

Photo Blog: At work in Blantyre's Ndirande Slum

Can slums really improve people's lives for the better? A new web documentary series produced by Dutch journalist Ralf Bodelier has found that rural dwellers in countries like Malawi often view slums as a way to emerge from extreme poverty. In [a separate blog post](#), Bodelier recounts the dynamism and opportunity in the Ndirande slum in Blantyre, Malawi. This accompanying photo blog gives a snapshot of life inside Ndirande.



A bird's eye view of Blantyre's biggest slum, Ndirande Credit: Ralf Bodelier (ralfbodelier.com)



Christina Charles sits in her grocery store in Ndirande Credit: Ralf Bodelier (ralfbodelier.com)



Coffin makers take a break from work in Ndirande Credit: Ralf Bodelier (ralfbodelier.com)



Literary classes are available in Ndirande Credit: Ralf Bodelier (ralfbodelier.com)

Ralf Bodelier is journalist, writer and philosopher who lives in the Netherlands and Malawi. Watch the 12-part **web documentary series: Slums. Engines Behind the Development Goals** which was



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