



## DAPP DOWA FC PARTICIPATES IN MaFAAS WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION

DAPP Dowa Women Farmers Club on the 13th August 2014 took part in the workshop, exhibition and general assembly for Malawi Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (MaFAAS) which took place at the Malawi Institute of Management (MIM) in Lilongwe.

The aim of the function was to provide an opportunity platform to meet with practitioners from different organisations engaged in the profession of Agricultural Extension and Advisory services.

Part of the exhibition in progress as DAPP representative explains



DAPP showcased some of the agricultural works it has implemented in different areas especially in Dowa. Most women farmers have been elected into various community positions because of their activeness in organizing communities to take part in various actions.

Farmers received pigs and were mobilized to construct kraals



## DAPP CHILD AID CHIRADZULU AND THYOLO

DAPP Child Aid Chiradzulu and Thyolo is organized in 48 areas and reaching 225,000 people, approximately 37,500 families. Child Aid Chiradzulu and Thyolo covers six local authorities: Bvumbwe, Nsabwe, Changata in Thyolo and Mpama, Kadewere and Ntchemba in Chiradzulu. The project established a total of 700 Village Action Groups. DAPP Malawi is implementing the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project through 6 of the 10 Child Aid lines.

Provision of "Free Public toilets" to by-passers to reduce Open Defecation



The project fights shoulder to shoulder with the families, local area leaders and the communities around to improve sanitation, health and hygiene in the community. The families are then mobilized to improve access to safe water, sanitation, hygiene and health.

Child Aid also targets access to safe water





## DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTORS GIVES A HAND TO THE COMMUNITY

One of the objectives of the Development Instructor (DI) program is to open up the possibility for everyone to contribute to development on the ground of Solidary Humanism. This program is very beneficial for the projects in Malawi since development is very much about creating visions and showing possible paths to reach out the poor. The DI's that have been working in the DAPP Projects, have contributed to increase in food production for communities through the establishment of vegetable gardens; gave pre-school teachers and the children they teach a fresh start with the introduction of improved teaching methods and improved infrastructure for preschools in many communities.

### DI's joined the communities in repairing houses for poor families



The communities within the locality of DAPP Teachers' Training Colleges namely Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba now have the preschools which enable their children to access improved care in their early childhood development.

### The 7th pre-school in Dowa constructed and decorated by DI's



The DAPP Lead Farmer project is being implemented under the overall Government's Agricultural Development Program, focuses on Maize based agronomy on-farm demonstration trials comprising Maize Variety, Soil Fertility, Land and Water Management trials

### The maize trials makes it easy for farmers to choose varieties



1,528 farmers from the three districts, Chikhwawa, Mangochi and Machinga Districts, have been mobilized and organised into clubs where they have been trained in group dynamics and got knowledge in working as a team to further sharpen their newly acquired farming skills.

### World Bank Mission visited the project and viewed a maize yield display by the farmers



Management of the maize crop during the growth and development was another skill which the farmers reported to have acquired and believed would help them in their future cropping system. The crop management knowledge imparted to the farmers including the carrying out of all the necessary cultural practices that ensure proper crop growth and development, which in turn can lead to increased production.