



OFFICIAL OPENING

The Official Opening of the Ndi Moyo Palliative Care Centre (NMPCC) took place on June 27th and was a great success. The Centre was opened by Malawi's Health Minister, Marjorie Ngaunie, MP. Guests included the Salima District Commissioner, the Chief Executive of the Town Assembly, other local dignitaries and business people and, of course, the patients. As volunteer Elena Ferran describes, "It was wonderful - really good fun and a great opportunity for PR. As well as the speeches there was dancing and some plays about palliative care, including a comedy by the Ndi Moyo team. One of the most moving parts was that two patients had been invited to give testimonies but ALL of them wanted to get up and thank Lucy and the others for their work - we had to stop after 4!" More photographs of the opening will soon be available at www.ndimoyo.org.



VINCRISTINE SHORTAGE

At the end of May, Lucy wrote: "We are in crisis over Vincristine. The Government hospitals have run out of stocks and do not know when it will be available. I had ordered from the IDA Foundation 100 doses in anticipation of this but only got half of my order and it has been used up and I do not know where to get it as there is none in Lilongwe... 95 % of our patients have Karposis's Sarcoma and most of them need this Chemotherapy for Palliation. I am desperate to make sure that those who have started their courses continue otherwise their disease regresses... I am dreading tomorrow because I know people will be turned away and there is nothing I can do to help them." Thanks to FONM and the Nchima Trust 625 doses of Vincristine were purchased and flown to NMPCC.

AMBULANCE

NMPCC now has its own ambulance! This was kindly donated by The Rose Project in Eire. It is already making a huge difference to what the Palliative Care Team are able to do on a day-to-day basis for their patients. And, thanks to regular and consistent FONM support, there are sufficient funds to cover its fuel costs.



FUNDRAISING PRIORITY

Our next fundraising priority is the construction of a function hall for training purposes, presentations and as a place for patients to use as a recreation room. The hall has been designed by Jan Sonke, will comfortably hold 25 people and will cost in the region of £ 5,000.

THANK YOU!

- to Dave Gardner who has produced such a great website (www.ndimoyo.org)
- to Elena Ferran, Sarah Bradshaw and Mark O'Reilly who have all spent time volunteering with NMPCC
- as ever to the Draperstown community for your generosity and support

For more information go to www.ndimoyo.org and, to find out all the different ways you can help, please email enquiries@ndimoyo.org