



■ Country Strategy Malawi

The main goal of KNH in Malawi is the introduction and implementation of the Child Right's Approach (CRA) in all supported programmes and project activities. Intensive trainings, workshops and partner-meetings promote the exchange of experiences among the partners. The sharing of experiences, coupled with KNH's technical input, will enhance the development of a common understanding of the CRA amongst the partners, which will ultimately ensure the successful integration of the CRA into running activities.

Due to the HIV and AIDS epidemic the number of OVC, including the AIDS-orphans, in Malawi is very high. The orphans and other vulnerable children, including disabled children, street-children and those that are engaged in child labour, are marginalised. Consequently, the whole task area "Children at Risk" (CaR) builds a focus in prospective project activities. In the future, at least three new projects are to be promoted in this field.

The health status of many children in Malawi is notably poor. Infant and maternal mortality rates remain high and medical supply and care is insufficient. This is the reason why KNH is emphasising the promotion of educational, consultation and training programs in the existing and future projects.

In order to contribute to food security in the long term and to protect the natural resources Kindernothilfe is planning to expand the current project components in this area. It is envisaged that this area of work will be improved through training and exchanging information and experience.

The Self Help Group Approach which has already been successfully implemented in other African countries has been introduced to 12 organisations that expressed interest in the implementation of the approach in Malawi. Relevant trainings will be organised accordingly. For more information about the SHG Approach, kindly refer to the following website: www.self-help-approach.com

Apart from expanding community-based activities KNH aims to continue collaborating with existing and probably one to three additional partners. KNH will work with the partners to ensure improved impact of the programmes through effective planning and project implementation. The on-site coordination is organised by a local consultant, who is in frequent contact with the local partners and KNH and thus also functions as a link between the partners and KNH.