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WOMEN FARMERS BECOMING  
ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT

Two years' post-implementation phase, the Dowa Women Farmers can testify on how they are becoming economically independent.

Tiyanjane club is group of 43 female members in Nkuphira village Traditional Authority Nkukula in Dowa. In 2015, the team received 5 pigs (4 sows and 1 boar).

Stella Kacheta received piglet during the first cohort. She reared the pig until it farrowed twice, she sold three piglets and currently has 17 pigs in her kraal.

She says from selling the three pigs she has managed to pay school fees for her child who is in secondary school and she takes care of her four children since she is a divorced single mother of four.



Telezia Raphael also received a piglet which later farrowed and gave her 5 more pigs. "I decided to sell the two pigs and contracted a local builder to mount this mini-shop to start my business. In a month, I am able to make 90,000 Kwacha which I use to buy feeds for the pigs, pay school fees for my child and support my family. I have plans to maintain my house, including cementing the floor, plastering the wall and painting," she explained. Dowa Women Farmers Club project was implemented for 5 years between 2012 and 2017 with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland (MFA) UFF Finland. The project worked with 4250 female farmers in Dowa district.

DAPP SUPPORTS PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO  
PLANT MORE TREES

As one way of engaging primary school learners and communities in the fight against climate change and global warming, DAPP Malawi with funding assistance from Humana Spain embarked on a tree planting exercise in the month of December 2019 primary schools.

The exercise was successfully carried out by a network of DAPP graduated teachers in 28 primary schools across Malawi who engaged learners and community members in the tree planting exercise.

According to Project Coordinator Mr Jimmy Kayange, the exercise is being carried out by the schools and communities on voluntary basis and communities are being encouraged to use locally available resource to complete the tasks.

"As we are in the rainy season, this is an opportunity to plant more trees and DAPP is supporting with packages of 250 tree seedlings, 2 bundles of vetiver grass, 5 hoes, 1 wheelbarrow, 3 water canes, 4 slashers and 4 shovels for each school."

The schools are I turn expected to analyse the areas of possible threats and security for learners to plant the trees and vetiver grass which will protect their environments from heavy winds and during heavy rains in the future. Over 7000 trees have been planted in the schools.

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## 69 GRADUATE IN SHOE MAKING AND TAILORING

On 19 December 2019, DAPP Malawi joined the celebration of the awarding of TEVET certificates to 69 youth who had been trained in Shoe Making and Tailoring trades at DAPP Mzimba Teachers Training College (TTC) under DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School.

34 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) were awarded Tailoring certificates following a 4-month training.

While 35 young women and men were awarded certificates for completing in Cobbler and Shoe Making training.

The awarding of 34 Tailoring certificates marks the completion of the Satellite Tailoring project for Mzimba TTC's. The centre was expected to train 180 AGYW by December 2019 with support from Sympany of Netherlands, and a total of 182 beneficiaries have so far been trained.



Upon completion of their courses, the students receive start up tools in groups of three students that enable them to establish small scale businesses in tailoring and shoe making in their homes.

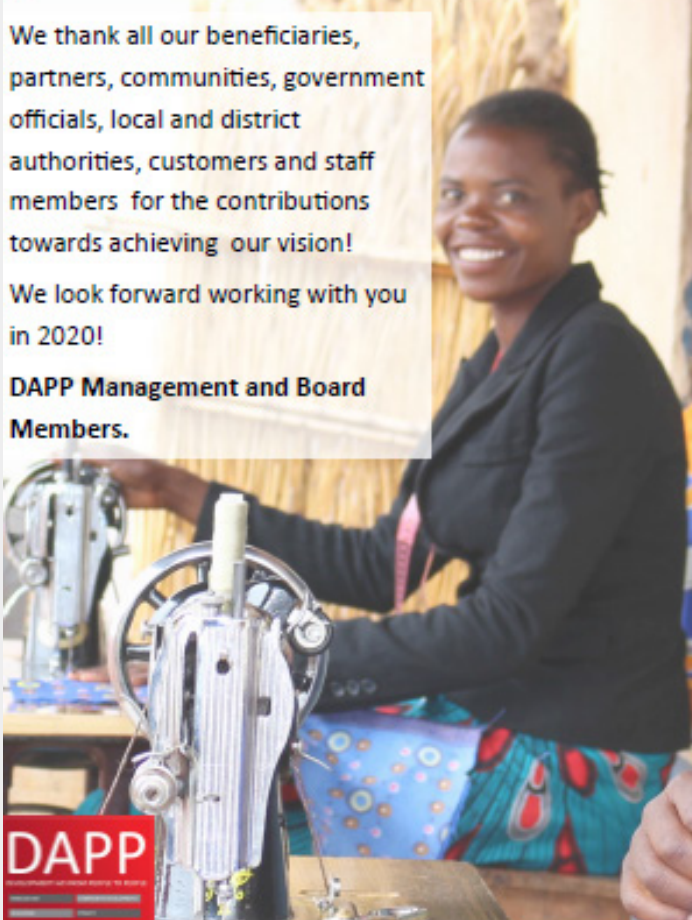
The two programs are under DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School which was established in 1997 to train and equip youth with technical and entrepreneurial skills for them to become self-reliant by securing an employment or being able to start up a small scale business.

## Thank you for 2019!

We thank all our beneficiaries, partners, communities, government officials, local and district authorities, customers and staff members for the contributions towards achieving our vision!

We look forward working with you in 2020!

**DAPP Management and Board Members.**



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