

LAST WEEK EMMA WOOD SPOKE INSPIRINGLY AT ALL OUR MASSES ON THE STEKA CHILDREN'S HOME IN MALAWI – AND OF THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE POOR.....THIS WEEK THERE'S GOOD NEWS IN THIS PRESS RELEASE FROM **SCIAF**.

New fund to help Malawians resist climate change

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We're delighted to have been chosen to manage a new £3.2 million programme for the Scottish Government which will help communities in southern Malawi adapt to the worst effects of climate change.

The three-year Climate Challenge Programme Malawi (CCPM) focuses on delivering long-term change and improving people's access to food, water and energy. The programme will work with local people to identify the climate challenges they face, with a particular focus on helping the most vulnerable, including women and girls, and promoting human rights.

We have a strong record of successfully delivering climate justice development programmes in Malawi and the region, and working closely with local partners and communities to ensure our work has the biggest impact.

SCIAF was awarded this contract after an open and transparent tender process in accordance with the Scottish Government's procurement procedures, during which all tenders were evaluated against pre-determined criteria by an external organisation.

Environment Secretary Roseanna Cunningham announced the funding ahead of attending an international conference at the Vatican which is aimed at addressing the urgent ecological and social challenges facing the world.

Ms Cunningham said:

It is our moral responsibility to do what we can to help tackle the effects of climate change, as unpredictable weather is devastating the lives of some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This £3.2 million fund will work with communities in southern Malawi to come up with ways of adapting to severe storms, floods and droughts, ensuring people have access to basic essentials we take for granted, such as food and water.