



## Team Details:

**Team Name:** Namale Girls FC

**Years as a team:** Two

**Village:** Namale

**Largest Needs:**

- Soccer equipment
- School fees
- School supplies

**Coach's Name:** Doress William

**Age:** u14

**Dreams and Ambitions:**

- To be a changed generation and group of leaders who will bring change to generations to come in their communities
- To become leaders of a corruption free society
- To become professional soccer players both in Malawi and beyond
- To bring prosperity into their village

**Roster:**

- Mary
- Joyce
- Esime
- Grace
- Elicy
- Iyiness
- Tadala C.
- Tadala W.
- Phuziro
- Tracy
- Madalo
- Jenifa
- Memory
- Veronica
- Karen

## Opportunities for athletes through participation on the team

Learn life skills such as:

- Conservational farming to protect soil and improve crop production
- Stove building to support tree conservation
- Tree planting
- Agroforestry and nutritional programs
- Literacy, research, and educational programs in the community library to give youth an integrated after school curriculum to motivate them to develop vision for their lives
- Leadership discipleship

## Typical Day in the life of an Athlete

If still in school, the athlete would go to school at six in the morning, most walking a significant distance to get to their school.

If she is a school dropout, she accompanies her parents to the fields for half the day or is given the responsibility to look over her siblings and do other household chores.

At the age of 13, girls who are not in program (playing soccer and learning life skills) would already be involved in a dangerous relationship.

## Cultural Information

The culture is characterized by hundreds of encouraged pre-marital pregnancies, since pregnancy is proof of fertility. In this culture, marriages are generally for child production.

This has resulted in massive numbers of early teenage child bearing which contributes greatly to the premature school dropout rate.

Naturally, alcohol and drug abuse are a large part of the teenage lifestyle.

These young women are living in communities that are lacking in solid, virtuous role models.

## Team Biography

This team is the most disciplined of all of the girls teams. It was created specifically for the purpose of discipleship. The girls on this team are guided by an older widow who has 6 kids .

The team is adored by many around them.

## Geographical Information

Namale Girls FC is from an area known as the Bwanje Valley.

This team is slightly further north than some of the other teams, just outside of the Kasinje Township. The road going to the village is very accessible.