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KHULUNGIRA

HARVESTING HOPE IN AN AFRICAN VILLAGE

The Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre invites schools to an exciting exhibition on the power and promise of science for Africa's smallholder farmers.

At a time when the number of chronically hungry people in the world has increased to 1 billion this exhibition looks at the vital role of science in improving agricultural yields for hundreds of millions of poor farmers in the developing world.

Khulungira, a rural village in Malawi, provides the setting for us to understand the challenges faced by millions of poor families in Africa, who depend on what they grow to feed themselves and provide for their families.

People in this village grow their own food, find their own water and fuel and build their own houses. It is 27 km to the nearest tarred road. No one owns a car or motor vehicle. There are no doctors or clinics

in the village and no electricity. For 3 months of the year there is a "Hunger Season" between harvests. Almost half the children have stunted growth from chronic malnutrition. The people of Khulungira work day and night to provide for their families. Sometimes they fall short. But there's a new spirit of hope now.

Science is playing a key role in enabling farmers to provide enough food for their families. International donors, including the Irish Government, are supporting these developments.

Come and visit Khulungira and find out how villagers, with the help of science, are developing their farms and providing for a better future.

The Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre is hosting this new multimedia exhibition in partnership with CGIAR, an international agricultural scientific research network which is supported by Irish Aid.

Second-level Schools Programme

A specially designed education programme to accompany the exhibition offers an opportunity for second-level students to develop their understanding of global development issues, especially the critical role of food security. Aid donors, including Ireland, are supporting governments in using science to bring about food security for millions of the world's poor.

Schools visits last for 90 minutes and include a workshop and a guided tour of the exhibition. Classes of up to 30 students can be accommodated at a time.

Visits are free of charge but booking is essential

Visits are particularly relevant for: Transition Year, Senior Science, Home Economics, Religious Studies, Senior Geography CSPE (3rd Year)

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