



## LINK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MALAWI BIKE RIDE 2011 SUPPORTING US



### Supporting Link Community Development

Link Community Development aims to improve the lives of children and young people by working in partnership to achieve access to quality education in rural communities in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, South Africa and Uganda.

Link Community Development supports the global commitment to improve basic education for all in sub-Saharan Africa in the fight against poverty. The greatest challenge is not just getting children into school but ensuring they stay in school and benefit from a quality education that provides them with the skills they need to reach their full potential.



### Malawi

With primary education available to all, pupil numbers have increased but without support for school management, teaching and learning, and community participation, the result is poor school performance, and low levels of pupil retention and attainment. If the aim is to alleviate poverty, children must be given a chance and we believe we can do this by helping to improve the quality of education. Our approach is to work in partnership at all levels of the education system to build existing capacity by:

- Providing monitoring and assessment tools for schools and districts to measure school performance and to plan improvement;
- Offering sustainable training and support for districts, schools, and communities;
- Facilitating sharing of international expertise;
- Using lessons learned from local level to inform national policy.



### Link Community Development's Key Achievements in Africa

Link Community Development work in sub-Saharan Africa supports the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and achievement of Millennium Development Goals 2 and 3: to achieve universal primary education, and to promote gender equality and empower women.

- A report by the government of the Netherlands in 2008 found that as direct result of Link Community Development's programmes, pupils' examination results in the Masindi District of Uganda were 50% higher than the results of comparable schools.
- Since the Malawi School Improvement Project was launched in 2006, every school and community in both Mulanje and Dedza districts has received support from Link Community Development to develop quality School Improvement Plans.
- As a result of Link Community Development's work in Ghana, Talensi Nabdram district has moved from the worst performing in the region in 2005 to second best in 2008.

By taking part in the **Malawi Bike Ride 2011** your support will help Link Community Development to:

- Work in partnership with Malawian schools and District Education Offices to guide school improvement by providing centre-based training and school-based support;
- Empower school communities to support school improvement;
- Ensure pupils, girls in particular, stay in school and benefit from a quality education that provides them with the skills they need to reach their full potential.