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WORKING TOWARDS YOUTH INDEPENDENCE

Mphatso Thanki grew up in Blantyre district where she also did her secondary education. In search of further education opportunities, she found herself at DAPP's Mikolongwe Vocational School (MVS) in Chiradzulu district where she studied Electrical Installation & Renewable energy course and graduated from the institution in 2016.

After graduation, Mphatso job hunted for six months before being employed by Sharma Electrical Company which is one of the biggest and leading electrical installation entities in Malawi. The company is mostly sub contracted by building companies with massive projects to do the electrical installation part.

Since being employed, Mphatso has been deployed to



four different sites including the university of Malawi's the Polytechnic's ICT center and as of September 2019 the magnificent Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) building being built by Terrastone behind Kamuzu Stadium.

"Working in different sites has given me valuable work experience" says Mphatso with a smile.

Mphatso is grateful to MVS and DAPP Malawi for the training which has enabled her to find a job. Her dream is to gain more experience and upgrade her studies for better opportunities.

"Before enrolling in the course at Mikolongwe Vocational school, I never thought I would ever be employed and afford basic needs. But now, I am employed and I can afford to take care of myself. I am proud that I no longer rely on my parents" Mphatso said

GOVERNMENT PONDERES ON MOTIVATING CAREGIVERS - MINISTRY



The Ministry of Gender, Disability, Children and Social Welfare says it is in the process of finding ways on how they can motivate Early Childhood Development (ECD) caregivers.

Speakig in an interview on the sideliies of the awarding of certificates to 24 caregivers that had been trained by DAPP Malawi at DAPP Chilangoma TTC, the Child Development Officer in the Ministry Pauline Simwaka said it is unfortunate that most caregivers drop out due to lack of motivation.

She said it is important that there are adequate caregivers because ECD is a good foundation for education.

"We really train caregivers but they drop out due to lack of incentives so as government we are trying to find ways on how we ca etter motivate them."

Project Leader for the ECD project Gibson Abner said despite efforts DAPP is putting in place to train the caregivers, funding remains a challenge.

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TRAVELLED TO LEARN

On 15th of November 2012, students undergoing a tailoring training at DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College visited Capital Garments Limited in Kanengo, Lilongwe district.

The visit was organised to inspire the tailors under training and learn about fabrics and electrical machinery usage at the company.

“The students learnt how to overlock pieces of fabric using electrical machines through this visit, which is impressive” said Mrs Martha Mustafa, head of the Dowa satellite project.

The aim of the Tailoring training is to equip young women and adolescent girls with technical and entrepreneurial skills for them to become self-reliant and be able to start up small scale businesses or secure employment.

The tailoring course is benefiting at risk young women and adolescent girls around the four DAPP colleges of Chilangoma, Amalika, Mzimba and Dowa. The Satellite tailoring project is expected to train 720 adolescent girls and young women by 2020.

WOMEN FARMERS BECOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



“After joining DAPP in 2015, I got a piglet and when it grew, it gave birth to 5. That’s when I decided to sell one and contracted a local builder to build this place for me to start my fresh fries business. Per month, I make K90,000 of which some of it goes to getting feed for the 3 piglets I have at home”

Telizia Raphael

“I now have 17 piglets thanks to the pass on program under DAPP which I became part of in 2015. I am now able to pay tuition fees for my children. As a single mother of 4, the project has really changed my life and I am now able to support myself”

Esther Kacheta



“*Since the project came to my area in 2012, especially in my village, I have seen these women working and being so active in participating in the activities. I am a witness of how entrepreneurial the project has transformed our mothers. Almost everyone who is a member of this project is venturing into businesses and they are able to support their families including the husbands in turn. Allow me to mention and express my gratitude to DAPP for encouraging our women to become self-reliant and economically independent. A special mention should also go to the Farming Instructors who continue to work tirelessly and support.*

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- Senior Group Villagehead Mkumphira

