

QUOTE FROM BENEFICIARY (CBFOS PROJECT).



“It was my desire to build a house and improve the living standard of my family, but nothing of that kind came to light as my family was still struggling with extreme poverty.

When DAPP Malawi came into our village with a project called Community Based Financial Organisation Support (CBFOS) with the aim of increasing sustainable financial support for rural areas, I was motivated to join the project in a long run to achieve my dreams.

Today I can confirm that the project has acted as a catapult, which has propelled my dreams as I have managed to build my own house through financial literacy support that the project offers.”

Egile Shokowa, 36, from Rikhurwa Village - T/A. Nkhumba, Phalombe District.

DAPP CHILANGOMA TTC REFURBISHES A PRE-SCHOOL.



DAPP Malawi through its Chilangoma Teacher Training College (TTC) has refurbished Mphatso Pre-School in Traditional Authority Kuntaja in Blantyre District.

The pre-school was extensively damaged by Cyclone Freddy in March 2023.

Following the devastation caused by the Cyclone, the pre-school laid in ruins and left 46 children without proper learning and playground facilities.

DAPP Chilangoma TTC authorities, a team of three DAPP International Volunteers and community members around the school resolved to rebuild and provide a nurturing space for the learners.

The development has been made possible with the support from the international community, DAPP Malawi, community members around the school and the efforts from three DAPP International Volunteers also known as Developmental Instructors; Adriana from Chile, Erika from Mexico & Tanjila from France.

This is part of DAPP Malawi Early Childhood Development Program initiatives aiming at giving children a good foundation in life.

The program supports 145 pre-schools around four DAPP Malawi TTCs namely: Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba.

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VSLs EXCEL BEYOND MONETARY SAVINGS.



Some Village Savings and Loans (VSL) groups in Zomba, Phalombe, Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts are excelling beyond the well-known purpose of just saving and lending money as they have embarked on other developmental activities aiming at ensuring sustainability of their groups and communities.

Lekeleni Gobwa a member of Nantchengwa-2 VSL group under Traditional Authority Kumtumanje in Zomba district highlighted how their VSL has become a catalyst of development in their area.

“Our VSL is doing many things beyond savings and loans. We have embarked on diversified business interventions while also addressing other important issues. So far, we are doing reforestation program where we have established a tree nursery with 12, 000-tree seedlings to be planted during rainy season, we are paying school fees for needy students and we are also promoting WASH activities in our area,” she said.

In Phalombe District, Gwirizano Forest Club VSL under Traditional Authority Nkhumba is benefiting from climate change adaptation related business.

The group has stocked 30 beehives in the village’s natural forest where they are extracting about 70 litres of honey per month. The group sells the honey and the proceeds of the sales are channelled towards their savings account.

DAPP Malawi with financial support from the International Funds for Agricultural Development (IFAD), through Financial Access for Rural Markets, Smallholders and Enterprise (FARMSE) Programme in Malawi is implementing a Community Based Financial Organisation Support (CBFOS) Project with the aim of increasing sustainable financial support for rural areas.

FARMERS URGED TO PRACTICE ORGANIC FARMING.



Farmers in Dowa District under Traditional Authority Msakambewa have been urged to embrace organic farming as a way of practising climate smart agriculture.

Speaking during an assessment field visit to the area, DAPP District Officer for the project Yohane Boniface urged the small-scale farmers under the Enhancing Access and Participation in Climate Change Policy Development and Implementation Project to adopt organic farming in order to conserve the environment and increase agricultural productivity.

“Organic farming helps to restore soil fertility and conserve the environment. Therefore, it is good for farmers to adopt this kind of farming so that they can conserve the environment and improve agricultural productivity,” he said.

One of the farmers from the area, Zione Chawongola said she is expecting to realise bumper yields since she has applied the ideas of the project on her farm.

DAPP Malawi and the Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC) are implementing a 24 months project with funding from Commonwealth Foundation and Dowa District is one of the four districts targeted by the project.

Under the project, 1000 small-sale farmers are being trained in organic farming and waste management with the aim to mitigate the effects of climate change, which is directly affecting agricultural productivity.