

« (...) It is an honour to share this platform with Ambassador Dr Brave R. Ndisale, and I want to pay public tribute to the President of Malawi, Dr. Joyce Banda, one of the outstanding women of this world today. I want to say too how honoured I am to have been named Honorary Consul of Malawi here in Monaco. I am honoured because it connects two places that are both close to my heart : Monaco and Malawi.

I want to share with you something of my own journey and to share with you the joy in my heart that comes from the beautiful people of Africa: a message of confidence in humanity from the continent where I was born (...)

(...) For me, my Humanitarian journey began with a call to come back to Africa from Nelson Mandela to help him with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (...) For many years now my heart and love for Africa have led me to help a number of countries on that continent, and most notably Malawi, where I was confronted by the stark reality of a country with enormous need. Maternal mortality, child mortality malaria HIV, AIDS, tuberculosis, poverty : the needs are enormous. Malawi has been forgotten by the world and so many people live on just one dollar a day. The maternal mortality situation is truly desperate and where motherhood should be a joy it is a death sentence (...)

(...) In 2006, AMOR was founded to help save the lives of mothers and children and to help with education. In April 2009 HSH Prince Albert opened the AMOR-funded maternity clinic in Kasese, Malawi. The need there is so great. Thanks to the maternity project we have set up there, mothers are surviving childbirth, and 7 out of 8 babies who are born to HIV positive mothers will be born free of the virus. From there the work has grown with outreach mobile clinics, the Nandumbo Eye clinic, the Nanthomba Primary school, and the Zomba maternity shelter.

( ...) So thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done and contributed to this work so far, to the CHPG and the Mairie who gave 22 tons of medical equipment like beds, and wheelchairs. But we must keep on going as the mission is far from over. There is still so much to be done and I do believe this partnership between Monaco and Malawi which is so close to my heart will be a great blessing to people in both places (...) »