

## Lake Malawi Projects (LMP)

### **£3812.18**

To establish on-going training in a range of vocational skills in the Likoma District of Malawi in order to: boost employment; meet demand for and reduce the price of goods, services and training; stimulate the local economy and build local capacity to enable communities to drive their own development in future.

Sponsored by TWOAT, LMP submitted a bid to TFN for £7519 to fund a programme over two years. Having been awarded a grant of £3812.18 in March 2006,

In light of the amount awarded and in response to the high level of local demand, LMP elected to prioritise the boatbuilding element of the programme, comprising of investment in training, tools and equipment. Prioritisation of this area has (a) enabled us to improve skills and increase employment opportunities and incomes and (b), as the boats built and sold are used for fishing and to transport necessary foodstuffs and other basic goods to the District, has also furthered LMP's holistic approach in terms of improving food security and bringing in maize to be ground at our maize mills, materials needed for the vocational programme and goods required by the restaurant, bakery and chicken farms, thus providing a significant stimulus to the whole local economy.

During the first 8 months of the project, the TFN grant has enabled LMP to make excellent progress in relation to the aim stated in the original proposal and, in doing so, has made an important contribution to improving the living conditions of around 12 extended families (at least 100 people) in the medium term. In the longer term, it has enabled them to introduce skills and establish the platform for introducing more which will better equip the District to meet its own needs and raise living standards sustainably in the coming years.