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DAPP IN COVID-19 FIGHT



DAPP Malawi in partnership with Humana People to People Spain is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic through donation of sanitary materials in rural communities around 16 districts of Blantyre, Neno, Mangochi, Dedza, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Lilongwe, Kasungu, Ntchisi, Dowa, Machinga, Mangochi, Ntcheu, Zomba, Mulanje and Chiradzulu.

Targeting to reach 10,000 people, the Covid-19 response activities will be carried out from 8th May to 7th August, 2020.

According to the Project's Coordinator Jimmy Kayange, he said this is one of the collective efforts in fight against the spread of the coronavirus and reaching out to people in rural areas with correct information on Covid-19, how it is spread and how to avoid reduce its further spread.

"We are going to work with teachers who have graduated



from DAPP Teachers Training Colleges and are working in the aforementioned districts to mobilize communities to avoid contracting the virus. These are teachers who are trained to become agents of social change and to work with people in the rural communities," he added.

A total of 300 handwashing buckets, 1,020 tablets of soap and information flyers and posters valued MWK3,675,000 have been distributed.

Expressing his gratitude after receiving the hygiene materials at his maize mill in Kumitete village, Traditional Authority Mpama in Chiradzulu, Mr Walapa said he is thankful for the donation which will enhance the sanitation at the maize mill.

"I have close to 100 customers coming here on a daily basis and I believe apart from washing their hands, they will also be inspired to practice this hygiene in their homes, and I will make sure that this facility is being utilized and the soap is available at all times," he said.

The target is to reach over 1000 people directly with reading materials and while promoting the handwashing practice with the facilities which will be placed in strategic points like market entrances, maize mills, bicycle taxis ranks and hair saloons among others.

PROJECT SUPPORTED WITH FARM TOOLS AND LIVESTOCK

Farmers under the DAPP Macadamia Nuts Value Chain Enhancement project have received farm tools that will support them as they grow the Macadamia Nuts trees from the Humana People to People Italia.

Currently in its 4th year of implementation, the project is working with 3000 farmers who are expected to grow 300,000 trees by 2021 with funding assistance from the Dutch government via Sympany and technical support from Sable Farming Company.

The materials received in the month of June were chemical sprayers which were distributed to the farmers at a club level.

Apart from the tools, the project also distributed goats and pigs to the farmers' cooperatives. The livestock will be passed on to the farmers after reproducing on a pass-on loan basis until all farmers have livestock.

"The sprayers will be key in spraying insecticides now that some of the trees are almost flowering at the same



time the droppings from the goats and pigs will also serve as manure which farmers can apply in the trees,” she said.

The project is working with 3000 farmers in Thyolo and Mzimba districts. The aim of the project is to increase production of the Macadamia Nuts and under the value chain which meet the international market standards.

COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION OF REUSABLE MASKS



Agness Chipamba together with her fellow teachers and with assistance from the Malawi Education Sector Improvement Project (MESIP) through the Primary Education Advisor's (PEA) office she has trained members of Mothers Groups from 18 primary schools under Dzobwe and Chatsala education zones, Lilongwe rural district, in the making of reusable face

masks.

The aim is to ensure that learners from the schools and their families have face masks that will protect them and reduce their risk of contracting the corona virus.

“We received the funding support from MESIP to carry out this activity. We brought together a representative from each of the 18 schools who had been trained in the sewing of the facemasks. We expect that they will train other members in their groups including parents thereby reaching as many people with the skills and access to face mask as possible,” explained Chipamba.

Agness is a teacher at Kanjira primary school, in Dzobwe education zone, Lilongwe district. She graduated from DAPP Chilangoma Teacher Training College and is a member of the 400 Primary schools, a network of DAPP graduated teachers that voluntarily stick together to share ideas experiences on how they can improve the school environment with the aim of contribution to reduced drop outs, reduction in repetition rates and increased pass rates among primary school learners.



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