



# EKARI FOUNDATION

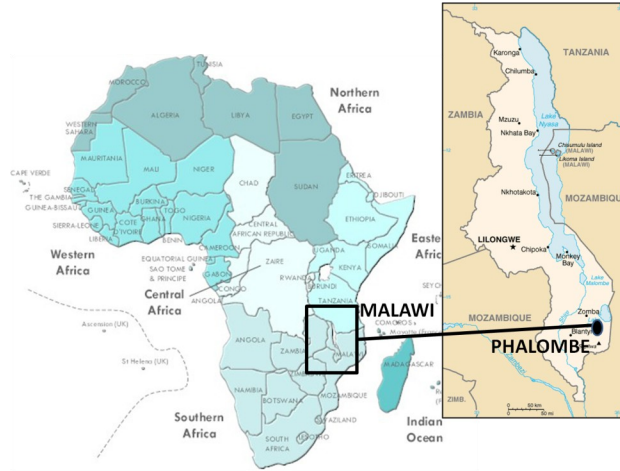
Education • Sustainable Livelihoods



## HISTORY

Father Joseph EKARI Makina and Michelle Bradley met during Michelle's first visit to Malawi in 2007. Joseph impressed upon Michelle his passion for education as a primary tool to break the cycle of extreme generational poverty among his fellow Malawians. The two remained in contact and often discussed starting a nonprofit. In May 2009 Joseph was in a serious car accident. In September 2009 Joseph's brother, Elias Makina, and Michelle co-founded EKARI Foundation to carry on Joseph's vision that every person has the right to an education. EKARI is Joseph's traditional African name. Unfortunately Joseph died in February 2014.

Elias and Michelle quit their full-time careers to go back to school to learn how to operate EKARI Foundation. Elias is EKARI's current In-Country Director. Michelle is the Executive Director.



**EKARI Foundation** is a grassroots, community-based, nonprofit organization tackling extreme poverty in rural communities in the Phalombe district of Malawi in sub-saharan Africa.

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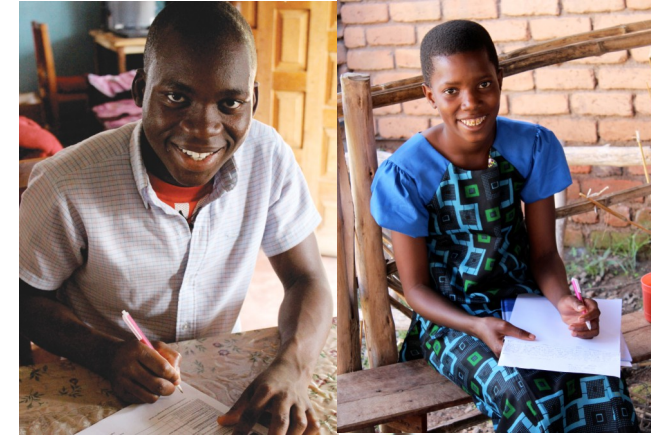
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**Educating Malawians  
toward self dependency  
through youth education,  
adult literacy, and  
economic community  
development.**



## WHY MALAWI?

A large portion of Malawi's population is under the age of 14. Many are orphans forced into a life of poverty without access to an education.

Approximately only 26 percent of youth in Malawi complete primary school, only 18 percent go onto high school, and only 1 percent go onto college mainly due to financial instability caused by extreme poverty. Primary school education in Malawi is free, but there is NO access to a free secondary school education. In addition, the Malawi government instituted a nationwide adult literacy program, but lacks funding to operate the program and adult illiteracy rates remain high. Moreover, a large portion of the population do not have access to business capital.

## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

EKARI Foundation ensures high levels of transparency. Overhead allows us to run our programs with a small full-time staff in a way that increases our effectiveness. We strive to keep our overhead percentage low and typically direct more than 90 percent of our funding to programs.



## VISION

Empowered communities leading self-sustaining lives filled with dignity and self-worth; thus, adults and youth who no longer need and even more so no longer want EKARI Foundation's support.

## VALUES

Empowerment

Education and Business

Donor Awareness

Partnership

Assets and Capacities

Accountability & Transparency



## PROGRAMS

We deem that every person, at any age, has the right to an education whether that is in a school classroom at the age of 15 learning math or in a garden at the age of 50 receiving agricultural training. We provide access to the educational training and resources required for our beneficiaries to obtain a job or become successful entrepreneurs.

Through our comprehensive long-term programs (*not* short-term projects) we not only support youth with tuition, but also provide support outside of the classroom through our Complementary Student Programs, such as our Library and Tutoring Programs. Adults learn not only to read and write, but also about relevant issues such as personal hygiene, sanitation, and finances. Community cooperatives receive not only training, but also the resources and follow-up monitoring to ensure their businesses succeed.

