

Why are you a member of Friends of Malawi?

A good way to keep up with Malawi happenings.

Actually, a great idea but would require devoted commitment (letter e). In reality, this should be the primary vision of the organization. I am a member of FOM because I am interested in providing developmental opportunities within Malawi.

As a former PCV, I enjoy hearing the news. I can't wait to bring my family back someday to work at the Children's Village. This organization keeps me connected to Malawi.

As a former Peace Corps volunteer, I like to stay as connected as possible to Malawi.

As Earthwatch volunteers in 2000, we specifically drove to Malawi to experience post-Banda Malawi to see if there was hope and a place for us in helping recovery. FOM provides a good avenue for helping.

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Because I helped build the organization and like to stay connected and informed.

Because I remain committed to Malawi and the people there and an affinity to those RPCV's who served there

Because I served in the US PC in 1993-1995 and am interested in what needs are there and how they are being met.

Because I want to stay connected to Malawi and try to continue to make a meaningful contribution to the loives of Malawians.

Because I was apart of Malawi IV, public health project and want to keep informed as to what is happening in the country, and learn about issues where I can contribute from time to time as I am able.

Because of a two year sojourn there (67-69') that was eminently enjoyable and life changing.

Because of my love for the country because of my experience as a volunteer, FOM is my means of staying connected.

Because we continue to be-- will always be--- interested in Malawi, wish to help in some small way in its development and feel that we are still connected.

Being a PC in Malawi has meant to much; being a member of FOM is a way I can give back.

Continuing interest in events in Malawi, PC/Malawi, and RPCVs ..and an affection for a good-hearted people.

For the reasons listed above, in that order.

For the same reasons stated above.

FORMER MALAWI PCV

Former Malawi PCV who likes to know about what's going on in my host country

Former PC in Malawi

former PC volunteer

Former PCVs. Interested in continuing to help Malawians a part of our lives.

Former Peace Corps Volunteer

Found you on the internet. I really hope you are not limited to Peace Corps or VSO returned volunteers because there are so many like-minded people in Malawi making a huge difference at the grassroots level. I think the key to your success is NOT BEING EXCLUSIVE. Open up ... connections, funding, everything to EVERYONE working toward making a difference in Malawi.

General interest in Malawi and former PCV who served there

General interest in the country and its future

How else would I hear news from this ignored little country?

I am a former Malawi I PCV and am interested in being kept informed of fellow Malawi I PCVs and of contributing development in Malawi.

I am a former PCV and I like the projects FOM are working on, particularly the Malawi Aids Orphan project.

I am a Malawi I RPCV

I am actually a lapsed member but would like to become a member again to continue my connection to Malawi and my PC experience.

I am an RPCV (2005) and I am interested in micofinance and micro-enterprise development. I will be in Cape Town this summer working with small business owners there and hope to stop over in Nyasaland for a quick visit. One of my criticisms of FOM is it being to generalist and its lacking metrics to evaluate projects. Another shortfall I believe is its inability to reach the press in promoting its work and receiving more widespread notice.

I am not but plan to be soon.

I became aware of Malawi after seeing the netball team from there at the commonwealth games in melbourne 2006. The teamed seemed to have so much spirit and made me want to find out more about the country.

I believe that RPCVs from Malawi have a good understanding of what type of help is needed and necessary in country.

I care about issues there because I was a PCV there who had a great experience.

I continue to care for the people of Malawi after having served as a PCV, and it is a vehicle to stay in touch to a very important part of my life.

I deeply care for the people in Malawi and the problems they face that we in the U.S. are lucky enough not to worry about. I was there. I saw it every day, and it touches my heart still.

I have no idea-- I've always been on the list

i like charting with npeople of Malawi because they are humber and cool,they tell you good ideas .

I like to hear about various projects in Malawi so I can decide which I might support. I also enjoy hearing about former volunteers.

I like to keep in touch with what is happening in Malawi, and the various opportunities to help.

I like to stay informed.

I love Malawi and Malawians-- and I like the work of friends.

I served as a PCV in Salima from 1979 to 1981 and was very enriched by the experience. I remain very interested in events and news there and FOM is a good source of information.

I still care about Malawi and hope to make more of a contribution at some point in the future.

I want to be kepy abreast of what is going on there, contribute in some way beyond what I already do and learn about past and present volunteers. It also serves as a watchdog, however powerful or powerless.

I want to be supportive of development projects

I want to have current updates on Malawi. I became acquainted with Malawi in 1999 and continue to support the studies of two brothers. This will be their last year of education. After returning we sent \$1400 (shipping costs) of donated text books to Dedy High School.

Why are you a member of Friends of Malawi?

I want to stay in touch with Malawi, experience a little of what present PCVs are going through and help the country to be self sustaining.

I was a PCV in Malawi, trainer for new PCVs , and am married to a Malawian.

I will never forget our two years in Malawi. We all (especially our American raised children-- all four) learned so much about another country-- ALL they knew was middle class USA.

I worked as a Malawi government employee, Ob Gyn Specialist in QECH and Kamuzu Central Hospital from 1978 to 1988. Persons like myself are helped to keep in touch in a whole variety of ways by Friends of Malawi

I would like to do something to help Malawi. I am interested in Malawi.

It is a continuing link to a place I love.

It is the only way to get 'on the street', 'in-country' information about current issues & small successes in Malawi. The specific coverage of the Grants Projects & MCV is always a catalyst to donations.

It keeps me informed on current issues in Malawi.

Keep in touch with the country

Keep involved and aware of what others are doing

Keep up with what's going on in Malawi, get info on worthwhile projects to contribute money to.

Life-long interest in the 'people' I met and loved

Loyalty-- sentiment-- expression of love for Malawi-- awareness of how far my charity dollars go--- reading newsletters

Number one and number three above.

One and two above

Originally, to provide my contact information to other RPCVs and to find folks. Now, also to follow small projects and contribute as I can.

PC service was a terrific and important experience in my life, albeit years ago (XIII). I helped share my world view-- ergo, stay in touch with good people and good causes!

Personal updates, staying connected to malawi news and rpcv.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer with continued interest in the country

RPCV

RPCV - staying in touch with what is occurring in Malawi

RPCV 87-89, want to stay in touch with RPCV community, and hear news of Mw. If had spare \$\$ to contribute, would want it used for micro-enterprise grants.

RPCV Malawi and enjoy seeing what is happening

RPCV w/ continuing interest

RPCV, Malawi (69-71), Bunda College

see above

served in Malawi 92/94 been there done that. I know of the needs and worked with the WID Program. It is difficult to rate the needs as there are so many. I would like to see small grants and also see us send items to Malawi for women to set up small businesses

Stay in touch with friends, but there does not seem to be a way to do that anymore ? No online directory? It used to be for news as well but now I get more than I can handle through the web

To be informed about projects and problems and to donate to small scale projects which have been set up by FOM.

To continue a connection with a country I hold so dear; via information, support, contributions, fellowship.

To get information about Malawi, and support it financially.

To get the newsletter which helps me keep up with the projects that are being done in Malawi by PCVs. The newsletter also helps me keep in touch with some of the current events of Malawi.

To keep aware of opportunities to contribute to the development of Malawi.

To keep in touch with former PCVs and to be aware of what they are doing. To keep in touch with what is going on in Malawi.

to keep informed about Malawi and Peace Corps' activities in the country

To keep informed about Malawi. This leads to other RPCV's who are thinking about ways to assist the people of Malawi

To keep up with happenings in Malawi

To keep up with happenings in Malawi and of those that have served there with the Peace Corps.

To maintain a connection to Malawi. I provide financial support to the Malawi Children's Village. There is a lot of need in the world and FOM and MCV help provide a way to address that need. For example, I plan to donate to the program that supports the small projects Malawi.

To stay connected

To stay connected to Malawi and look for opportunities to help Malawians.

To stay connected with other RPCVs and keep up with what is happening in Malawi.

To stay up on what is happening in the country.

To support #'s 1 and 2 above.

To try and keep in touch.

Volunteer with PC Malawi XIV, 68-'70, and still very much attached to the family of a good friend, now deceased, and interested in Malawi and in what PC is doing in Malawi currently.

Want to help Malawi overcome its development challenges.

Want to stay in contact with PCVs in Malawi. Feel that anything that helps Malawi is a good thing!

Was part of Malawi V, and retained our interest in the country.

We are members because we are RPCVs from Malawi. This forum is a great place to find out what is still happening there, what is being done there, and just still be a part of this great family of RPCVs who have a love and fondness for Malawi.

We were there and made acquaintances, some of whom are in the US now. We like to keep in touch with them and with their native land.

When I was teaching, it was an excellent vehicle in which to educate my students and to get them interested in contributing to projects in Malawi.

4. If FOM continues to focus on several small projects, how would you prioritize the following? Please rank your top three choices, with '1' being the most important, and '3' being the least. Leave the remaining choices blank.

If you choose 'other' please describe.

1	exchange programs, educational grants
1	Help to get money to Malawi for school fees, small business loans, etc. I have raised substantial money for folks in Malawi, but find it is nearly impossible to get it there.
1	I think that basic needs of people is the most important
1	Pre-school development or scholarships for higher ed.
1	small business development/microlending
2	MCV seems to need our help. Try and work with PCVs and Malawians. Book projects should be part of small grants. Continue to get names of Malawian teachers to send books to.
2	
3	Also, new projects to support
	I had trouble eliminating or ranking any of these.
	NB- I have contributed hundreds of books to the project-- if they are well-distributed and well-used, it is very important. If not, it is worthless. I think MCV is a great service.
	Short term housing help-- i.e. building habitat-like building.. but that may not be realistic, given lack of building materials.

11. Are there circumstances where FOM should undertake or contribute to a project that is not sustainable?

12. Please explain your response to the previous question.

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1	Yes	If its lack of involvement would result in death.
2	Yes	You have to look at the project and what the long term effect may be e.g., behaviorable changes take many years to accomplish and cannot be judged solely by any particular project.
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4		
5	Yes	Emergency medical or food programs in times of especially severe conditions, such as the recent drought's affect on the food supply.
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7	Yes	Food shortages. Any natural disaster. Political uphevel.
8	Yes	Short term relief, one time donations such as the book project.
9	No	There's been a lot of support of unsustainable projects, and the environment is under acute stress. I picked environment as a priority because I wish FoM would address the need for energy efficient cookstoves, which would go a long way in protecting the environment (with a fruit tree planting scheme to go along with it).
10	No	I don't think FOM should act as a palliative org. that provides relief. Sustainability is about uplifting latent abilities in Malawians who otherwise have little chance for support.
11	No	non-sustainable undertakings go against the grain of Peace Corp involvement in anything
12	Yes	In cases of extreme short term need, i.e., food shortages, medical intervention
13	Yes	
14		This is too vague for me to address.
15	No	I am assuming we would be supporting relatively small projects. In this case I think sustatinability should be emphasized to allow a smaller amount of money to have more impact.
16	No	Throwing money at problems without long term solutions can foster dependence. Malawi needs to stand on its own feet in the long run if it is to preserve its culture.
17	Yes	support should be based on project impact despite sustainability.
18	Yes	
19	No	Generally, NO...as self-sustainability is very important.
20	Yes	What is sustainable - projects have been assisted for 30+ years and Malawi is still one of the poorest nations. Sometimes sustaining life is required.
21	Yes	Responding to immediate situation of starving children with food grants must be done even if it is a short term service.
22	Yes	ASSIST WITH ENDING AN EPIDEMIC ex Cholera
23	Yes	A project may not be sustainable in and of itself; but, necessary as an interim to attain a goal or as a step in redirecting a project.
24	Yes	No one however expert can truly predict the outcome of any specific project. If one is begun and is proved to be valuable above all predictions, it is possible funds can be found.
25	Yes	Famine relief.
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27	No	I am a Medical Mission Sister and we have an eighty year old discussion going on regarding this very same topic. I would have to say that there has to be a very good reason to undertake such a project, even with the knowledge at outset that it will not be sustainable. I think a governing board or something equivalent has to be in on such decision-making when something like this is considered.
28	No	this in the long run is the problem in Malawi. One organization will do a small project and there is no coordinating effect. I believe there should be a coordinated effort to meet the needs. i realize the need for a library system in Malawi but that is a major project. Small grants will go a long way in assisting thae Malawians.
29	No	
30	No	
31	Yes	The world is a strange place. I would not rule out any possibility.
32	Yes	I can see situations where FOM should just get the product out into the hands of the people because the need or timing is so critical.
33	Yes	
34	Yes	
35	Yes	There are always certain circumstances that do not attend to sustainability. For example, provisions for HIV testing is not sustainable. At some point, testing kits will be used up. However, if a project is not sustainable, the applicant should explain future plans for financial assistance.
36	Yes	Helping out starving people or giving birth control to people is a very good idea but not sustainable.
37	No	

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38	Yes	Some projects although not sustainable could still benefit the community on a one of basis and should still be considered.
39	Yes	Some one time projects can be useful
40	Yes	Emergency relief -- short term needs
41	No	
42	No	The transfer of knowledge to Malawians should always be the goal.
43	Yes	IF ever a vaccine is developed for AIDS, Malaria, or filiarasis--lets say--and there is a need to raise funds to get it to Malawi, then I would advocate this.
44	Yes	In theory, a quality project should incorporate sustainability into its design and that should be a significant criteria to consider when reviewing proposals. But what about funding a one time trip for members of a wildlife club at a PCV's school to go to Liwonde for environmental education. It is not part of long term sustainable project, but if the club is well led and the field trip part of a greater set of activities then I would encourage FOM to support it. But I would want some feedback, like a series of essays, a poster describing the learning, etc.
45	Yes	Some projects are only needed for a short term
46	No	Undecided
47	No	
48	Yes	I'm not clear what 'sustainable' means and if it hopes to lead to self sufficiency then yes. If it is a food crisis then yes.
49	No	What do you consider 'not sustainable'? With spceific examples I could make a judgement on a case by case basis.
50	Yes	
51	Yes	Yes, as a small grants organization, you can't expect all projects to grow and be 'perennials'. There is a place for 'annuals' in the development garden in which it would be appropriate for FOM to take part (that would not be appropriate for large scale development orgs like USAID to do - they should be building forests. You can't stovepipe project requirements) The 'annual' projects may not be sustainable in the long term, but should have an impact at the time, as do those bright flowers we see that are with us for a short time, but are memorable and have other residual effects. I think Jack Allison's tour is a good example. It has a great memorable splash. It contributes to the greater mission of FOM, but does not necessarily stand on it's own as a sustainable project.
52	No	Generally no but I can imagine a project where the purpose is to educate first worlders where there is no intention for sustainability. Otherwise, projects should create a legacy where it becomes hard to remember that FOM started it.
53	Yes	Only in case of an emergency that we can not sustain long term, but can buy time while other contributors who may be able to, are found.
54	No	Let other organizations with larger budgets experiment.
55	Yes	Under urgent conditions to meet short-term needs, but with a long term plan that specifics a deadline for the non-sustainable work to end baesd on sustainable projects replacing them.
56	Yes	Piloting a promising idea that is going nowhere. Information learned from evaluation should hold promise for developing future sustainability.
57	Yes	While I believe sustainability should always be a goal and greatly encouraged, there are situations where 1 time donations can have a major impact - desks at a school, food supplies during major shortages, etc. I think FOM should focus on sustainable projects, but remain open to all possibilites where we can make an impact on the lives of Malawians.
58	Yes	for short term gain or salvage
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60	Yes	Eg, training teachers is not financially sustainable, but will still yield returns
61	No	Building a sustainable infrastructure is an imperative for an emerging nation. You want your investment to provide future possibilities.
62	Yes	When there is a crisis (natural or other) or when the potential to be derived from the non-sustainable project is great (i.e. books, school fees).
63		
64	Yes	If the project has high potential to resolve a health, environmental, or educational problem. Even if the project itself were not sustainable, the information gathered from carrying out the project would be beneficial.
65	No	Malawians should assume responsibility for ongoing efforts-- otherwise I haven't a clue what you mean here.
66	Yes	If the impact of the project is sustainable
67	No	There are no short-term solutions to any problem.
68	No	Every project can be altered a bit to make it at least 'somewhat sustainable' (i.e. participation, contribution from community).
69	No	
70	Yes	In situations of dire need (i.e. providing food during times of severe shortage of antibiotics in the case of a pandemic)

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71	No	It is a waste
72		Hard to answer--- that's why I didn't.
73	No	
74	No	Sustainability is key where resources are so limited as they are in Malawi.
75	No	
76	Yes	Short term remedies can also be effective, especially in dealing with health issues and food programs.
77	Yes	If the reviewing committee sees it is beneficial.
78		
79	No	The drop in/drop out practices of most development efforts often leave people worse off. Sustainable, to me, means Malawians themselves are responsible for the success of any project.
80	Yes	Maybe good intentions with some projects are not enough to keep something going-- but to have something like teacher training for even a short time is great.
81	Yes	This happens-- chickens die. People who ran projects die. Our hope is that others involved LEARNED and will take action from that learning in thier future.
82	Yes	We need a pipeline for helping individuals. Ex: We tried sending money to a fellow for glasses and he apparently never got it. Mail is opened and contents confiscated.
83		
84	No	How do we really even know what is sustainable??
85	Yes	
86	Yes	Short term projects may fill the need
87		Don't understand above question
88		I don't know!
89	Yes	Depends on how you define the term 'sustainable.' Contributing to an emergency is justifiable.
90		
91	Yes	Many projects will require continuing assistance because an acceptable degree of sustainability might not occur immediately.
92	Yes	
93	Yes	Short term crisis-- e.g. earthquake, influenza, etc.
94	Yes	If FOM can lead or fill a gap in humanitarian assistance that will or may draw the international community's attention at a future date.
95		Interesting question. I don't know how to answer.
96	No	
97	Yes	Though I can't think of an example, I feel that FOM should never say 'never'. There may come a time where there is a worthy project that doesn't necessarily fir the 'sustainable' mold.
98		
99	Yes	If accompanied by education in 'appropriate technology'--- e.g. composting wastes into fertilizer.
100		Uncertain
101	No	
102	No	I think that it is important for us donor agencies to set an example by only funding sustainable projects.
103	No	The root problems' solutions must be sustainable.
104	No	But to work in area where Malawians can help themselves
105	Yes	Project that might make a major change in a life direction
106	No	Use funds-- maximize
107	Yes	Others may follow
108		
109	Yes	An exception might be a project that produces so much positive feedback and good publicity that its 'demonstrated effect' substitutes for sustainability.
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111	No	Projects should be continued by employing Malawians.
112	No	Again, a very difficult answer. I need more info-- the very nature of sustainability makes me answer no, especially since so little actually sustains anyway.

Fertilizer & Seed 'Starter Packs'

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
1	Yes	feeding the people is important, giving them a boost is important	Yes	Planting a seed ensures later success
2	Yes		Yes	
3	Yes		No	
4				
5	Yes		Yes	
6				
7	No	Need constant funding	No	Need constant funding
8	Yes		Yes	
9	Yes	I know there's a need	No	When farmers get packets, they don't plan for next time because they always expect free packets
10	No	hand outs are awful	No	see gov't attempts
11	Yes	agriculture is the backbone of rural Malawian development	Yes	it may not be sustainable depending on your definition of a 'starter pack'
12	Yes	produce crops to feed themselves and any overage for income	Yes	
13	No		No	
14	Yes		Yes	
15	Yes	Agriculture is crucial	No	Could be sustainable if seeds are kept from the crop, but fertilizer is not renewable is it?
16	No	they create dependence	No	they create dependence
17	Yes	helps the rural Malawian	Yes	takes just pennies to help
18	Yes		Yes	
19	Yes	Helps the small farmers	Yes	Charge a little bit and plow back into initiative
20	No	prefer organic faming techniques	No	need money for fertilizer
21	Yes	It involves Malawians helping themselves.	Yes	It will be only if the effort is in conjunction with current PC programs or the Malawian government program
22	Yes	assist with farming	Yes	
23	Yes	Monoculture is not good for the environment and puts too much at risk during lean years.	No	The project needs are too great for an organization the size of FOM. We should consider our participation as a seed project.
24	Yes	necessary for self-sufficiency	Yes	
25	Yes		Yes	
26				
27	Yes	'Mother Nature'has a lot to do with success/failure here. Genetically engineered seed will be useless.	No	Needs cash inflow from somewhere
28	Yes	they are vital to individuals and they will add a lot to the economy if they get some instructions	Yes	they can be continuous if properly educated
29	Yes		Yes	
30	Yes	provides mid to long-term food relief	Yes	equips people with food knowlegde passed on to the younger generation
31	Yes	Obviously they will help people plant crops	No	Unless behaviors and beliefs toward agriculture change, I don't believe the long term outlook is good.
32	Yes	food is at a crises now	Yes	pass on the possibility to others
33	Yes		Yes	
34				
35	No	Creates over-dependence	No	Creates over-dependence
36	Yes	Seeds will yield food	Yes	Plants will yield seeds.
37	No	not if using maize,synth. fertilizer	No	need to diversify gardening practices

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38	Yes	This would be worthwhile because it would be a way that the Malawi people could provide for themselves	Yes	Once a farm is start it can be perpetuated with seeds from previous years crops
39	Yes		No	
40	Yes	Immediate benefit	Yes	Replicable on site
41	Yes		Yes	
42	Yes		No	
43	No	Handouts are usually not worthwhile or sustainable.	No	
44	No	Government is doing this	No	Methods contribute to dependancy cycle.
45	Yes	Reasonable price and increased food	Yes	only if seeds produce fertile plants
46	Yes			
47	Yes	With proper training in small farming and micro enterprise it could become a source for food and income	No	Farmers may become dependent on free goods
48	Yes	grows food	Yes	i'mnot sure As I understand it, these packs would have to be supplied new each year. To encourage sustainability ask the people to contribute a small amount for the packs.
49	Yes	Doesn't the govt provide these?	No	
50				
51	Yes	If being sought by Malawi.	No	Shipping, corruption
52	Yes		No	success may depends on forces beyond our control and when we see we are throwing funds to the wind, we need to find ways of pulling out.
53	Yes	means of giving hope		
54	Yes		Yes	
55	No		No	
56	Yes	All add value to a community	Yes	Three add value that can be recycled into project or community
57	No	Not worthwhile if only maize. I'd support this if it encouraged planting of other crops.	No	Unless we're training local people to find funds and create the starter packs themselves it will always require outside donations.
58	Yes	Produce food or income	Yes	crop yield resupplies seed
59				
60	No		No	
61	Yes		Yes	Malawians will use and prosper
62	Yes	Cost/benefit ration is low-- low cost/high benefit		
63	Yes		Yes	
64	Yes	Allows families to cultivate plants of their own		Perhaps- hybrids may not generate their own seeds
65	No	For what? Maize? No oddball garden produce or small cash crops like ginseng? yes.	Yes	
66	No			
67	Yes	Harvest provides seeds for next year	Yes	Do organic- that is sustainable
68	Yes	Only for non-maize type crops. Maize and food security is a big item for other big NGOs.	Yes	If use crops w/seeds that can be renewd or can be sold to purchase new seed.
69	Yes			
70	Yes	I believe food shortages are one of the most critical problems throughout Malawi		

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71	Yes		Yes	
72	Yes	You know the reasons for all of these below. Do whatever you can for as long as you can.		
73	Yes		Yes	
74	Yes	Need food and farming help	No	What happens when no one can provide these?
75	Yes		Yes	
76			Yes	All villages can get involved in this and help produce more food
77	No	Not sustainable-- focus should be on stopping dependence on maize	No	
78	Yes	If combined w/education	No	
79	Yes	see above	Yes	only if 'bought into' by Malawians
80	Yes	All of these projects are worthwhile and sustainable if continually backed by FOM and/or the American Ambassadors self help fund.	Yes	
81	Yes	Nutrition- survival--\$	Yes	If for crops whose seeds can be replanted
82	No	Culture training needed	No	In drought situations, it would be wasted.
83	Yes			
84	Yes	This is essential in a country which supports itself through self-subsistence farming.		Not sure
85	Yes		Yes	
86	Yes	May help alleviate food shortage	Yes	Teach a person to farm
87	Yes	Every little bit of opportunity should be pursued	Yes	Could make the difference between something and nothing
88	Yes		Yes	Agriculture is the only way of life now
89	No	FOM funds too small to have impact	No	
90	Yes	ALL projects listed will always be needed.	Yes	
91	Yes	Promotes self sufficiency	Yes	Outside factors reasonably controllable
92	Yes	Basic necessity to eat	Yes	People eat every day
93				
94	Yes	Early childhood nutrition is so important	Yes	For long term development
95	Yes	Reaches grass roots. Many use up seed corn during famines.	Yes	In a good year, people can store up seeds for next year.
96	Yes		Yes	
97	Yes	Adequate nutrition is the cornerstone of development	Yes	Without good nutrition, students can't learn and adults can't work or produce.
98	No	Need to address nutrition first	No	When the seeds are gone
99	Yes	improved gardens, food production	No	depends on outside sources
100	Yes			
101	Yes	Only good for one year	No	Unless the variety can be propagated again
102	Yes	So people can eat	No	Use permaculture or other sustainable food production.
103	Yes	Fills void in agricultural sector	Yes	Can produce its own starters (hope, anyway)
104	Yes		Yes	
105		?		?
106	Yes	Only with crops familiar to Malawi	Yes	
107				
108	Yes		Yes	
109	Yes	'Give a man a fish...'	Yes	If continued with low-tech water technology
110	Yes		Yes	
111	No		No	It is just a hand out.
112		What kind of fertilizer? Not toxic, I hope.	Yes	Only if permaculture-ized

Text Books for primary schools

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1	Yes	education important	No	Important and needed, but will be needed again and again and again
2	Yes		Yes	
3	Yes		Yes	
4				
5	Yes		Yes	
6				
7	Yes		Yes	
8	Yes		Yes	
9	Yes	Many teachers don't have a text for the subject they're teaching	Yes	Books can be helpful for a very, very long time
10	Yes	much needed relevant texts for JC and MCE	No	most sent go unread without proper guidance
11	Yes	reading knowledge is good	Yes	reading knowledge can be passed on and books can be read by more than one person
12	Yes	education is basis of future success	Yes	
13	Yes		Yes	
14	Yes		Yes	
15	Yes	Schools need books	Yes	Books, per se, are not sustainable, but an education is
16	Yes	inspire curiosity and knowledge	Yes	plant the seed for life long learning
17	Yes	gives children another view	Yes	books are always available
18	Yes		No	
19	Yes	No need to ask, really!	Yes	We can always find \$ for books!
20	Yes	improve education	Yes	improve education
21	Yes	Education is key to the future		It will be if FOM members continue the work
22	Yes			
23	Yes	Education is the solution to most problems.	Yes	I don't see why it is not sustainable by a group such as ours from a monetary and donation of books standpoint.
24	Yes	Provide a link with the world away from Malawi	Yes	
25	Yes		No	
26				
27	Yes	Worthwhile like the air we breathe	No	Requires a steady flow of cash for collection and mailing
28	Yes	this is somewhat of a problem as sending textbooks are expensive and create difficulties. however believe this is a long term goal.	Yes	in the long haul it will be a great plan as so many malawians love to read. they need libraries
29	Yes		Yes	
30	Yes	books bring knowledge	Yes	b/c the gov't hasn't proved that it can pay for all aspects of primary edu and the students struggle when they reach secondary level
31	Yes	Education is the key to long term change	Yes	It must be part of a larger effort to educate.
32	Yes	can open to new ideas and attitudes	No	not necessary to have impact
33	Yes		No	
34				
35	Yes	Children need books to learn	No	books become torn, worn, etc.
36	Yes	Books with further education.	No	Maybe educated people will write and buy books.
37	Yes	education is key importance	No	never-ending need for updated books

Text Books for primary schools

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
38	Yes	Better educated children can grow to improve Malawi as adults with their new found education	Yes	Education is sustainable books can be read twice knowledge is not forgotten
39	Yes		No	
40	Yes	Needed	No	Books disappear
41	Yes		Yes	
42	Yes		No	
43	Yes	textbooks can keep on educating, as long as there are teachers		
44	Yes	Kids need books	No	Books will get lost, destroyed, stolen and unless another set is purchased, then it is not sustainable
45	Yes	needed	Yes	books can be used multiple times
46	Yes			
47	Yes		Yes	
48	No	school for most doesn't lead to positive end result If they are at least somewhat relevant, they are very worthwhile. Especially if the kids can take the books home and use them as a reference - so much the better.	No	If the community is encouraged to raise funds for the books for next year, then this project could be sustainable. But it would be hard.
49	Yes		No	
50				
51	Yes	Education is always the best investment.	No	Shipping
52	Yes		No	
53	Yes	Needed to provide resources beyond the teachers.		
54				
55	No		No	
56	Yes		No	Needs a constant commitment
57	Yes	Books are very hard to find affordably in Malawi.	No	I'd support projects to buy or create local language books for primary students. Sending books to Malawi, however, is clearly not something Malawians can do without outside assistance.
58	Yes	facilitates education	Yes	requires outside donations
59				
60	Yes		No	
61	Yes	Help young students to learn, be ready for high school or vocational training	No	
62	Yes	Cost/benefit ration is low-- low cost/high benefit		
63	Yes		Yes	
64		Currently, primary schools lack books and supplies Yes- When there is control so they are protecte, used and not stolen	No	Books became worn through use
65	Yes			
66	Yes		Yes	
67	Yes		No	Money
68	Yes	Primary schools need textbooks.	Yes	Can be if community contributes to library somehow.
69	Yes			
70	Yes			

Text Books for primary schools

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
71	Yes		No	
72	Yes		Yes	
73	Yes		No	Sustainability depends on distribution
74	Yes	To decrease illiteracy	No	Who will provide in the long run?
75	Yes		Yes	
76	Yes			
77	Yes		No	
78	No	Nice, but marginally helpful		
79	No	Malawi needs to be developed	No	teaching/learning materials
80	Yes		Yes	
81	Yes	Shannon Brown appears to be handling this very well.	Yes	
82	Yes		Yes	
83	Yes	Education-- vital to start early!		
84	Yes			Not sure
85	Yes		Yes	
86	Yes	Spreads knowledge	Yes	Lots of books available in the west
87	Yes	Helps decode a larger world beyond the village	Yes	They can be passed around and shared
88	Yes		Yes	We need to provide tools for learning
89	Yes		Yes	
90	Yes		Yes	
91	Yes	Books may not be available from Malawi government	Yes	Sure
92	Yes	Education encourages critical thinking	Yes	Provides a chain of continual improvement
93				
94	Yes	Definitely	No	Other ALO agencies can attempt to fill this huge void. FOM might be key to coordinating this aspect
95	Yes	Need-- but where is government?	No	Books wear out after some years
96	Yes		Yes	
97	Yes	Education is the best hope for Malawians helping themselves	Yes	An educated population values and sustains education
98	Yes	Knowledge and access	Yes	Books get re-used
99	Yes	improved education	No	depends on outside sources
		Yes, because of government inadequacy in supplying the same. And that goes for the rest of these items-- with a corrupt government NGO's and private groups need to step in and do what is essential.		
100	Yes			
101	Yes		Yes	No mechanical parts
102	Yes	Educate population	Yes	
103	Yes	Fills void		Don't know the book biz in Afric
104	Yes		Yes	
105	Yes	Books are durable	Yes	
106	Yes	Necessity	Yes	Necessity
107	Yes			?
108	Yes		Yes	
109	No			Not sure
110	Yes		Yes	
111				
112	Yes	Education is key	Yes	Just got to have it!

Bore Holes (drinking wells)

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
1	Yes	definitely - need water	Yes	yes b/c a community depends on their water supply
2	Yes		Yes	
3	Yes		No	
4				
5	Yes		Yes	
6				
7	Yes		No	can not be locally repaired
8	Yes		Yes	
9	Yes	Clean water access is a huge problem	Yes	Once it's drilled, unless poisoned, it's there
10	No	expensive	No	break, parts too expensive
11	Yes	clean drinking water is the essence of life	Yes	obvious
12	Yes	clean water, better health, increase number of people to go to school or farm/work, etc.	Yes	
13	Yes		Yes	
14	Yes		Yes	
15	Yes	Access to good drinking water is crucial	No	Does the community have the resources to maintain the bore hole?
16	No	Clean water is important, but NGOs and the gov't already spend a lot on bore holes	No	only if community has a system to fund repairs
17	Yes	provides clean water	Yes	ongoing process
18	Yes		No	
19	Yes	Water is a font of life!	Yes	Allows progress & better health
20	Yes	improve health	Yes	improve health
21	Yes	Clean water is the minimum requirement for a village	Yes	It will be if the effort is in conjunction with current PC program or Malawian government program.
22	Yes		Yes	
23	Yes	Certainly it is worthwhile to provide a reliable source of water.	No	Same as starter packs for a group such as ours.
24	Yes	teach how to find, use water, a repeatable skill	Yes	
25	Yes		Yes	
26				
27	Yes	Has to be worthwhile because the health of the population depends on these	Yes	Has to be sustainable because if there is no source of safe water there will be no population
28	Yes	a necessity to prevent malari and meet the water needs of the population	Yes	once installed and properly will last for a long time
29	Yes		Yes	
30	Yes	water is life!	Yes	again...water is life!
31	Yes	Clean drinking water is a key to good health	Yes	I hope it is...
32	Yes	critical for life	Yes	use labor for next hole
33	Yes		Yes	
34				
35	Yes	people MUST have clean water	Yes	mmost bore holes can be fixed locally
36	Yes	Improve health.	No	Break down and back to the creek for water.
37	Yes	H2O necessity	No	never-ending need for new access

Bore Holes (drinking wells)

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
38	Yes	Clean drinking water close to those who need it is very worthwhile	Yes	improved quality and access to water can only have flow on effects to the health of the Malawi people
39	Yes		Yes	
40	Yes	Needed	Yes	Long lasting
41	Yes		Yes	
42	Yes		No	
43	Yes	worthwhile if needed or replacement parts are also readily, locally available		
44	Yes	Everyone needs clean, safe water	No	Depends on design of project. Simply drilling a borehole is not sustainable. Community involvement increases chances for sustainability, but does not guarantee
45	Yes	drinking water needed	Yes	placed correctly they can be maintained locally
46	Yes			
47	Yes		Yes	
48	Yes	affects many/ eases every day burden	Yes	once paid should last
49	Yes	Clean water is priceless.	Yes	If the communities are taught maintenance of the bore holes, then it is a sustainable project.
50				
51	Yes	Nothing more important than clean water.	Yes	People need water.
52	No		No	
53	Yes	Absolutely needed in/near the people.	Yes	Once done, the people should be able to keep it up.
54	Yes		Yes	
55	Yes		Yes	
56	Yes		Yes	
57	Yes	Clean drinking water is vital to improving health conditions.	Yes	Local people can be trained to repair and maintain the borehole. It is a permanent fixture in the community and not easily removed or consumable.
58	Yes	reduce disease, fuel use for boiling	Yes	
59				
60	Yes		Yes	
61	Yes		Yes	Access to clean water/prevent some diseases
62	Yes	Long term benefit; sustainable	Yes	
63	Yes		Yes	
64	Yes	Clean water in close proximity to homes is key to public health	Yes	Sustainable as long as villages are trained in maintenance of pump
65	No	No-- too big? Public health a government or larger project		
66	Yes		Yes	
67	Yes		No	
68	Yes	Clean water is key to the sustainment of life.	Yes	If villagers are taught how to repair it, community garden to buy repair parts.
69	Yes			
70	Yes	Clean water supplies can prevent disease	Yes	Low tech

Bore Holes (drinking wells)

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
71	Yes		Yes	
72	Yes		Yes	
73	Yes		Yes	What about maintenance??
74	Yes	Clean drinking water	Yes	Easy to use/maintain by villagers
75	Yes		Yes	
76	Yes			
77	Yes	Very important for public health	Yes	
78	Yes		No	
79	Yes	clean, available water is essential		
80	Yes		Yes	
81	Yes	Of course-- need clean water	Yes	Lots of progress has been made in this area but more to be done.
82	Yes			
83	Yes			
84	Yes			Not sure
85	Yes		Yes	
86	Yes	People need clean water	Yes	Once taught Malawians can pass it on
87	Yes	Drinking water can keep you sane and alert	Yes	Don't know the answer to this
88	Yes	Basic necessity	Yes	
89	Yes		Yes	
90	Yes		Yes	
91	No	Several other groups doing this- (Marion Medical Mission)		
92	Yes	Basic necessity to have clean water	Yes	Life depends on this
93	Yes		Yes	
94	Yes		No	cost
95	Yes	Takes money and technology to accomplish	Yes	when done right, they are permanent
96	Yes		Yes	
97	Yes	Clean water is essential to under 5 mortality and improving general health	Yes	By improving health a family, a village, a country is better able to sustain itself
98	Yes	Sanitation/wealth	Yes	To the extent that they are maintained
99	Yes	improved health	Yes	can be continued by local effort
100	Yes			
101	Yes		Yes	
102	Yes		Yes	
103	Yes	Fills void		Don't know the real economics
104	Yes		Yes	
105	Yes		Yes	Maintaining, a problem
106	Yes	Needs exist		Not sure
107	Yes			?
108	Yes		Yes	
109	Yes	Water is primal	Yes	If training offered
110	Yes		Yes	
111	No	Increased fertilization = more children die of starvation		
112	Yes	to sustain life	Yes	They can't screw that up can they?

Sewing Projects

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
1	Yes	yes b/c teaches them a new skill which may bring in money	Yes	definitely, once learned never lost
2	Yes		Yes	
3	Yes		Yes	
4				
5	Yes		No	
6				
7	Yes		Yes	
8	Yes		Yes	
9	Yes	Skill can be used forever	Yes	Skilled can teach others
10	No	Too many out there	No	Marginal Returns are zero
11	Yes	practical cottage industry	No	practical and may be sustainable for domestic or business use.
12	Yes		Yes	training for income generation
13	No		Yes	
14	Yes		Yes	
15	Yes	Sewing is a 'value adding' skill	Yes	Profits can be reinvested
16	Yes	creates a lifelong skill	Yes	can generate income and products
17	No	n/a	No	n/a
18	Yes		Yes	
19	Yes	Creates pride & self-sufficiency	Yes	Creates income & self-sufficiency
20	Yes	empowers communities	No	needs ongoing assist for materials
21	Yes	It is a small local level program that requires low capital funding & high female involvement	Yes	It will be if the effort is in conjunction with current PC program or Malawian government program
22	Yes			
23	No	May be worthwhile on a short term basis. It failed as a worthwhile project for Native Americans and will fail with Malawians also.	No	I guess it is sustainable but should not be.
24	Yes	again, a useable skill	Yes	
25	Yes		Yes	
26				
27	Yes	Garments of some variety are needed by everyone in the country. Cost is another matter but they should be affordable and materials should be obtainable	Yes	Would be sustainable as long as there is a textile industry in the country
28	Yes	this is an easy project to begin and cost is minimal. you can also reach a lot of needy people	Yes	encourage, encourage encourage is the answer to sustainability
29	Yes		Yes	
30	No	there is so much second hand clothing available for cheap	No	western clothes are thrown at poorer African countries
31	Yes	In my day many people had productive businesses making clothing	Yes	Once a person is 'set up', they should be able to continue their work on their own.
32	Yes	self worth, income, independence	Yes	income generating, so pay for expenses
33	Yes		Yes	
34				
35	Yes	Gives gainful employment	Yes	give a woman a fish...
36	Yes	Can yield micro business	Yes	Business makes money
37	Yes	yes	Yes	if recipients will turn initial profit margin over to next group, to provide seed money for that group to get started, and so on.

Sewing Projects

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
38	Yes	Once taught the women will have a new skill that will produce products that can be used by the community	Yes	Initial order profits can be used to buy more supplies and produce larger second orders and so on
39	Yes		Yes	
40	Yes	Needed resource	Yes	Replicable on site
41	Yes		Yes	
42	Yes		No	
43	Yes	the teaching of any vocational skill is worthwhile	Yes	and sustainable because each student taught is a potential future instructor
44	Yes	It works as a micoenterprise activity	No	Sewing/crafts projects are becoming popular so competitiveness in market is great. Who or what is the market for the products?
45	Yes	provides employment and clothing	Yes	skill can be passed on to others
46	Yes			
47	Yes		Yes	
48	Yes	should lead to income Tailoring is a big business and should continue to be for a long time. Necessary for school uniforms as well as women's attire for special occassions.	Yes	gives trade The first round of supplies can be provided free, then the tailors should use their profits to purchase materials in the future.
49	Yes		Yes	
50				
51	No	If being sought. Not sure what you mean by this.	Yes	Unclear on intent.
52	Yes		Yes	
53	Yes	Economically sound business op.	Yes	Students shoul be able to maintain.
54				
55	Yes		Yes	
56	Yes		Yes	
57	Yes	They are worthwhile if we are teaching new skills to local people in the process.	Yes	Teaching new skills that will allow for additional sources of income is a wonderful way to help ordinary Malawians develop.
58	Yes		Yes	
59				
60	No		No	
61	No		Yes	Provide means of self support
62		?		?
63	Yes		Yes	
64	Yes	Source of outside income	Yes	As long as villages are trained in maintenance of machines
65	Yes	Yes, or other marketable handcrafts for women		
66	Yes			
67		?		
68	Yes	Empowerment of women-- money to families.	Yes	Sale of sewing items renews start up cost or can be used to help community.
69	Yes			
70	Yes		No	

Sewing Projects

ID#	Worthwhile	Why or not Worthwhile	Sustainable?	Why or not Sustainable
71	Yes		Yes	
72	Yes		Yes	
73				
74	Yes	Teaches a skill	Yes	People can transmit this knowledge to others
75	Yes		Yes	
76	No	Sewing doesn't put good food on the table		
77	Yes	Income generating	Yes	Students can teach others
78	Yes			
79	Yes	see above	Yes	see above
80	Yes		Yes	
81	Yes	Skill learned that can bring a person an income	Yes	Obvious
82	No	Indian tailors come in.	No	Materials needed.
83	Yes			Not sure-- all are potentially sustainable, but I have not seen them work in Malawi.
84	Yes			
85	Yes		No	
86	Yes	Brings women/men certain skills	Yes	Provides needed cash flow
87	Yes	You can achieve a sense of self by providing for yourself	Yes	Could translate into small, commercial development
88	Yes	Help vocational needs	Yes	People need garments
89	Yes		Yes	
90	Yes		Yes	
91	Yes	promotes self sufficiency	Yes	Outside factoes are reasonably controllable
92	Yes	Provides career training, jobs and money	Yes	Who knows what it will lead to
93	Yes		Yes	
94	Yes	I strongly believe micro development is key	No	
95	Yes	Teaches skills, adds to local economy		New skills can be taught by locals
96	Yes		Yes	
97	Yes	Provides an income-generating source	Yes	Women can pass on their skills
98	Yes	Skill base	Yes	Skills get passed on
99	Yes	marketable skills	Yes	can be continued by local effort
100				
101	Yes		Yes	
102	Yes		Yes	
103	Yes	Need		Profit producing program
104	Yes		Yes	
105				
106		Maybe		Maybe
107				
108	Yes		Yes	
109	Yes	My former wife and I started the sewing factory in Malawi--it has made quite an impact	Yes	It makes money and imparts skills that can be passed on
110	Yes		Yes	
111	Yes	Teaches a skill	Yes	
112	Yes	Gives income, self-esteem		I don't know-- tell me

22. Do you read the newsletter?	23. Why or why not?	27. Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the newsletter you'd like to share?
No	Have not yet received	
No	Largely unaware/unreminded. I am not an official member of FOM and only occasionally check out your site.	
No	Sometimes I choose to.	
Yes	?	
Yes	A great variety of subjects.	
Yes	A primary source of info on Malawi	Specific info on the state of things in Malawi
Yes	Always a connection if some sort. And the folks who put it together deserve to be recognized.	
Yes	Always interested in current news and thinking about Malawi.	
Yes	Always of interest	
Yes	Because I don't get much news about Malawi. I used to get a weekly newspaper sent from Malawi.	Project Up-Dates
Yes	Because I like getting updated on what is going on.	
Yes	don't see this kind of news about Mw in other sources, don't read NY Times, etc or Newsweek so I like your tidbits; would like newsletter expanded (see below);	there always seems to be delay in mailing; newsletter seems a bit out-of-date by the time I receive it; for instance, this one came to me in late March; I have normal US home address;
Yes	For info on Malawi.	
Yes	Hear about other RPCVs I served with and to see if Malawi is changing.	
Yes	I always look for persons whom I may have known during my time in Malawi. In such a small country there was a great opportunity for interaction with a whole gamut of persons	
Yes	I enjoy continuing to learn about my host country and projects going on via FOM.	none
Yes	I enjoy the information in it	
Yes	I get news about Malawi that is not reported anywhere else.	
Yes	I have only found about your organisation a week ago. I have read your web page from cover to cover including the links to past newsletters.	I believe that the more updates you can provide on grant and project progress and the more the variety of topics covered in the newsletter the more chance you have of inspiring and keeping motivated a larger and more varied group of supporters. Being so far from Malawi and never having travelled there (I'm in Australia) more frequent and detailed information will help me understand the needs of this country better.
Yes	I haven't been diligent about maintaining membership through many recent moves, but I love reading about Malawi and former volunteers and what they are doing.	
Yes	I like seeing what is going on. Also to see recognizable names who I have not seen or heard from in a while.	
Yes	I like the articles about activities in Malawi and general current news.	
Yes	I like to hear about recent projects.	It is a great way to remind members about FOM and how their donations help. When possible, more pictures and graphics interspersed makes the newsletter more fun to read.
Yes	I like to hear about the small projects. I'm also interested in other news from Malawi.	
Yes	I like to know what projects are being funded. Also it helps me learn what some of my fellow RPCVs are doing stateside and abroad. And every once in awhile I learn about current events occurring in Malawi.	
Yes	I read every page, every paragraph, with interest because I'm emotionally vested.	
Yes	I read it for RPCV perspectives on Malawi news. I can read about Malawi online but like articles that present the RPCV/PCV perspective.	
Yes	I still want to know about the country, after 40 years!	
Yes	I want to keep informed.	
Yes	I want to know what is going on	No. Thank you for what you are doing.
Yes	I'm interested	
Yes	I'm interested in Malawi	Where we can get products produced in Malawi in the U.S., particularly coffee, tea, macadamia nuts, and outfits made from chitenji
Yes	Info about Malawi and PC combined	I'd like to see an annual update (rotating) on topics of question #22 (interest-based listservs). It may be necessary to offer hard copies of newsletter for an additional annual fee of \$5-8.
Yes	Informative and updates situations and conditions in Malawi.	An informative and professional production. Newsletter team and writers all doing a great job.
Yes	Interested	

22. Do you read the newsletter?	23. Why or why not?	27. Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the newsletter you'd like to share?
Yes	Interested in all facets of info from Malawi-- environmental, economic, public health and education-related.	
Yes	interesting information about Malawi and the activities of Peace Corps in the country	should explore other groups that have an interest in Malawi. For instance i have a friend who is in the Rotary club who has a project in Malawi and a group of their members visited the country for two weeks a few years ago. they are starved for news about their 'adopted country'. they are also a great source for funding projects that they feel will have an impact. i can put you in touch with those who would like to become FOM.
Yes	It fills me in on what is happening in and around Malawi	
Yes	It helps me know whats going on	No
Yes	It is a good overview of key issues.	I enjoy reading. Thank you!
Yes	It is interesting	
Yes	It is my best source on Malawi goings on-- and I like to read of new activities.	Content is fabulous-- Layout could use a little help Names of current top level Malawian elected officials. Info. on current political situation in Malawi. Overview of current PC program in Malawi (# of PCV's, description of projects/assignments, locations of PC programs,) and future of PC in Malawi. Just once in 40 years of PC presence in Malawi, a report on the effect of PC programs from Malawi I forward. (Hopefully PC actually did some analysis given the staff personnel available back in the Blantyre. There had to be reports back to Washington) Overview of Malawian education status (# of children in elementary, secondary, & advanced training; % of target population of children in each level of education, description of advanced training schools/programs). Always the current contact & mailing address for donations to MCV & FOM Grants. Ideas for feasible fund raising for Malawi.
Yes	It is the only information available on Malawi except the few news articles on AIDS or famine	
Yes	It reminds me to remember Malawi.	How to contribute, maybe current small projects to donate too....
Yes	It's a good way to keep up with what's happening in Malawi	
Yes	It's a good way to keep up with Malawi and Malawi news.	No
Yes	It's a small way of feeling 'connected'	
Yes	It's is the only way I can know what's goin on with FOM. I enjoy receiving it in the amil and not on email, which often gives me trouble with attachments.	Other: Articles on traveling back to Malawi; proposed project ideas. It would be great to get more than one issue a year.
Yes	It's often the best news source, since mass media is more interested in Jessica Simpson or spoiled sports stars.	
Yes	Just to see what is going on in Malawi and with the group/ peace corps Malawi.	Updates on members should ONLY be as it relates to Malawi-related or development-related activities. I don't need to know so-and-so got married, but I would like to know she went to Malawi for a visit.
Yes	Keep current with events in Malawi	
Yes	Keep up to date	
Yes	keep up with news of Malawi	
Yes	Keeps me in touch with activities, even when I lack time to do much else.	Include Malawi web links for news etc
Yes	Keeps me up to date	
Yes	Learn about people (retired PCVs), projects, Malawi	
Yes	Learn of needs and opportunities	Quality is vital-- as opposed to quantity
Yes	Living in the middle to the Pacific is disconnecting; the newsletter helps me stay connected.	
Yes	Maintain interest in Malawi/	
Yes	My slice of Malawi and PC news	
Yes	my wife and I are interested in whats going on in the world, especially Malawi where we both served. We like current events from Malawi. We helped several families once we returned but getting cash to them was difficult.	it is important to stay in close contact with NPCA as they are up on the affairs of state and know what is going on world wide. We need to coordinate our activities with other agencies. There is a great organization I contribute to which is FINCA. You can get info from NPCA.
Yes	News	
Yes	News above Malawi and FOM activities	
Yes	Not as thorough as I should. It is useful and should be continued.	
Yes	Same as reason for being a member	
Yes	scan through the articles to see the various activities	
Yes	Skim to keep relatively up to date	It is always a bit long- and I checked a lot above-- so edit it seriously-- don't let people ramble.
Yes	This is the only resource I have that seems legit-- though not that compelling of late-- seems you are getting serious now-- great!	

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25. If yes to the previous question:

28. What form of communication is most reliable for you?

42. What is your age range?

43. State

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No	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address		66 or higher.	California
No		Mail	26 to 35	Maryland
No		Email	36 to 45	OH
No		Mail	36 to 45	CT
No		Mail	36 to 45	california
No		Email	46 to 55	GA
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No		Mail	66 or higher.	Maryland
No		Mail	66 or higher.	KY
No		Mail	66 or higher.	CO
No		Mail	66 or higher.	CA
No		Mail		LA
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	26 to 35	DC
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Mail	36 to 45	georgia
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Phone	46 to 55	Illinois
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	56 to 65	Arizona
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	56 to 65	Colorado
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	56 to 65	MI
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	66 or higher.	NC
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	66 or higher.	NY
Yes	email note without attachment or link	Email	66 or higher.	CA
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	26 to 35	New York
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	26 to 35	Virginia
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	26 to 35	Virginia
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	26 to 35	TX
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Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	26 to 35	MD
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Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	Illinois
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	Queensland
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	New Mexico
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	Alexandria, VA
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	CA
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	36 to 45	NY
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	46 to 55	MA
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	46 to 55	pa
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	56 to 65	New York
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Email	56 to 65	wisconsin
Yes	page link mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	56 to 65	WA

24. Would you be interested in receiving an electronic copy of the newsletter (either an attachment mailed to your e-mail address or a link mailed to your e-mail address) **instead** of the usual hardcopy mailing?

25. If yes to the previous question:	28. What form of communication is most reliable for you?	42. What is your age range?	43. State
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Iowa
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	CO
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Oregon
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Alaska
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Blog	utah
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Maryland
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Illinois
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	washington
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Maryland
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Massachusetts
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	WI
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Montana
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	Alaska
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	California
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Maine
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	DC
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	Indiana
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Arizona
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Illinois
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	North Carolina
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	maine
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	OH
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Maryland
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	LA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	CT
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	CA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	FL
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	CA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	NJ
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address		CA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	PA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Arkansas
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	California
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Illinois
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	VA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Texas
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Email	Vermont
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	PA
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	MI
Yes	PDF attachment mailed to your e-mail address	Mail	Idaho
Yes		Email	NY
Yes		Email	CA
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		Email	CO
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			Florida
			46 to 55
			PA
		Email	56 to 65
			NH
			56 to 65
			Texas

38. What would you like to see happen at meetings?

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1. Status update on Malawi here and now 2. PC status in country 3. General update on FOM activities
4. Guest speaker (s) 5. Small group discussions etc...

1. Update on Malawi 2. Interesting, different speakers 3. Engagement in a project-- not much emphasis on organizational tasks (reports, elections, etc-- we have enough of that!)

A general business meeting to feel a part of and learn more about the workings of FOM. Break out sessions regarding issues and potential projects in areas of interest as listed in Question #22.
Malawians or state department speakers discussing Malawian issues.

According to the By Laws--- unless they have been redone--- board meetings are to be held at least quarterly and are to be open to members. A larger membership would be for what purpose??

Annual report on achievements, speakers who recently traveled to Malawi, entertainment by singers or comedians, a lunch time event, PeaceCorps Director speakers, or designate, etc. Make it fun!

Brainstorm on ideas on how to help Malawi.

Bring us up to date as to needs and problems

Depends on the group

Discuss issues in Malawi and what avenues FOM may have in helping these causes

Discuss project success or failure and future direction of the organization, and where and how it can be the most beneficial to Malawi with the given resources of the organization.

Fundraising. Then project details and outcomes.

Have them quartely rotating regions of the country based on FOM distribution. Rotate the cities each time for each region. Then if I just want to attend my region, then that is fine. Have a standard format but rotate subjects. Include a meal. ex:One day Sat: 10am arrive/welcome 10:30 Malawi/ Africa current events Update (ex: from US embassy) 12:00 Lunch w/ small project discussion as keynote w/ fundraiser. 2:00 - Small group discussions. 3:30 - Good bye.

I am in Australia and don't know if there are any members here.

I believe there should be a good mix of business, social, and educational. Updates on what FOM is doing -- how money is being spent, presentations (maybe from recent returnees) who can talk about what projects FOM has funded. Also, presentations more about MALawi and development. Lsatly, there has to be a fair amount of social time, as that is what will attract people the most. People want to come to connect with old friends. Also -- have Malawi/Malawi-related/Peace Corps-related stuff for sale.

I would consider attending local FOM meeting if social event, casual, including my children, organized by someone else; agenda: perhaps helping with single-event project like sorting and packing books for donation; or agenda: getting together with RPCVs and Malawians-living-in-US for a picnic in the park with recorded East african music and just a chance to socialize; I don't believe there is any need for general membership meetings, unless a local FOM chapter has individuals spearheading a project; In 37 I checked that general membership meetings should not be held exactly because I don't have any great ideas about what should happen at them.

Info sharing. Feedback on FOM activities of past year; endorsement of general plan of activities for coming year (or period to next meeting). Three to four hours would be maximum time for meeting.

Inspiring reports on projects and talks by RPCV stars

I've never been to one so not sure what's currently happening. Too far away for me to get to. But I think if the important stuff is on the e-mail/newsletter, that's fine.

I've never been to one, so I really wouldn't know what to compare it with

38. What would you like to see happen at meetings?

Learn about successes, challenges and needs of FOM programs

My thoughts on meetings may change if the role of FOM changes. Currently it seems that FOM is mainly working with small project grants, which is great. But I don't think this focus requires membership meetings. Any discussion/input can take place over e-mail or phone. If the focus were to switch to networking, then meetings might be more valuable.

Networking sessions, country update on politics, economics and health

No opinion, as I have never been to one.

not much

not really certain as i am not fully versed in what you have as goals and objectives.

not sure

Overview of activities, success/failures, whys, futue plans, good news stories-- more ways to help present results

Progress reports via breakout sessions of projects in progress and discussions of new projects; promotion of Malawian cultural artworks and appropriate exports

Reports on what is happening in Malawi, perspective projects, travel possibilities.

Review of grants activities Budget review Get input for strategic vision for the next year

See I.

Share recent experiences in Malawi. Share ideas on fund raising. Coordinate working together on fund raising. Just talk about Malawi & our PC experience.

Social activity (e.g. potluck) just to keep Malawi and FOM in people's rains. Inevitably, people will talk about Malawi and FOM, which will in turn icrease individual FOM activity. I probably would not attend a 'meeting' meeting (i.e. one with an organized agenda).

Stick to the stated purposes of FOM

Team Building.

Things that can't be accomplished with regular email/ conference calls

Update on PC in Malawi now. Content- rich update on Malawi now. Social hour, and ethnic meal, not necessarily African.

Updates and referendums

Updates on projects and state or country and informed gatherings

40. Please choose the directory format that would be most useful to you. Choose only one.	28. What form of communication is most reliable for you?	42. What is your age range?
ONLINE (accessible only to FOM members)	Email	66 or higher.
Printed	Email	26 to 35
Printed	Email	36 to 45
Printed	Email	36 to 45
Printed	Email	56 to 65
Printed	Email	56 to 65
	Email	56 to 65
	Email	66 or higher.
	Email	66 or higher.
ONLINE (accessible only to FOM members)	Mail	36 to 45
ONLINE (accessible only to FOM members)	Mail	36 to 45
ONLINE (accessible only to FOM members)	Mail	46 to 55
ONLINE (accessible only to FOM members)	Mail	46 to 55
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44. What else would you like us to know?

2005 survey results not received until April 2006!

Become more donor-driven. The money is out there and people are as philanthropic as ever before. Become a little more focused on what activities you will fund. And DON'T recommend people give money to other orgs like WFP.

Blogging is another good way to communicate between members.

Develop a Working Website Group to really bring the site to completion with expanded information and services. It is Our Virtual Community. I have worked on FOM membership issues in the past. The power of the web would have made my life much easier.

Electronic communication is best in these times.

generally what your goals and objectives are?

I am glad to see FOM get going again. Where do I send my dues?

I am interested in providing whatever assistance I can possibly give. I would like to receive contact details for other Australians who might be members of FOM or an Australian equivalent of your organisation. If none of the above exists maybe I can be involed in starting a new Australia arm of FOM.

I am so grateful to you for development of electronic mail. Thanks to all of you who have helped it to happen.

I am wondering if I really just received this survey via mail or should I have received it months ago?

I appreciated the questionnaire.

I have been working in Malawi as a consultant in special education/disability issues. I see an ENORMOUS need to channel funds to local and individual levels, but difficulty getting money there safely and monitoring projects are huge

I hope to continue your good work. Thanks!

I said to disaffiliate with NPCA because I assume FOM would financially come out ahead that way. Hard to tell the way the explanatory paragraph is written. I think FOM owes no loyalty to the NPCA organization at this point, and should belong only if affiliation brings in more money for FOM projects than the cost of affiliation.

I send several hundred pounds of books to Malawi every year, mostly to schools which have made requests, but mostly to MCV.

I think FOM should look into commissioning Evan Church (<http://www.evanchurch.com>) to do some Malawi Prints for fundraising. He is spiritually half American half Malawian. Evan grew up in Chilindi township in Lilongwe as the son of Methodist Missionaries from US. I met his family while serving as a volunteer in 1994. Evan has been doing development work all his life including in Rwanda during the war and Ethiopia. He is currently, I believe in Sudan. Art Galleries are catching on to his work - I went to a show in Chicago. His paintings are priced for big \$\$\$. Though, he is very sustinence living kind of person. He has a great story. He wants to become a great painter of Africa known to use his art to draw issues. He is on his way. Some of his paintings are already of Malawi. If you look at the model he set up w/ the Addis

I think in the past FOM has missed some opportunities where advocacy could have made a real difference. We have a large, politically aware membership that would be invaluable in spreading information about development issues in Malawi that frequently pass under the radar.

I think photography is a great way to generate interest...can a way be found and developed to share pictures of the country and its people and their lives, activities?

I value the work FOM does and wish I had time and energy to participate in every way.

I was in Malawi XI

I would like to see an annual report either in a special edition of the newsletter or as a separate mailing that gives us: details of membership; income and expenses; summary of grants for year and activities of FOM, etc.

I would like to see articles about how the board and FOM staff coordinates their work with each other (email?).

I'd like to receive a simplified budget and statement of assets and liabilities.

Increased economic development (no matter how seemingly insignificant) feeds people and eventually leads to thinking beyond the self and to/for a larger community participation.

Lots of potential here...look at MCV....

Make your next survey easier to fill out. This was too lengthy and needed to much introduction and explanation.

My volunteer efforts are mostly environmental-- I do not have time to give to FOM but would happily contribute to funds to be used for small economic projects. We already financially support MCV each year.

My wife and I are intermittent members, by omission rather than deliberate change of mind. Keep existing members more involved and get our money each year.

nothing special!

44. What else would you like us to know?

Please keep the effort on distributing funds out to approved Grants as soon as possible. FOM should not have any substantial money in a bank account with the needs of Malawians are so severe. No FOM funds should be spent on travel, meals, accommodations, etc. of members to go to meetings or to Malawi.

Thank you for all your hard work and determination/dedication.

Thank you for preparing this survey. I would love to see FOM develop into a progressive leader/advocate for Malawi's development.

Thank You for time and efforts.

Thank you!

This is a great start. Keep it up.

This is a very good questionnaire. Thanks. This post Katrina thing makes me feel a lot like I am back in a developing country. Certainly skills I learned in PC are very useful now.

This survey is to long, too complex and detailed. Perhaps it should be in two parts--for those who have a general interest, and for those who have a deep and passionate interest.

We are over 70 and not interested in active participation.

We do not mind being contacts for new or for prospective volunteers. I think we have volunteered to be it for this area.

We commend FOM for maintaining the site, newsletter, and just about everything you do. It's wonderful. Thank you for still 'connecting' us and for anyone who is interested in staying connected.

We really want to help Malawi projects and appreciate work of the group.

We would like help with the language. Is there a reasonably-priced language training program for non-PC? We plan on going back, but had language problems before.

When I was teaching in Conneticut, I was involved for several years in contributing to the Children's Village Development (my students decided to raise money, and we sent a ton of books). ONLY a few times was I contacted by FOM and sent thank yous.

You produce a very fine newsletter, but it doesn't come out frequently enough. I'm interested in Malawi adn the PC in Malawi, with regard to the latter, I have no idea what USPC is doing there currently.
