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My name is Ruth Simbota and I am in the Likhubula committee.

At the first, I was working as an interpreter in 2005. I was an interpreter when the friends are come. We have two girls that have worked with the friends of Scotland and we learned them how to cook the Nsima.

In 2009 I was selected to be vice chair of the Likhubula steering committee. So after here, I am vice-chair, and I've been invited to fly to Scotland in 2018 for the partnership. And it was fantastic. I've seen the churches, Allan Water. Most beautiful things that I have been seeing in Scotland and even today I have nothing to say with the Scottish people: they were lovely. They were lovely people. I was very encouraged with the Scottish people. You are very kind up to today.

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Likhubula has been benefited a lot. There's water around the school, around the church. There is water taps in Nakhonyo that was difficult for the government to put the taps but the Scottish people tried better to have taps in Nakhonyo village. And we have bursars that have been benefitted a lot. The universities, even fertiliser aid and food aid. A lot of things that the Scottish have been done for us and we appreciate for that.

To the Mvano: last year we have gone to the blind, this year the money have been sent, we contribute to the flour to give the owner, the beneficiaries, the money that you have sent it to us. So this were all the benefits for Scottish people to us.

We all thank you for everything that you have done to us. It is a lot, as I have said already. The future of this partnership, it will be grow better. You have said that the partnership in Scotland have been spread to many people. So here also in Likhubula it has been spread to others that did not have a chance to have fees, they can (now) have because of fewer challenges. So you're going to know that it will be benefit to us. You can feed a lot to the poorly families, even to the children and the bursars. If they will get harder, work hard. They will be very fruitful in the future for their families. They are going to have a good future for their children and the community will depend on them because of your supporting of us.

We have got Aubrey Makawa who is in Polytechnic. His mother and the family was poor. But the fees are high. But you have been able to support her. He is taking automobile and engineering but he is still in the college. And there's Lonjezo Magombo who was in Green Malata and have been finishing the course. By now he is tailoring. There is another one, Christina Kolopo as well. She is a teacher through the bursaries.