

PSYCHO-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES KEEP LEARNERS IN SCHOOL

Petros Tchayasimbi is a volunteer teacher at Nyankhwale full primary school in Mpatsa education zone, Nsanje district.

“I am 24 years old and I come from Chapananga in Chikwawa district. I was trained at DAPP Amalika Teacher Training College (TTC) as a teacher and I completed my studies in 2018.”

Under the partnership that exists between DAPP Malawi and the government of Malawi through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology’s Education Cluster, I and my fellow graduated teachers from DAPP were tasked to come and voluntarily support our fellow teachers and learners in primary schools and communities that are recovering from the devastating effects of the floods that affected parts of Malawi in 2019.



I joined Nyankhwale primary school on 10 June 2019. We use sporting activities, music and dance as some to fasttracking the recovery process for learners that were psychological traumatised during the floods.

The idea of the Education in Emergency program by the Education Cluster in the Ministry of Education is to offer psycho-socio support to children and community members that were affected during the floods.

According to the enrolment records, Nyankhwale school has 772 learners and 10 teachers.

Following the devastating floods, some of the challenges that the learners whose families were affected had been missing school, reporting late to school.

DOWA TAILORING SCHOOL DONATES CLOTHES TO ORPHANAGES



DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College (TTC) through the Tailoring course for adolescent girls and young women being trained at the institution donated clothes to two orphanages of Hope Grace Alliance and When the Saints.

The clothes had been produced by the tailoring students during their trainings as one of their training requirements.

From the 11 to 12 July, Dowa TTC handed over the donation to the centres that keep children from ages of six months to 25 years old. They were grateful for the donation and said they will work hard in their education so that they can also go to college and learn various skills.

Through the four TTC’s Amalika, Chilangoma, Dowa and Mzimba, DAPP Malawi is training vulnerable adolescent girls and young women in tailoring skills and entrepreneurship with funding from Sympany Netherlands .

The target is to train 720 adolescent girls and young women in skills by 2020



FARMERS' ORGANISATIONS REALISING PROFITS



DAPP Malawi in Partnership with GIZ under the KULIMA MIERA project is working with 10 Farmers Organisations (FO) in Salima and Dedza districts.

The project targets to train the farmers organised in their organisation/cooperatives in activities that will impart knowledge and skills in order to improve their performance in commercialising their agricultural produce.

The aim of the project is to close the gaps in value chain, link the FOs to agro-dealers, input suppliers, and financial service providers.

A recent visit by DAPP Malawi to one of the FOs in Salima district, Msangu Producers and Marketing Cooperatives, indicates that the farmers are able to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during their trainings. Lydia Wilson is the Vice Chairperson of Msangu Cooperative, Msangu now has a business plan and the organisation is able to record their activities after



undergoing the training.

“We are able to make accurate calculations of the money we raise from selling our produce and track the profits being realised. We used to have business plans but following the skills acquired during the training, now our plans are clear and easy to understand,” said Wilson.

Msangu cooperative members grow crops that range from rice, soya beans, groundnuts, sweet potatoes and maize among others.

The organisation said it prides in being suppliers of food crops to three primary schools of Mafco, Parachute Battalion and Sengabay in the district for their school feeding programs.

Msangu Cooperative is in Traditional Authority Maganga and has a membership of 197 small scale farmers who joined forces and grow agricultural produces, buy crops for reselling and value addition activities to maximise their products.

The cooperatives comprise of 9 clusters with 197 farmers’ belonging to several clubs.

BUY FROM DAPP! SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT



DAPP Malawi’s Fundraising project; Second Hand Clothes and Shoe Sales, has opened a new shop in Limbe, Blantyre.

The shop sells second hand clothes and shoes at a retail price and is located opposite Blockbuster Megastore along the M3 road.

The project is a fundraising component that supports the projects DAPP is implementing in the areas of Agriculture, Education, Health and Community Development.

Proceeds from the sell of second hand clothes and shoes support development programs in Malawi.