

mary's meals

Press release

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Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, the founder and CEO of the global child hunger charity, Mary's Meals, has been named as one of TIME Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world for 2015.

The former salmon farmer from Argyll in Scotland has been recognised for his charity's work in setting up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities.

The annual list includes many of the world's most inspiring individuals, with 2014's edition honouring such influencers as President Barack Obama, Pope Francis and Malala Yousafzai.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow said: "It's wonderful to be able to accept this honour on behalf of the thousands of people all around the world, who together are working to realise the Mary's Meals vision – that every child should be able to receive at least one meal every day in their place of education.

"Today Mary's Meals is feeding 989,791 children every school day across 12 countries but, with 57 million children around the world out of school and hundreds of millions suffering as a result of chronic hunger, our work is only just beginning. I'd like to invite others to join the Mary's Meals movement, so that no child today will be without food and no child should miss school because of poverty."

The TIME 100, now in its twelfth year, recognises the activism, innovation and achievement of the world's most influential individuals.

TIME's Managing Editor Nancy Gibbs says: "The TIME 100 is a list of the world's most influential men and women, not its most powerful, though those are not mutually exclusive terms. While power is certain, influence is subtle. As much as this exercise chronicles the achievements of the past year, we also focus on figures whose influence is likely to grow, so we can look around the corner to see what is coming."

Mary's Meals sets up and runs school feeding programmes in communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. By providing one daily meal in a place of learning, children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain an education – which can be their ladder out of poverty in the future.

As Mary's Meals moves closer to the milestone of feeding one million children every school day, a book written by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow is set to be released by HarperCollins. *The Shed That Fed A Million Children*, which tells the remarkable story of the charity, will be published on May 21st (or May 26th in the USA and Canada).

The full TIME 100 list and related tributes will appear in the April 27th issue of TIME, available on newsstands and tablets from Friday, April 17th, and now at www.time.com/time100. Follow @TIME for updates about the list on Twitter, visit www.facebook.com/TIME, or use the hashtag #TIME100.

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Notes to editors:

- Images and interviews are available on request.
- Mary's Meals began in Malawi in 2002 when its founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow met a young woman called Emma who was dying from AIDS. She was sitting on the mud floor of her hut surrounded by her children. When Magnus asked her 14-year-old son what his dreams were in life, his stark reply was: "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day". This was a key part of the inspiration that led to the founding of Mary's Meals.

- Mary's Meals began feeding 200 children in one Malawian primary school in 2002. Today, the organisation reaches 989,791 children with a daily meal in school in 12 countries, across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Find out more about Mary's Meals at: www.marysmeals.org
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