Information Guide: Answering Your Questions About Our New Chapter

We know this is big and wonderful news, and we're sure you might have a few questions. We've put together these answers to help, but please know we are always here to chat with you personally about this exciting step.

What is happening?

African Vision Malawi (AVM) is thrilled to be joining forces with the **gold Youth Development Agency (gold-youth)**. This isn't an ending for AVM—it's an exciting new beginning! We're thinking of it as the next step in our journey, allowing the work you've so lovingly supported to grow and flourish for many, many years to come.

Why is this happening now?

For 20 years, we've poured our hearts into our work in Malawi. To protect that legacy and help it grow, we're teaming up with an organisation that shares our values. By joining gold-youth, we gain access to their fantastic network and resources from working in 9 other African countries. It means we can bring even more opportunities to Malawi and make our projects stronger and more secure for the future.

Is this a merger or a takeover?

Neither. This is a friendly and collaborative **transition**. We're thinking of it as our work and legacy being welcomed into the "trusted hands" of a brilliant, like-minded organisation. We chose gold-youth because, like us, their main focus is empowering young people to build better futures.

What happens to my donation? Will it still go to Malawi? Yes, absolutely! Your wonderful support is just as vital as ever and will **continue to go to the same communities in Malawi** you care about. The only change is that your donation will now be managed with the added strength and support of the gold-youth team, but it will be used for the same important work.

Will projects like Sam's Village continue? Yes. Our key projects, including Sam's Village, will continue as part of the gold-youth family. The amazing people we support, and our local team will remain at the very centre of everything we do. This move is all about strengthening these projects, not stopping them. In fact, at this very moment further vocational training is being scheduled.

Will you lose that "AVM feel" and your local knowledge? This is so important to us, and we're thrilled to say we have a great plan. To make sure we keep the deep local understanding and relationships we've all built together, gold-youth have kept all our staff except two, so the heart and knowledge of our community is still ongoing. Not only that **one of our very own AVM Trustees has been appointed as gold-youth Malawi's National Manager!** We are so happy about this, as it ensures the AVM heart and spirit will continue to guide the work on the ground.

Will I still hear from you with updates?

Of course! You will still receive regular updates and stories about the amazing activities happening in Malawi. We'll be working with the gold-youth team to send these, so they might look a little different, but they will be filled with the same good news you're used to.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

For any questions at all, you can still get in touch with the team you know. We are all here to help and chat through this with you personally. You can reach us at: ***info@africanvision.org.uk***