

Scotland Malawi Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 – 2019

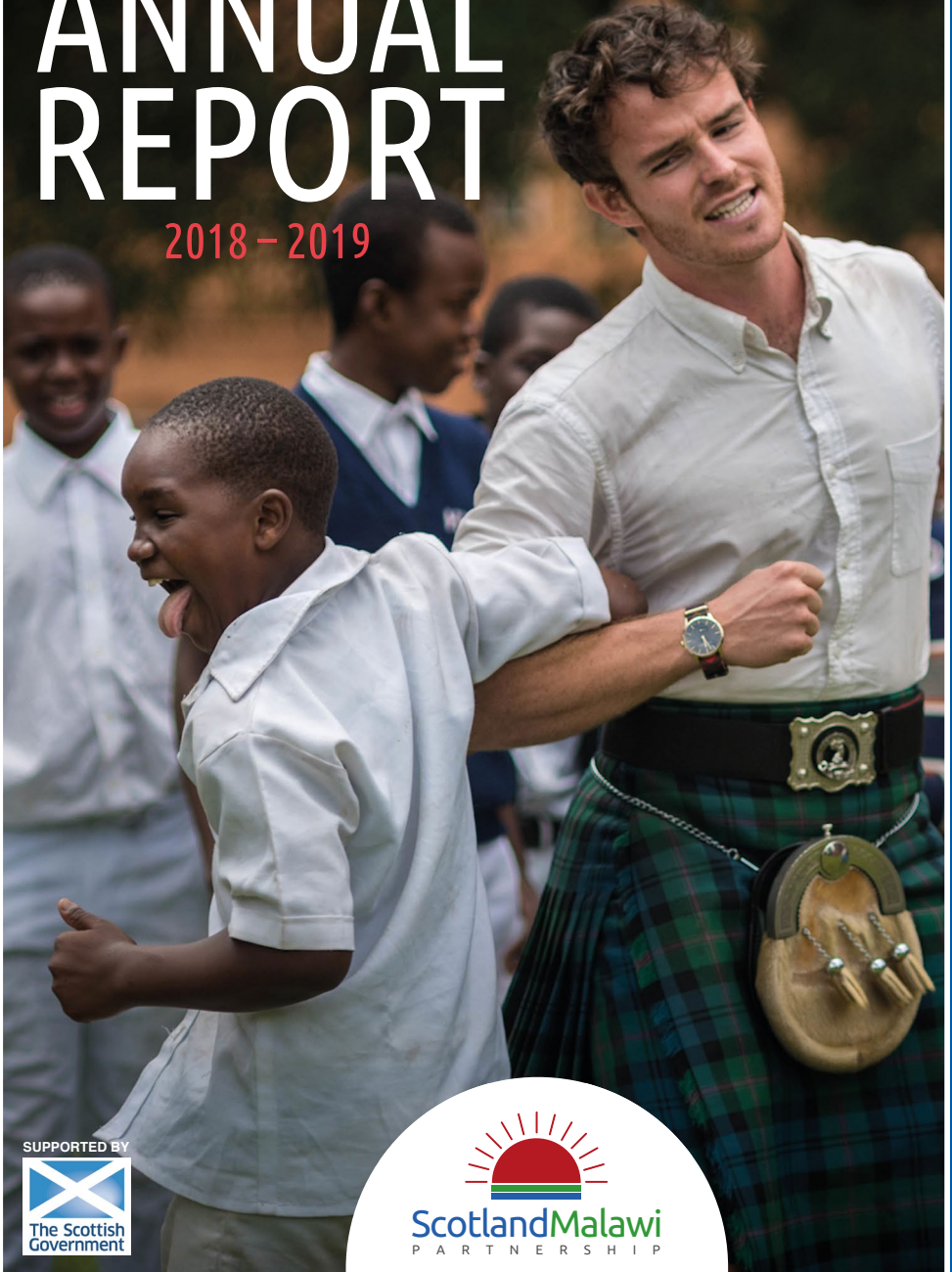


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Message from the Chair



In June 2019, I took over as Chair of the Scotland Malawi Partnership from Rev Ken Ross, whose skills, contacts and knowledge of Malawi, together with his constant support and sage advice have stood the SMP in very good stead for 15 years. His will be a hard act to follow, but we are delighted that from his new base in Malawi, Ken will interact and support MaSP, strengthening the mutual roles of our sister organisations.

This is the second year in the 2017-20 triennium and without core funding from the Scottish Government, we could not achieve what we do as a members' organisation. As we passed the mid-way point, all targets are well on course for delivery and a repeating highlight is the breadth and strength of membership involvement. There have been many exciting points in this year, detailed

through this annual report. For me, two stand out: the Scottish premiere of the Netflix film *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* at the Dominion Cinema and the National Youth Congress, organised and run by our new Youth Committee. Both of these are covered in greater detail later in the report.

Every year brings staff changes, usually for excellent reasons. This year we said goodbye to Kathy Wright, our Member Services Manager who was head hunted for a post in New York and Jackie Farr, our able Media and Communications Officer moved on to a new career. We welcomed Gemma Burnside in April 2018 as Youth and Schools Officer, Stuart Brown stood down from the board in July to take-up the role of Deputy Chief Executive and Pamela Tulloch joined us in August 2018 from STV, as Media and Communications Officer.

The Scotland Malawi Partnership is an inspirational organisation of which to be a member and I am delighted to be able to return the support I have had personally by being a board and sub-committee member. One of the privileges of being Chair is to hear about the amazing work being done across so many areas through long-standing respectful partnerships with our friends in Malawi.

Professor Heather Cubie MBE
Chair

Our Network



The Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) is the national network coordinating, representing and supporting Scotland's many civic links with Malawi. We work to help inspire all sections of Scottish civic life to become involved with dignified two-way partnerships with Malawi, for the benefit of both nations.

We represent, coordinate and support over 1,200 links between our two nations from across our membership, including:



In April 2018, the University of Edinburgh estimated that SMP membership now represents a community of 109,000 people in Scotland working with Malawi (a 16% increase since 2014), generating £50 million of inputs annually (20% increase) from civil society, and benefiting over 2.9 million people in Malawi each year (45% increase).

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Partnership Principles

Having consulted hundreds of Malawian and Scottish organisations working together, the SMP has developed 11 principles of effective partnership working. Through 2018-19 we have worked to promote these principles and to support our members to work within them. It is also these principles to which we hold ourselves accountable. This is the bedrock of our work, and it is through the adherence to these principles that we ensure that ours is a genuinely two-way, dignified, respectful and effective partnership.

- P** Planning together
- A** Appropriateness
- R** Respect, trust and mutual understanding
- T** Transparency
- N** No-one left behind
- E** Effectiveness
- R** Reciprocity
- S** Sustainability
- H** Do no Harm
- I** Interconnectivity
- P** Parity (equality)



Partnership Working

Voluntary Organisations; the Malawian diaspora community; governments, parliaments and local authorities; NGOs; Netflix; and many others.

We have been active in supporting a number of new and continuing partnership networks, including the Malawi-UK Business Group, through which we have lobbied for increased sustainable and ethical trade, investment and tourism between our two nations.

We greatly enjoyed partnering with our friends in the Association of Malawians in Scotland again, to support another lively and memorable Malawi Independence Day celebration in July.

And we were delighted to partner with the 2050 Climate Group and our sister network, Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP), to secure Scottish Government funding for an ambitious youth-led climate activism project.

The SMP is committed to working in partnership – not just with our partners in Malawi but with many different organisations across Scotland who share our vision. We believe partnership working allows us to achieve greater impact, more efficiently and more effectively.

In 2018-19, the SMP co-hosted **44** separate events attended by **4,595** people, working with: Development Education Centres; Royal Colleges and other professional bodies; many different universities, colleges and schools; businesses; other networks; members; Scottish council for



"The SMP provides the security that we knew whom to contact for help/support". Ian Mitchell, The Beath Malawi Partnership



88%

of respondents to the 2019 Member Survey felt that membership of the SMP in 2018-19 "helped strengthen, support or develop their links with Malawi".



Activities Summary

In 2018-19, the SMP

- hosted **37** events attended by **2,252** people (detailed below)
- co-hosted/supported a further **44** events attended by **4,595** people



2018

APRIL

- House of Lords Presidential event
- President of Malawi Scotland visit

MAY

- Chichewa workshops

JUNE

- Cross Party Group on Malawi
- Faith Links conference

JULY

- Roundtable with the Agriculture Minister
- Faith Links roadtrip

AUGUST

- Roundtable with the Ministry of Gender
- Malawi Choir performing at the Tattoo
- Event with the UN looking at SDGs progress

SEPTEMBER

- Cross Party Group on Malawi
- School partnership activity workshop
- Chichewa workshop
- SMP Youth Committee meeting
- Water Witness International event
- Malawi Scotland conference, Lilongwe

OCTOBER

- SMP AGM 2018
- Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group Meeting with the Vice-President
- Health Forum – Connecting and Collaborating

NOVEMBER

- Schools Forum, Aberdeen
- Business roundtable with Malawi Investment and Trade Centre
- Cross Party Group on Malawi
- Further and Higher Education Forum

DECEMBER

- Translation and interpretation webinar
- Schools workshop at Kelvinside Academy
- Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group

2019

JANUARY

- Lunchtime club workshop
- Schools workshop at Kelvinside Academy
- Governance Forum
- Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group

FEBRUARY

- Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group
- Roundtable with leader of Scottish Labour
- Youth Congress
- The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind premiere

MARCH

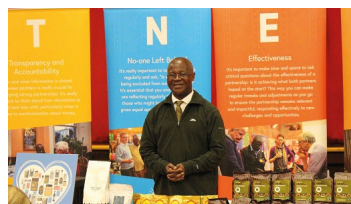
- Renewable energy forum
- Online schools forum

Member Support and Member Forums

Perhaps even more important than our pro-active and planned activities, has been our reactive work, responding to the needs and priorities of our members through the year.

In 2018-19 we are proud to have responded to hundreds of separate enquires and requests for support from our members and partners. We worked tirelessly through the year, often quietly and behind-the-scenes, to solve problems, offer advice and secure practical support.

We have used our direct channels with UK Visas and Immigration to secure UK visas for dozens of our members' partners to visit Scotland. Sadly, without this direct intervention and support by the SMP, it is likely many of these visits would not have been possible.

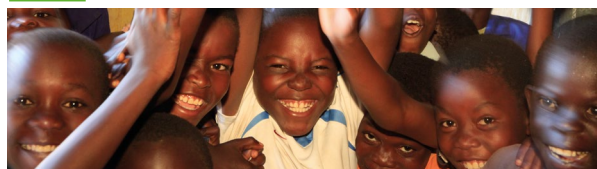


"We value highly our membership of the SMP. It has been extremely helpful in connecting us to partners in Malawi and Scotland, and is an impressive, agile, imaginative, efficient operation, that is highly respected and valued in both countries." **Prof Geoff Simm, Director, Global Academy of Agriculture, University of Edinburgh**

"There is no doubt whatsoever that our project would not have been possible without the SMP...The collegial and supportive approach you encourage at all your networking events is also a huge contributor to organisational success in this area" **Emma Wood, Senior Lecturer, Queen Margaret University**

"There is so much support and advice and practical help which comes with belonging to such a vigorous and wide network and we are very conscious of it. It's what makes our work possible. Very many thanks for your help." **John Riches, Just Trading Scotland**

We had 12 member forums, conferences and roundtables in 2018-19, including: a **faith links conference** and **roadtrip**; roundtable meetings with **the Minister for Agriculture**, **the Ministry of Gender**, **the Leader of Scottish Labour**; a **health forum supporting collaborations**; a **schools forum in Aberdeen**; a **business and trade forum with the Malawian Investment and Trade Centre (MITC)**; a **further and higher education forum**; a **translation and interpretation webinar**; a **governance forum**; a **renewable energy forum**; and an **online schools forum**.



Cyclone Idai

At the end of the 2018-19, Malawi was hit by extreme flooding resulting from Cyclone Idai. Fifteen Malawian districts and 850,000 people were affected and over 85,000 displaced, with 173 emergency camps established.

The SMP responded immediately to the crises through:

Coordination and information sharing

Collating and disseminating key information and updates through a regularly updated dedicated webpage.

Government engagement

Engaging the Scottish and UK Governments, ensuring officials were briefed and connected, and encouraging swift support for Malawi. We are extremely grateful for the Scottish Government's responsiveness, awarding **£175,000 of emergency flood relief through the University of Strathclyde** and an **additional £150,000 to support relief efforts** through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Similarly, we are extremely supportive of the **UK Government's £6 million of support** for Malawi and Mozambique.

Parliament engagement

Through Scottish MPs and MSPs, ensuring the Malawi floods received serious Parliamentary attention, with strong all-party political support for UK and Scottish assistance for Malawi. We supported First Minister's Questions, Parliamentary Questions, Holyrood Motions and



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Westminster Early Day Motions, and the work of the Malawi Cross Party Group and Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Public awareness

Working with our members and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to support a coordinated and effective public awareness campaign, across mainstream and social media, engaging Government, civic leaders and other key influencers. We also made public awareness videos ourselves, including with the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and with the University of Strathclyde.

Fundraising

Encouraging public giving to support the DEC appeal, and the ten separate appeals run by our members: **Microloan Foundation**, **WaterAid**, **SCIAF**, **Christian Aid**, **Tearfund**, **Oxfam**, **FROM Scotland**, **Dòchas Education Trust**, **Open Arms Malawi** and **Zambesi Mission**.

We recognise that the floods continue to have very significant humanitarian and economic impact in Malawi, long after the flood waters have gone, and therefore continue to work with Malawi as it recovers from this crisis.

Culture

In 2018-19 we had a number of really exciting cultural events. Two in particular stand out:

Malawi Choir at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

We were delighted in August 2018 to support a choir of 30 schoolgirls from the Edinburgh Girls School in Mzuzu to visit Scotland and perform every night of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with a choir from their partner school Mary Erskine. We supported UK visas for them and hosted a civic reception for the group to meet SMP members in the City Chambers.

While in Scotland, the choir captured the First Minister's heart by giving her a beautiful impromptu rendition of 'Flower of Scotland' when they met at an official reception.

The Malawi choir was undoubtedly the star of the 2018 Tattoo, a show watched by more than 100-300 million worldwide.



Scottish premiere of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*



Directly after the Youth Congress, on the 28th February, it was a real honour

for the SMP to host the Scottish Premiere of the global Netflix smash film, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.

Adapted from the best-selling book by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, the film follows the inspiring true story of William and his triumph in the face of adversity.

We were delighted to have William Kamkwamba, himself, remotely address the special screening and introduce the film, and to have the film's producer, Andrea Calderwood, herself a Scot, attending and speaking at the Premiere.

After the film, we had a live panel discussion on renewable energy, innovation and community resilience in Scotland-Malawi cooperation.

"An inspiring film and event. Thank you!"

"I had read the book years ago. It gave a real sense of connection and connectedness to see the film. Thank you so much!"

"It was good to be able to show parts of life in Malawi to other colleagues who haven't yet been able to visit themselves"

77% of members surveyed in 2019 rated the SMP's office enquiries/ support "extremely useful"



"The Partnership gives us lots of excellent advice quickly when required. It's great to meet up with other schools and get ideas from other staff". Rhona Findlay, Inverkip Primary

Presidential Visit

The SMP was actively involved in the planning and delivery of the President of Malawi's visit to Scotland in April 2018.



Before arriving in Scotland the SMP had already organised a special meeting of its Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group in the House of Lords during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London. This was a chance for the President to address and speak with a range of MPs and peers, mostly from Scotland.

In Scotland, the SMP supported a range of events with the President and itself hosted a special event in the City

Chambers, specifically for the President to address members of the SMP. At this event the SMP gave the President a commemorative hardback book profiling the work of 60 SMP members.

During the visit a new Scotland-Malawi Cooperation Agreement was signed by the President and the First Minister and the President gave a special address in the Scottish Parliament. The SMP also supported a Parliamentary reception, at which MSPs and members of the SMP could meet informally with the President.

Malawi and Scotland: Together for sustainable development



At the end of September 2018 the SMP and MaSP co-hosted, with the Scottish and Malawi governments and parliaments, the ground-breaking Malawi and Scotland: Together for Sustainable Development Conference in Lilongwe. This conference brought together 350 individuals across Malawi and Scotland to explore how best to work together in this coming chapter to help implement the new Global Goals Partnership Agreement, signed during the recent Presidential visit to Scotland.

It coincided with Minister Ben Macpherson's first visit to Malawi and provided him with a unique opportunity to meet hundreds of Malawian organisations working with Scotland.

MaSP produced an official Malawi-Scotland chitenje cloth for the conference, which was 2018's 'must have' fashion item!

The conference mirrored the detailed discussion and planning which took place at the 2005 Malawi After Gleneagles conference, hosted in the Scottish Parliament, as the first Scotland-Malawi Cooperation Agreement was signed. It helped further re-energise the bilateral relationship and established a direction of travel and ways of working for this next exciting chapter, in a genuinely consultative, cross-cutting and engaging manner.


The full Conference Report which summarises the key outcomes from the various discussions over the two days, including the Conference Statement which was unanimously agreed by all who attended.

Youth and Schools

2018-19 was a busy year for youth and schools at the SMP. Our fantastic new Youth and Schools Officer, Gemma Burnside, started with us in June 2018 taking over from Beata and Emily. We continued to support over 250 Scottish schools and 370 young people with Malawi links, through workshops, forums, teacher training, Chichewa classes.

Another addition this year was our youth project funded by the Year of Young People National Lottery Fund, celebrating heritage and culture links between Scotland and Malawi. The initial stages of the project involved recruiting 10 inspiring young people from across Scotland, all with their own links to Malawi and, with them, co-designing the Youth Congress.

We also joined the consortium of organisations leading the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme in Scotland, funded by DFID and the British Council.



"Thank you for all the support you provide. We have been lucky to take part in various SMP activities which have not only strengthened our understanding and passion for Malawi but has also shown to our Malawian partners how much we value our links." **Fiona Anderson, Head of Muir Primary School.**

"Thank you so much for your support this year. It has been invaluable and I am looking forward to the Youth Congress already." **Deborah Gallacher, Kelvinside Academy.**

Youth Congress

The 2019 SMP Youth Congress took place on the 28th February at McEwan Hall in Edinburgh. We welcomed 186 young people and 29 teachers to the beautiful hall to the event which was designed and delivered by our Youth Committee.

The day focused on the theme of Culture and Partnership, with those attending looking at how and why cultural exchange is important as a way of developing and deepening the partnership between Scotland and Malawi. There was also a marketplace with representatives from 15 different organisations on hand to talk about their links to Malawi as well as the opportunities they can offer young people.

We had Scotland-Malawi live musical collaborations and video input from our partners in Malawi discussing the importance of cultural exchange.

"I loved the Youth Congress venue and workshops. The whole event was an inspiring one for us."
Deborah Gallacher, Kelvinside Academy



"The Youth Congress was very well organised. Delegates and workshop facilitators buzzing with excitement. Great networking opportunity."
Monika Wantoch, Edinburgh City Council

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

In April 2018, we supported Josephine Mphango to be our Youth Ambassador at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. She was trained and supported in this role to record videos and publish blogs giving a young

Malawian's perspective of CHOGM 2018. We established a social media platform for Josephine to share her views and created an opportunity for her to directly ask a question of the President of Malawi about youth leadership in the House of Lords.

Media Engagement

In 2018/19, we had **262** Scotland-Malawi features in the Scottish press, including **58** which were led by or featuring the SMP and **92%** of which were positive in tone.



The SMP itself has a regular piece in *The Scotsman*, with **six** feature articles published in 2018/19.

We also supported members to share their own inspiring stories, with free training, mentoring and support offered in digital and social media, mainstream media engagement, and video production.



We had **1.1m** social media impressions across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

LinkedIn

Our website had over **21,600** visitors and **87,000** page views.

95% of members surveyed in 2019 said the SMP's representation of Scotland-Malawi links in the media was useful for their work.

Member feedback:



How useful is the SMP's media support for your Malawi link?

- 45% said "extremely useful"
- 50% said "quite useful"
- 5% said "not very useful"
- 0% said "not useful at all"

How useful is the SMP's social media support and representation for your Malawi link?

- 54% said "extremely useful"
- 41% said "quite useful"
- 0% said "not very useful"
- 4% said "not useful at all"

Scottish Government support

The SMP is independent of, but core funded by the Scottish Government. A key strength of the bilateral relationship is the innovative way in which government, parliament and civil society collaborate together. We actively support the Scottish Government's distinctive and effective programmes for Malawi, and assist our members to benefit from the opportunities created by these programmes.

The SMP supported a new SG-led initiative, helping broker a partnership between the 2050 Climate Group in Scotland and the Malawi Scotland Partnership, for a youth-led climate leadership programme announced by the First Minister in April 2018. The SMP agreed to be a contractual intermediary to support this programme.

At the end of April 2018, the SMP worked to support the SG around the Presidential visit and the new Partnership Agreement.

The SMP supported the SG's Small Grants Programme through this year. Offering feedback and learning from previous years, supporting information sessions, and assisting members to complete quality applications.

On May 29th, the SMP hosted a Climate Justice Day with the Scottish Government to bring together stakeholders and help launch the Climate Justice Innovation Fund. A Malawi Cross Party Group meeting organised by the SMP the following

week then focused on Climate Justice, with speakers from organisations funded by the SG's programme. The SMP also worked with SCIAF through this period to support the SG's new Climate Challenge Programme Malawi.

In August, the SMP worked closely with the SG to promote their Malawi Development Programme funding announcement. The SMP was active supporting this announcement in the media, both in Scotland and Malawi.

In September, the SMP supported the launch of the SG's 'Contribution to International Development Report' and also supported Ben Macpherson's first visit to Malawi as SG International Development Minister.

At the end of the September the SMP and MaSP co-hosted with the Scottish and Malawi governments and parliaments, the Malawi and Scotland: Together for Sustainable Development Conference in Lilongwe.

The SMP also worked closely with the Scottish Government, MaSP and the Alliance on the important issue of safeguarding through this year and in responding to the serious floods resulting from Cyclone Idai.



Holyrood



The SMP continues to work actively in and with the Scottish Parliament as we look to maintain and develop the strong all-party support that exists for Scotland's longstanding friendship with Malawi.

We are studious in maintaining our own political neutrality, while briefing all 129 MSPs on our members' work in each of their constituencies and regions.

We continue to run the highly successful Malawi Cross Party Group (CPG), which has Co-Convenors and Co-Vice Conveners from all five Holyrood parties.

In 2018-19 the Malawi CPG met three times. In June it met to discuss climate change, hearing from projects funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Justice Fund, and from Tearfund's Country Representative for Malawi. In September it had a meeting focusing on the role

of young people, as part of the Year of Young People and the CPG's AGM. And in November it met to discuss human rights with the Association of People with Albinism in Malawi speaking.

The SMP had a total of 41 events and engagements with Scottish Parliamentarians in this year, with significant impact promoting, and increasing support for, Scotland's links with Malawi.

The Partnership supported a number of Holyrood motions and debates in this period, including the 26th October debate on the Scottish Government's international development impact report which had a strong focus on Malawi.

The First Minister, the Presiding Officer and the President of Malawi all spoke passionately about the Scotland-Malawi friendship and the work of the SMP in the Scottish Parliament on the 26th February.



Westminster and Whitehall



The SMP worked hard to brief all 59 Scottish MPs on SMP members' work in their constituencies, and also many Scottish peers.

It supported the Malawi All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) into its second year. The APPG had five meetings in 2018-19, including a [meeting with the President of Malawi](#) in the House of Lords on the 17th April and a meeting in the Commons [with the Vice President](#) of Malawi.

The SMP helped broker an ambitious partnership between its Malawi APPG and the APPG for Africa and the APPG for Migration, to undertake a [joint all-party investigation into the issuing of UK visas for visitors from Africa](#). This major parliamentary inquiry had excellent meetings taking evidence from the public

and expert panels. It also met with then UK Immigration Minister Caroline Nokes MP to present initial findings.

The Partnership supported a number of motions and debates in Westminster, including a 19th November adjournment debate on UK visas.

The SMP was also active in Whitehall, meeting with various UK Ministers including the Africa Minister, Harriett Baldwin. Minister Baldwin also visited the SMP's offices in Edinburgh in this year and attended the UK premiere of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* with the SMP at our invitation.

Accounts

The work of the Scotland Malawi Partnership is funded primarily from grants, membership fees and voluntary donations.

Income

A total of **£484,646** was received in 2018-19, comprising:

- £236,861 of core funding received from the Scottish Government for the SMP's core operation
- £117,402 of funding received from the Scottish Government for the development of the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP)
- £98,358 of restricted income received from various sources, including funding for additional MaSP activities
- £31,983 of unrestricted income received from various sources, including membership subscriptions
- £42 received in bank interest

Expenditure

A total of **£447,665** was expended in 2018-19. The largest areas of expenditure were:

- SMP employment costs of £196,208. This is made up of salaries and wages of £169,239 and on-costs including NI costs of £15,337 and pension costs of £15,337
- £190,763 for MaSP development, including £117,402 from the Scottish Government grant and payments from other grants received
- £21,339 was spent on events and other operational activities

Bank balance

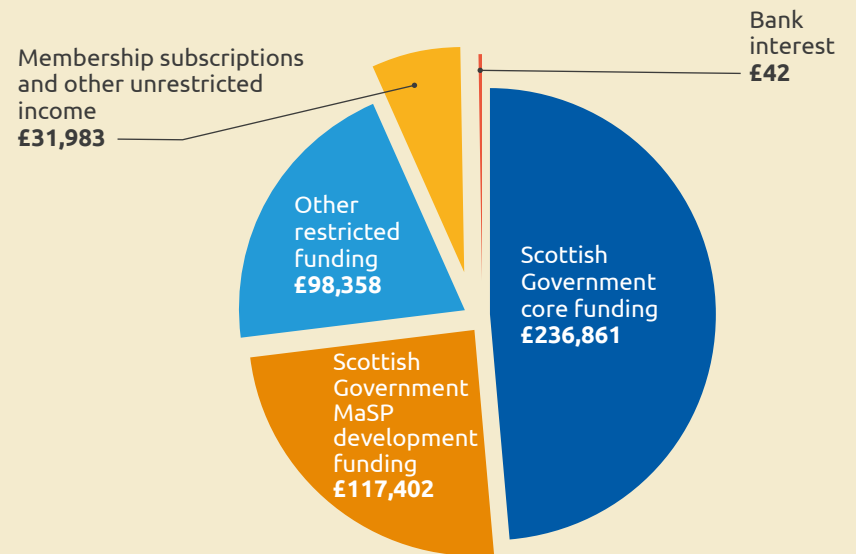
It should be noted that some income streams are not received annually and a direct comparison of income and expenditure within a 12-month period therefore only gives a part of the picture.

At the end of the financial year 2018-19, the Scotland Malawi Partnership had the following funds in the bank:

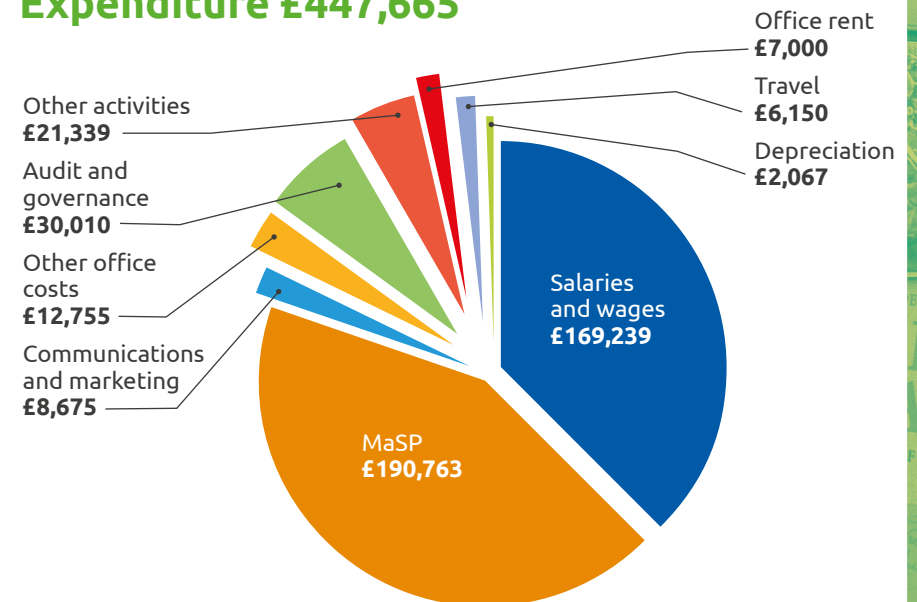
£74,214 of unrestricted funds and £53,387 of restricted funds.

A full copy of the Report and Accounts for the 12-month period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 is available on request. A funding agreement for 2017-20 is in place with the Scottish Government. We are indebted for the continued leadership and support from the Scottish Government.

Income £484,646



Expenditure £447,665





"There has been very useful networking that has resulted from SMP events!" **Prof Jeremy Bagg, University of Glasgow**

"The SMP gives us a bit more back-up and real credibility". **Andy McKay, Saint Margaret's High School**

"The SMP has provided new contacts which in turn have helped create new projects, ones which we find exciting". **Alan Laverock, The Bananabox Trust**

"It feels important to have the SMP behind all our work". **Hazel Dawson, Mamie Martin Fund**

"You could set up a franchise, on how to support partnerships anywhere in the world. The SMP is the perfect example." **Rosemary Harley, University of Strathclyde**

"We've found the SMP's support in reviewing grant applications to be extremely helpful" **James Turing, Turing Trust**

"The Malawi news link in the SMP bulletin keeps me up to date with Malawian priorities." **Caroline Beaton, Kenyawi Kids**

Message from Chief Executive

We have passed the half-way point in our 2017-20 Strategic Plan and I am deeply proud of what the Partnership has achieved in this period.

I think 2018-19 will be remembered as a key year for the SMP, with our core narrative of dignified, two-way, people-to-people partnerships gaining ever increasing traction not just in Scotland but across the UK and beyond.

It was a pleasure to meet with both the President and Vice-President of Malawi in 2018-19, both of whom were much inspired by the impact being achieved by members of the Partnership. The President spoke powerfully while in Scotland about the strength of friendship Malawi has with Scotland and the vital work undertaken by the SMP and our sister network MaSP.

This Annual Report provides welcome opportunity to look back on this year and celebrate the many successes. This success is entirely thanks to: our continued core funding from the Scottish Government; the support we enjoy in Parliament, in the media and across the public sphere; the hard work of staff and volunteers, and the oversight of the Board of Directors. Most of all, though, this success is the result of the inspiring dedication of our 1,200 members, each of whom have their own incredible stories of friendship, partnership and human solidarity with Malawi.

The sheer energy, drive, dedication

and passion of the membership never fails to impress me. It is undoubtedly our greatest strength as a network.



Not included in the pages of this report, but important to note, are the many exciting developments our sister network in Malawi, the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) has had in these 12-months, under the inspiring leadership of my counterpart and friend, Vera Kamtukule.

In closing this report, we look forward to 2019-20, a year in which we already have many exciting plans and ideas. We will complete our major all-party parliamentary inquiry on the UK visa system which I have no doubt will have considerable impact in advocating for policy improvements in this important area. We look forward to welcoming our Co-Patron HRH The Princess Royal to officiate our 2019 Member Awards in September, and to having the amazing global star Lazarus Chigwandali perform at our 2019 AGM. And we have invited William Kamkwamba to Scotland as part of our educational tour plans.

I have no doubt that the Partnership will continue to grow, innovate and strengthen in this coming year; responding with typical agility and energy to member needs and strategic opportunities.

I am keen to put on record my thanks to all the staff, directors, volunteers, funders, supporters and members, without whom, none of this would be possible.

David Hope-Jones OBE
Chief Executive



More than
260,000
people in Scotland and
5.6 million
people in Malawi benefit
from the work done
by SMP members

109,000
people in Scotland and
208,000
people in Malawi are
actively involved in
community-led
partnerships



The SMP represents, coordinates
and supports over

1200



links between our two nations

Over **44%** of Scots could name
a friend or family
member with a
connection to Malawi

88%
said SMP membership
"helped strengthen,
support or develop
their links with
Malawi"



SMP members contribute
£49 million
of inputs to their Malawi
links each year



Every Holyrood and Westminster
constituency in Scotland has
multiple links with Malawi
and SMP members



78%
said they learnt
something new about
Malawi at our 2018
Youth Congress

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