

## DEVELOPMENT AID FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

**DAPP MOVES 2 T/A TO OPEN DEFECATION FREE STATUS**

The National Sanitation and Hygiene Technical Committee, an inter ministerial and WASH agency chaired by the Ministry of Health and has declared two Traditional Authorities of Kamanyagwaza and Chilikumwendo in Dedza district as Open Defecation Free (ODF) following a verification exercise they carried out.



Together with stakeholders from the National Sanitation and Hygiene Technical Committee, the team randomly sampled houses around the two T/As to confirm availability of latrines and hand washing facilities which are in use according to the report from the District Coordination Team (DCT) to confirm the two T/As.

The DCT on Sanitation carried out the verification of 25, 536 households in the two T/As to confirm the ODF status as such the national team needed to be engaged in declaring the ODF status, said Mr Anderson Bottoman the WASH Coordinator for Dedza district.

DAPP Malawi is implementing a year long Child Aid project in the two T/As of Kamanyagwaza and Kaphuka in Dedza district from January to December 2020.

The aim of the project was to move the two T/As to ODF status while working together with the communities to identify solutions to issues that affect their day to day lives.

Currently, the project is in the process of mobilizing

communities to establish tree nurseries which will be planted in the rainy season as one way of fighting global warming and so far, 25 tree nurseries has been established.

The Child Aid project build on the idea that communities should work together to identify problems of mutual interest and with locally available resources come up with solutions.

The project focuses on WASH, climate change and smart agriculture, nutrition and health and education among others in order to create conducive environments where families can raise their children.

**IN READINESS FOR SCHOOL REOPENING**

Let children Stay in School Project aims at supporting the smooth transition of infant learners into primary schools

In the month of September the project carried out construction activities in preparation for the return of learners to school.

Together with parents and guardians, they constructed and mounted the playground which is made from materials that are locally available in the communities. "Facilities like the playgrounds help in keeping our learners interested in coming to the ECDs to learn and play which improves the transitioning from ECD centres to primary schools," said Patrick Jafari the Project Leader.

DAPP Malawi through its four Teacher Training Colleges supports over 80 ECD centres around the colleges through refresher training of the Caretakers and mobilizing the communities to work together with the centres.





### TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES OPEN

Unique Banda is a student at DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College currently in her third year of training. The college opened its doors to continue training students on 8 September 2020 following a 5-month long closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



“While I was home, the teachers kept engaging us in our studies through an online platform that was created to keep us engaged in our studies. That kept us busy and I for one did not lose interest in my studies and since we returned to the college we have been studying and revising our lessons in preparation for the final examinations which we will be writing this year. I am glad that the school has put up strict measures in place to ensure that everyone on campus plays a role in preventing the spread of the coronavirus which include compulsory use of face masks in classes and around the college, hand washing with water buckets made available in strategic points around the school,” explained Unique.

The college currently has 64 students who are in their final year only campus. This is among the measures announced by the Ministry of Education to reduce congestion in schools.

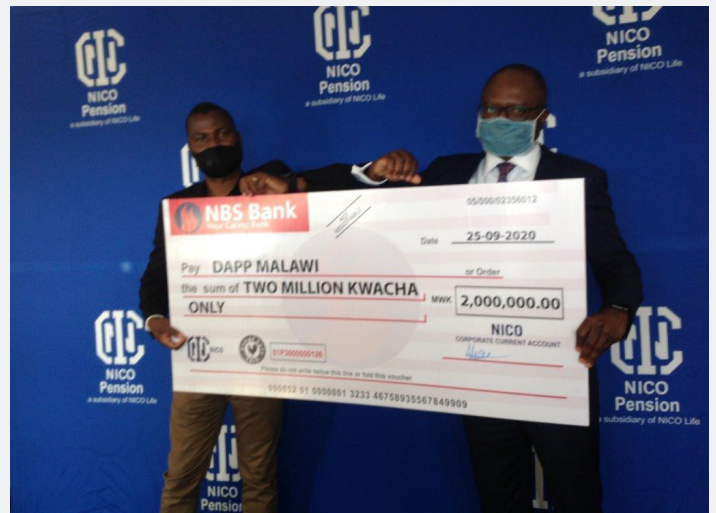


### NICO SUPPORTS DAPP MALAWI

The NICO Life and Pension have supported DAPP Malawi in the fight against Covid-19 through a 2 million Malawi Kwacha donation made on 25 September 2020 in Blantyre.

Presenting the donation was the NICO Life Executive Officer Mr Eric Chapola who said it is part their responsibilities to ensure that the public is sensitized of Covid-19 and it is encouraging when organisations like come forward to join hands for a good course.

The funds will be used to purchase sanitary supplies like hand washing buckets and tablets of soap to promote sanitation and hygiene. The materials will be made



available in strategic points like markets, churches, schools and maize meals in order to reach out to many people.

The funds will contribute towards interventions which will be carried out in Traditional Authority Nyambi in Machinga district where DAPP is also implementing a screening for nutrition project which is primarily targeting pregnant women, lactating mothers and under-5 children.

Receiving the donation on behalf of DAPP Malawi was the Head of Programs Mr Moses Chibwana who expressed gratitude for the timely donation as the organization joins hands with the rest of the world in the continued sensitization of communities to avoid contracting or further spreading the coronavirus.

The intervention will be carried out from October 2020 to December 2020.

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