

“FIGHTING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE POOR”

Fighting Shoulder to Shoulder with the Poor is one of the learning periods in DAPP Teachers Training Colleges' training curriculum.



This learning period requires student teachers to go out in rural communities around their respective colleges where they identify real life problems that people face and come up with solutions to the issues.

At DAPP Dowa TTC, student teachers carried out renovations on grass thatched houses and gifted three elderly women with groceries. The exercise was carried out in Kakowa village in Traditional Authority Msakambewa.

The students who are currently in their first year, thatched two houses and smeared the floors and walls with mud.



The learning periods that humanly prepares the students to work in rural Malawi schools where they are expected to become change agents through playing leading roles in community development efforts.

SUPPORT TO PRESCHOOLS PROJECT MAKING STRIDES

The Support to Preschools is a project that supports 10 ECD centres, in Traditional Authority Kuntaja, Blantyre district, to reduce absenteeism and dropout of learners as well as increasing the enrolment rate.

During the 2018/2019 academic year, the project recorded an increase in the total number of infant learners enrolled in the centres from 550 to 563.

Through the project, 40 caregivers also received training on improving their capacity to handle infant learners, renovated 7 toilets while 8 new ones were constructed in order to improve hygiene and sanitation. To promote inclusion in the centres, ramp surfaces have been constructed to enable learners with physical disabilities to access school facilities.

The Support to Pre-schools project being implemented by DAPP Malawi targets 10 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres around DAPP Chilangoma Teachers Training College (TTC) in Traditional Authority Kuntaja.



BRITAM DONATES K1 MILLION TO DAPP

On the 23rd of August, Britam Insurance Company donated money amounting to one million Malawi Kwacha to DAPP Malawi to go towards the purchasing of desktop computers for DAPP Teachers Training Colleges (TTC).

The computers are expected to benefit student as they will be used by teaching instructors as part of the e-library in the TTCs.

Presenting the donation was the Chief Executive Officer for Britam Insurance Company Mr Grant Mwenechanya who applauded DAPP for training teachers not only in their profession but as well as instilling entrepreneurial skills in them.



Receiving the donation on behalf of DAPP Malawi was the Head of Administration Mr Obert Makawa who thanked Britam for the timely donation.

DAPP Malawi trains primary school teachers for rural Malawi schools in its four TTCs of Amalika, Chilangoma, Dowa and Mzimba in Thyolo, Blantyre, Dowa and Mzimba districts respectively.

PROJECT BENEFITTING CHAKUWALA FO

The Farmers Organisations (FO) Loop project ran for a year from August 2018 targeted smallholder farmer organizations and micro, small or medium sized enterprises (MSMEs).

The farmers were equipped with knowledge and skills on collective marketing, farmer organization techniques, business training and negotiation skills in the market in order to grow their businesses so that they provide goods and services at a profit.



Blessings Kainja, a trainer coach for DAPP Malawi under the project explains about the notable improvements realised through the project.

“Looking back to where Chakuwala FO is coming from, I gladly say I am so proud of the achievements the FO has registered within a short period of time. Members now appreciate the importance of service provision at a fee which brings not only more incomes to them through collective marketing/bulk input purchase but also leave cash within the FO in form of commission.

It is also encouraging to see the members implementing most of the work outlined on their Action Plan. These things motivate me as a trainer-coach who has vigorously coached the members and I am hopeful that if the FO continues on this path, the probability of becoming one of the most promising FO’s in the central region is high,” explained Kainja.

The FO has a membership of 433 people; 301 women and 132 men.

The GIZ Kulima MIERA project commenced in August 2018 and phases out in August 2019.

