

# mary's meals

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Mary's Meals has been awarded £200,000 by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

This is the latest in a series of charity awards made by players of the charity lottery, which is in its tenth anniversary year and has already given £91 million to charitable causes across Great Britain and internationally.

The funds awarded to Mary's Meals will enable the charity, which feeds over one million of the world's poorest children, across 12 countries in the developing world, to expand.

By providing a nutritious daily meal in school, Mary's Meals attracts chronically hungry children into the classroom where they receive an education that can be their route out of poverty.

Mary's Meals works in countries including Malawi, Liberia, Kenya, Zambia, Haiti, India, South Sudan, Ecuador, Burma, Benin, Thailand and Uganda.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, CEO and Founder of Mary's Meals, said: "We are hugely grateful to be receiving support from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

"Mary's Meals reached the milestone of feeding over one million children across 12 countries in Spring this year, however, with 59 million children in the world still out of school and hungry, I believe this work has just begun.

"Our new relationship with players of People's Postcode Lottery is one more step towards helping these poverty-stricken countries across the world."

Zambia is just one such country where Mary's Meals is making a big difference. Fifteen-year-old Daniel, is visually impaired and attends the Magwero School for the Blind in the Chipata district of Zambia. He loves having Mary's Meals at school.

He said: "I was much thinner and weaker before I got Mary's Meals at school. I used to go hungry but now I eat every day and I really appreciate the porridge."

The charity has also been described as a godsend by David Chaw a headteacher at Chambawa Primary School also in Chipata. The primary school serves children from two villages and 49 farms.

He said "If Mary's Meals was not here many children would not eat as there is no food at home and children struggle with hunger. Since Mary's Meals came to the school, 315 children have enrolled and more are progressing from grade 7 to grade 8 because they are stronger. School completion rates are normally low so this is good news."

Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery added: "We are delighted that players of People's Postcode Lottery are able to help fund Mary's Meals with a £200,000 cheque. Mary's Meals does such fantastic work in the countries that it operates and we can't wait to see the impact of the funding on the charity."

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### Notes to Editors

#### About Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals began in Malawi in 2002 when its founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow met a young woman called Emma who was dying from AIDS. She was sitting on the mud floor of her hut surrounded by her children. When Magnus asked her 14-year-old son what his dreams were in life, his stark reply was: "To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day". This was a key part of the inspiration that led to the Mary's Meals campaign.

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## About People's Postcode Lottery

- People's Postcode Lottery is a charity lottery. Players play with their postcodes to win cash prizes while raising money for charities and good causes across Great Britain and globally
- People's Postcode Lottery is an External Lottery Manager and manages multiple society lotteries promoted by different causes supporting a range of charities. For details on which society lottery is running each week, visit [www.postcodelottery.co.uk/society](http://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/society)
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- People's Postcode Lottery players support the following Trusts – Postcode African Trust, Postcode Animal Trust, Postcode Care Trust, Postcode Children Trust, Postcode Community Trust, Postcode Culture Trust, Postcode Dream Trust, Postcode Earth Trust, Postcode Global Trust, Postcode Green Trust, Postcode Heroes Trust, Postcode Local Trust, Postcode Planet Trust, Postcode Support Trust, People's Postcode Trust and Postcode Sport Trust. These Trusts are funded entirely by players and support a variety of good causes. For further information on each charity, visit: [www.postcodelottery.co.uk/charities](http://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/charities)
- 55p from every £2 ticket goes to good causes and players have raised £91Million for good causes across the country
- There are five draws a month with prizes every day and each ticket costs £2 – paid monthly in advance by direct debit. For further prize information, visit: [www.postcodelottery.co.uk/prizes](http://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/prizes)
- Maximum amount a single ticket can win is 10% of the draw revenue to a maximum of £400,000
- Players can sign up by Direct Debit, credit card or PayPal online at [www.postcodelottery.co.uk](http://www.postcodelottery.co.uk), or by calling 0808 10-9-8-7-6-5.

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