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The [Meeting Point Malawi](#) is an initiative of the [Kolping family Riesenbeck](#) – based in the Northwest of Germany. Founded upon the aims of the Kolping society, we want to improve the livelihood of the people in Malawi, promote the foundation of new Kolping families and at the same time, we want to inform about the general life situation in Africa here in Germany.

What is the Kolping Society?



The [Kolping Society](#) is a Catholic social association with its headquarters in Cologne, Germany. It is based on structures similar to a family and counts approximately 450,000 members worldwide in more than 5,000 so-called Kolping families. The foundation and naming refers to the priest Adolph Kolping living in the 19th century.

What is characteristic about the Kolping Society?

The core and the main focus of the work of the Kolping Society are the engagement with and for the family. Besides that, the association gains international importance, too.

The Kolping Society in Malawi:

Through the work of the Meeting Point Malawi, three Kolping families in the North of Malawi (diocese Mzuzu) were founded. Besides, all interested inhabitants of a village or a region can become members of such a community - irrespective of age and gender. Including Malawi, the [International Kolping Society](#) is now represented in 61 countries of our world.

„Co-developing & co-experience“

– That is what the Meeting Point Malawi stands for:

Crucial parts of our work in Malawi are the support of the Kolping families, training programs and the financial help to an existing AIDS/HIV orphan's project in Karonga.

Beside direct financial aid, we forward small scale loans to these communities which enable the members to get access to money. This allows the beneficiaries to invest in their own future. These loans are a basic help to self-help.

Additionally and according to our motto „co-developing & co-experience“, we want to wake up the people in Germany, to inform them and arouse enthusiasm for the country Malawi.

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