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JACARANDA UK NEWS



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We're back!

It's been a busy six months. We've expanded our fundraising to target two new projects: building a two-story science lab and library, and kitting out the entire Jacaranda School compound with Solar Power. This in addition to our usual focus areas: teachers' salaries, Women's Entrepreneurship, and the Jacaranda Physiotherapy Clinic.

We're also taking part in The Big Give, which will allow us to raise £10,000. We hope you enjoy this update - our work continues to help as many as possible **Break The Cycle**.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

We're so excited to be involved in The Big Give's Christmas Challenge this year.

This allows us to raise £5,000 through individual donations, which will then be matched by The Coles-Medlock Foundation, giving us a **total potential of £10,000!**

The campaign runs from **28th November - 5th December 2023** - during that week all donations up to £5,000 will be doubled. All you have to do is **click on this link** and donate. It is a great opportunity for you to double the impact of your donation.

What does this mean? Normally if you donate £30, it feeds and educates a child for a month. Now you can do that for two children, or for two months.

Same donation, double the impact. What more could you ask for?

Please note - for your donation to be doubled it MUST be donated on the Big Give platform through the link provided. If you donate through the Jacaranda UK website we'll gratefully accept your donation of course, but it won't be matched.

Please spread the word and help us make the most of this great opportunity

Christmas Challenge

Big Give

[CLICK HERE](#)

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What will we use the money for?

We had to specify a project, so we chose our Women's Entrepreneurship Programme. However, all campaign funds are unrestricted, so we will use them to fund our most urgent projects.

If you want to donate for a specific project, tell us and we'll be happy to accommodate.

Our big new fundraising projects



A new double-storey library and science lab

As you can see from this picture on the left, the current library at the Jacaranda School for Orphans is tiny, certainly unfit for a school of over 450 children. There is no room to sit, to read, or to study - it essentially functions as a book storage unit. We want to change that.

Literacy and access to reading material is a major poverty alleviation tool and we want to instill a love of books and reading in all the students. To achieve this we need a new, spacious library.

But we're not stopping there. As the pictures below show, the science lab is also not of a quality that befits a school of Jacaranda's standards. The lab is small, and there is no safe and secure storage for the materials necessary to teach a science class. We therefore want to help fund a double storey building. The ground floor will be a brand new science lab and an office, and the top floor will be a large library, providing an area where students can actually study in peace, rather than having to sit outside as they do now.

The Beit Trust has already given £40,000 towards this project's total costs, and we want the building finished by the end of 2024. **For that, we need to raise another £60,000 by the end of 2023.** Please help us if you can!



Existing cramped science lab



Current, unsafe storage area

Our big new fundraising projects (cont.)

Bringing solar power to Jacaranda School

Power supply is very unreliable in Malawi. The central grid has been starved of investment over the years, meaning there is insufficient capacity to service the country's needs, and the infrastructure is creaking.

As a result there is frequent "load shedding", where power supply is shut off to certain areas at pre-planned times to reduce usage. This frequently means that the school is without electricity during lessons. **We want to free the school from this unpredictability** and allow the students and teachers to go to school knowing that they will have reliable power. The aim is to instal solar power all over the compound to take advantage of the plentiful sunlight the school gets year round. You would expect dependable power in any school in a middle - or high-income country, **Jacaranda school should be no different.**

Not only will this give the school **energy freedom** to go with the water supply freedom the school has from the solar powered well Jacaranda UK funded in 2014, but it will also serve to help educate the students about the power of renewable energy.

We were very lucky to have sufficient solar panels to power the entire Jacaranda school compound donated by another foundation, so we are now fundraising for the wiring, batteries and inverters necessary to install the panels. **This will cost around £15,000, so we're working hard to find donors for that amount.**

Why Jacaranda? Olivia's story

Olivia Kamphale

"My mother couldn't afford to send me to a school, so I stayed at home for almost a year and lost hope of ever going back to study. Fortunately, she heard about Jacaranda and I was enrolled at Jacaranda School in 2013. **I am now studying for a bachelor's degree in Business Management** and my studies are sponsored by Jacaranda.

Without Jacaranda, I honestly do not know where I would be today. I am always thankful and grateful to the entire Jacaranda family for changing my life. I am confident I will make them proud one day!"



**Thank
you**

As always, **we are immensely grateful** to all the individuals, groups, Trusts, and Foundations that have given to Jacaranda UK Foundation over the last six months. Without your support we wouldn't exist. Thank you.