

## **Scientific Equipment and IT Supplies for Malawi**

The Lord Provost's Malawi Project has given IT support to the College of Health Sciences in Lilongwe for a number of years. In recent times the work has expanded and now includes the campuses at Blantyre and Zomba.

As a result of an appeal to Scottish local authorities, a significant number of pieces of noise monitoring equipment were donated and were shipped to the College following thorough testing by a noise expert employed by a major supplier in that field.

An Environmental Health Officer from Glasgow City Council visited Malawi in 2014 and provided initial training sessions to staff of Lilongwe City Council.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) made a large donation of scientific equipment following the closure of their laboratory in East Kilbride. The entire donation was sent to Lilongwe in two shipments in May and October, 2015. It comprised 13 laboratory cupboards filled with scientific kit, including balances, analysers and glassware. In addition there were microscopes, a cooled incubator, an autoclave and spare baskets, refrigerators, freezers, vacuum filtration systems and laboratory coats. In November, 2016, two muffle furnaces and a hot box oven were sent.

SEPA has continued to donate significant numbers of desk top computers, monitors, keyboards, cables and mice. All of this kit will be refurbished as necessary before being sent to Malawi.

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