



Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of Mtsiliza, Malawi



The village of Mtsiliza lies inside Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. It is home to more than 10,000 people, ranging from destitute to middle-class. Much of the population of Mtsiliza is made up of orphaned and destitute children living with families or caregivers who are unable to properly provide for them. Malnutrition, a lack of education, and a lack of medical care are common problems here. Due to the high rate of HIV/AIDS and the toll it has taken on this community, many families are headed by widows, the elderly, and in some cases, children. Christian, Muslim, and tribal religions all coexist in Mtsiliza.

There are currently over 500 children enrolled in COTN's Mtsiliza Village Partnership Program. Alongside partners like you, COTN is able to provide children in Mtsiliza with education, nutrition, and medical care. COTN is helping to build a secondary school at our nearby ministry center and has provided resources like clothes, shoes, and blankets, as well as Christian discipleship training, HIV/AIDS education and testing, and trauma counseling. Mtsiliza is home to the COTN Widows Program, where women can learn a trade and earn an income to better support their families.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Mtsiliza, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

[Click here to see all available projects in Malawi.](#)

VENTURE

As you become more invested in Mtsiliza, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Malawi Venture [calendar for this year!](#)

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact [our Venture department](#) for more information.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in Mtsiliza, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to over 500 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with their parents or caregivers.

University/Vocational Program: Sponsor a student's higher education and partner with them to transform their community.

[Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in Mtsiliza.](#)

DONATE RESOURCES

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Mtsiliza, we are in need of

- **COTN Item of the Month**
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for [Mtsiliza](#).

- **Feeding Children Initiative**
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to our children in Mtsiliza, supporting the community around Mtsiliza.
- **SmilePacks®**
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Mtsiliza. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- **Pack a Container**
Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Mtsiliza.

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