

NEW CROP OF TAILORS JOIN THE MARKET

DAPP Malawi with funding assistance from Sympany of Netherlands, extended the operations of DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School in order to reach out to more youth with technical and entrepreneurial skills. Satellite Centres were established in the four DAPP Teachers Training Colleges (TTC) to train vulnerable adolescent girls and young women in Tailoring and entrepreneurship for a period of four months. The project targets to train 720 beneficiaries who are enrolled for free in teams of 30 students at a time. To date, all four colleges have trained 5 teams which



have been awarded certificates by the Malawi TEVET (Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education) Authority.

In the month of June 2019, the four Centres; Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba TTCs awarded certificates of completion to 247 adolescent girls and young women that had completed their courses.

In all the centres, students who received certificates were trained under cohorts 4 and 6.

Upon completion of the training, the tailors receive start up tools to enable them to start up small scale businesses. The start-up materials are provided to a team of three students also known as a trio and they include a tailoring machine, a charcoal iron, pairs of scissors, threads and tape measures among others.

EDUCATION IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES



The devastating Cyclone Idai in Malawi left over 80,000 households displaced, losing property, homes and others lost their lives.

In response to the devastating effects of the floods that followed, the Malawi government, local organisations, individuals and the international community moved in to support and fast track the recovery from the natural disasters in various ways mainly through donating relief items.

DAPP Malawi through its four Teachers Training Colleges of Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba has deployed 25 volunteer teachers in eight of the nine districts namely Mangochi, Balaka, Zomba, Phalombe, Mulanje, Thyolo, Chikwawa and Nsanje.

Through the District Education Managers Officers, the newly graduated teachers were allocated in various schools where they will be working for three months from June 2019.



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Led by the Malawi Red Cross Society, DAPP Malawi and the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) joined hands in the donation of relief items to internally displaced families in Traditional Authorities (T/A) Ndamera and Lundu in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts respectively.

The exercises took place from 18 to 19 June 2019 at Nyachilenda Transitioning Shelters centre in T/A Ndamera, Nsanje and Matelekera Camp in Nchalo, Chikwawa.

DAPP Malawi received a donation of clothes from one of its development partners, Sympany of Netherlands, to be distributed to the people affected by floods in the country.

Sympany donated 30 tonnes of second-hand clothes valued at 13 million Malawi kwacha to DAPP Malawi which is expected to be distributed to the beneficiaries through the Department of Disasters Management in the Ministry of Homeland and Security.

Speaking during the event, the Secretary General for Malawi Red Cross Society McBain Kanongodza extended his gratitude emphasising that the donations will go a



long way in reaching out to the people that were affected and traumatised during the devastating floods.

He added that since the communities are resettling, the packages will enable the families to have starter packs in the running of their day to day household activities.

The District Commissioner for Nsanje district Mr Michael Chimbalanga called on other Civil Society Organisations to emulate the examples set by joining hands to reach out to the people who were left homeless.

Sympany of Netherlands is a development partner that has worked with DAPP Malawi for over five years, supporting programs in vocational training and agriculture.

Targeting to reach over 500 families in the , the donation included clothes, food items, soap, plastic roofing papers, cooking utensils and farming tools.

THE STORY OF IRENE DAVIE



I am Ireen Davie, a 28 year old married woman, a mother of one and a tailor by profession.

I come from Mbalame village in Traditional Authority Mkukula, Dowa district. After four months of training in various tailoring skills and knowledge, I graduated from DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College (TTC) Satellite Centre in 2017 ready to face the world.

I am proud to say that I now own a sewing machine which I brought in December 2018 after saving the profits from the tailoring business as a trio (me and my other colleagues) group.

As a trio, we used to earn between 10,000 to 12,000 Malawian Kwacha per day, and from these I also managed to buy 3 goats and 1 pig.

Before enrolling into this course, I was a farmer. But now I am proud to say I am a DAPP graduated tailor. I thank my instructors for teaching me these skills that I am using now.