

### DAPP MALAWI ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FIGHTING HIV AND AIDS



Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi began its work to tackle HIV and AIDS in 1998 when its first HOPE Humana project was launched. HOPE Humana established community HIV facilities that served as resource hubs and activity centres for everyone in a given community.

Building on this work, DAPP Malawi has worked closely with the Malawi government since 2007 to combat and prevent the spread of HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and malaria through its innovative programme, Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE). TCE is a comprehensive and systematic HIV and AIDS prevention, support and care model that combines counseling, field-testing, education, and community mobilisation.

According to UNAIDS Malawi, progress has been made in curbing the number of HIV-related deaths since 2010



to 2018 in Malawi, with a 55% decrease, from 29,000 deaths to 13,000 deaths. Again, the number of new HIV infections has decreased, from 55,000 to 38,000 in the same period.

From 2007 - 2017, the TCE programme reached more than 1,5 million people with HIV prevention messages; over 800,000 were counselled on risks of HIV infection; and more than 500,000 people were tested for HIV; 16% tested as couples and 54% of the total number of people tested were women.

The programme adopts a house-to-house interpersonal campaign methodology that encourages lifestyle changes and preventive behavior, reaching every individual and household within a given area over a period of three years.

The TCE approach has helped to reduce the spread of TB by raising awareness. Through community mobilisation, there has been an increase in both access and demand for TB and HIV testing, as well as TB case detection. The intervention has helped to ensure treatment adherence through the innovative 'TRIO system', where two family members or close friends support HIV/TB clients during the critical initial weeks of treatment where loss-to-

### NEW CLOTHES & SHOES SHOP OPEN IN BLANTYRE



The DAPP Secondhand Clothes and Shoes project has opened a new retail shop in the Commercial city of Blantyre, situated along the Victoria Avenue street opposite ECO-Bank. Opening its doors on the 13th of July 2020, the shop expects to satisfy customers with quality and modernized clothes and shoes.



The Shop Manager Anthony Mdeka says the Clothes and Shoes project will make available high quality clothes and shoes available to Malawians at a fair and affordable price. He assured the customers of quality items for all sizes; children, ladies, and men.

In the light of Covid-19, the management has assured its customers that all Covid-19 preventative measure are put in place and being followed which include washing hands with soap and strict use of facemasks in the shop. The retail shop is the third one to be opened in Blantyre with the others behind Van Mali building and along Haile Selassie road opposite Puma Filling station.

Proceeds from the sale of the second hand clothes and shoes support the implementation of DAPP Malawi's development programs in areas of agriculture, education, health and community development.

### TEACHERS IN A CLEANING ACTION

While schools have closed, primary school teachers graduated from DAPP Malawi Teacher Training Colleges have taken up an action to keep their schools tidy and



watering trees to avoid wilting. At Nasonjo primary school in Lunzu education zone in Blantyre were on 17 July 2020 carrying out a cleaning action around the school.

According to Henry Ng'ombe who is the Deputy Head teacher and a graduate from DAPP Chilangoma TTC, 17 teachers took part in the action which involved sweeping the campus, removing cobwebs, mopping classrooms, and watering flowers and trees planted around the school during the rainy season.

While carrying out the activities, the Covid-19 preventative measure were being observed which included maintaining social distance and strict use of face masks to avoid contacting or spreading the coronavirus.

Some of the schools that participated in the action are



Gome primary school in Lilongwe, Mchenga primary school in Chikwawa, Chikomwe school in Mangochi and Mpombe school in Machinga.

In Malawi, schools were closed following the declaration of the Covid-19 as a national disaster by the government and ordering closure.

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