



## Field Day at DAPP Dowa Women Farmers Club



So far DAPP Women's Club in Dowa has improved many people's lives on the house hold level as well as business wise, members of the clubs are able to take care of their families and decision making is not one side based because women have been empowered.

This was evidenced at a field day organized by the DAPP Dowa Women Farmers Club to show case some of the activities and products they produce in their respective clubs.

Speaking at the occasion T/A Nkukula who was the guest of honour, said he was impressed with what the clubs have done so far after inspecting a number of exhibitions such as dish racks, firewood saving stoves, tippy taps and also a maize field that uses pot holing as a means of conservation farming to adapt to climate change.

During the inspection which saw Dorothy Timvane, the owner of the field, explaining about the way they use modern farming methods in their fields.

Questions were raised as to how they improvise these methods so much that the others who are not members of DAPP farmers club gained knowledge since step by step process was tackled.

Goats for pass on programme were also inspected and one of the members explained how they do the passing from member to another and also that they use animal waste as manure in the field.

Participants were Group Village Head man Fuse, Senior Chief Ndembo, AEDC, DADO, T/A Nkukula, village chiefs men and women.

DAPP Malawi with support from the Department For International Development (DFID) through Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) started implementation of the Support to Scaling up Nutrition Program in Dowa District in the selected Traditional Authorities (TAs) of Nkukula, Mponera and Msakambewa.

## DFID Official, Dr Magwira appreciating one of the home gardens



On Wednesday, 26th March 2014, DFID and DAPP Malawi officials carried out a visit in Dowa to the project sites of the The visit demonstrated the impact the project is having at community level and the progress the team has made as people were able to see the energy saving stoves in each and every household to all the areas they went, the home gardens, the support to People Living with HIV/Aids (PLWA).

The village headmen were mentioning the work of DAPP volunteers in screening kids door-to-door to identify the malnourished kids. The Project is targeting pregnant and lactating women, infants, children under 5, guardians with infants and children under 5 and People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA).

DAPP-Malawi uses the usual door to door approach (house to house visitation) to indentify the targeted households and register pregnant mothers, lactating mothers and infants, providing nutrition and health education on exclusive breast feeding during the first six months and supplementary feeding in the community.



## Japanese Hostel Unit Handover Ceremony at Amalika TTC

His Excellency, Shuichiro Nishioka, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi on Friday, 21st March 2014, handed over newly constructed additional accommodation facility for 32 student teachers at DAPP Amalika Teacher's Training College in Thyolo District.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Nishioka commended the government of Malawi for its efforts to develop the education sector. He also said the support for the project is in line with the commitment that Japan made during the Fifty Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) to promote education in Africa. He further added that Japan will continue providing assistance for the development of Malawi.

His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan Shuichiro Nishioka and Honourable Deputy Minister of Education Agnes Chatipwa Mandebvu unveiling the new hostels



The Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Honourable Agnes Mandebvu Chatipwa thanked Japan government for the generous support made to Amalika TTC, saying Malawi needs many teachers to reduce the teacher to pupil ratio which currently falls on 1:90 in most primary schools.

"I am proud of Japan for supporting our education sector and we urge them to continue. This new hostel at DAPP Amalika will enable more student teachers to be enrolled and therefore increase the institutions' annual teacher output," she said.

DAPP's Country Director Lisbeth Thomsen expressed her assurance that DAPP will take good care of the hostels will benefit the college by enrolling an additional 32 teacher trainees this year.

Group photo of the Guest of Honour, DAPP staff and Amalika student teachers



"Our graduates brings inspiration to the schools and in the areas they work because their training goes beyond making them better. I would like to thank the People of Japan through the Embassy for this support to the Education Sector and also Steel Co who who has donated the roof sheets," she said. She also thanked the community around the college for their support and the students who have taken part in on the construction of the hostels during their construction period. One of the student's representatives, Jane Suzumire, thanked the government of Japan for the hostels and said it will assist them in more ways and promised to take care of it by carrying out maintenance works.

"The hostels are really a precious treasure to us as students and the Amalika Community at large. We will make sure that we take care of them so that they will also be used by our children as well as our grand children in future," she concluded. Before the handover the guest of honour toured college and appreciated some of the skills the student teachers gain during their training.

The Hostel Unit which was unveiled

