



## CAMA Speeches

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Your Royal Highnesses, I'm Luwiza Phiri from Mchinji district. As you know, the members of the CAMFED Association are all young women who were supported to go to school by the Campaign for Female Education.

Every CAMA member in this room is here because of development partners like the UK believing in the power of girls' education, and getting behind us.

Here in Malawi, we are the youngest network, formed in 2013 with 217 members.

Now there are 17,530 of us in Malawi and in April this year we launched the CAMA Fund, with support from The Queen's Commonwealth Trust, which helps us to scale up and coordinate our philanthropy, so we can reach even more of the most vulnerable children in our communities with vital support to go to school.

Since 2017, across the 4 countries where QCT funding is active - Ghana, Tanzania, Zambia and Malawi - we have already reached 30,691 children. And here in Malawi, we reached 3,109 of those in just 3 months!

As Angie mentioned, this is because we are a well-organised network, with elected leaders, our own constitution and strong governance. And we are growing exponentially, as more girls graduate and join us. All of us share the same commitment: to make sure that no child is left behind.

