## Malawi October 21-27, 2012







Population: 16.3 million

Size: 118, 484 square kms

Borders: Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia

Official Languages: English, Chichewa

GDP per capita: \$900

Life Expectancy: 52 years



### Justice System in Malawi

- Courts:
  - Supreme Court of Appeals
  - High Courts
  - Magistrate Judges
- Legal Representation:
  - Department of Public Prosecutions
  - Legal Aid
  - Private Attorneys
- Prisons: 23

#### Legal and Logistical Challenges

- Lack of legal training
  - Prosecutors
  - Defense counsel
  - Judges
- Lack of legal assistance for prisoners
- Backlog of cases leads to long remand periods
- Judiciary support staff strikes
- Missing or incomplete prisoner files
- Severe overcrowding
- Fuel shortage



#### NU Law Clinic Work

- Assistance to Legal Aid on homicide trials
- Mental Health Workshop
  - Malawi's Draft Mental Health Bill
  - Convention on the Rights of the Disabled
  - International Best Practices in Legislation
  - Documenting Prisoners
  - Mental Health Assessments
- Workshop on State and Shadow Reporting before UN Treaty bodies for the Malawi Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Justice and NGOs

#### NU Law Clinic Work (cont.)

- Presentation to village mediators on international human rights law
- Juvenile Bail Applications
- Appeals on behalf of death row clients post-Kafantayeni (juvenile appeal, Phambala appeal, Kuchande appeal)
- Mitigation Investigations for appeal
- Camp Court
- Re-sentencing hearings for Kafantayeni prisoners

Camp Court: Kasungu Prison



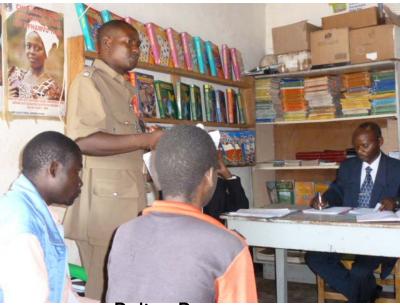
The Legal Team

## Camp Court



Magistrate





Police Prosecutor



Defense Counsel

# Camp Court: The Result



## Camp Court: The Result (cont.)



# Meeting with Justice Twea



# Goodbye, Malawi

