142
Communication costs	Scholar Database, SMS charges	\$300
In-Country Monitoring and Evaluation	Includes data collection, reporting	\$900
In-Country Indirect Costs		\$6,071
Total		\$49,445

About the Featured Grantee

Founded in 2000 by Dr. William Rankin and Dr. Charles Wilson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, San Francisco, in response to the devastating HIV/AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa, GAIA is a secular nonprofit that delivers innovative healthcare programs in resource-deprived regions in Africa, especially those most affected by HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. GAIA's programs seek to empower girls and women, emphasize prevention, and expand access.



Share Your Thoughts

1. How do you think this project affects the cycle of poverty in Malawi?
2. Do you think this project can reduce the prevalence of HIV/AIDS?
3. How do you think this project can impact gender inequality?



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