



STANDARD BANK GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS TO DAPP

On Friday 24th April, 2014 Standard Bank Malawi presented a cheque of 5.4 Million Kwacha (13, 000 USD) to DAPP Malawi as a sponsorship package of ten students who are at DAPP Mzimba and Dowa Teacher Training Colleges.

Symbolic Cheque presentation by Standard Bank official



Speaking at the occasion Standard Bank's Head of Information Technology, Mr William Nuka said Standard Bank remains committed to supporting the development of the education sector in Malawi. He said that teachers in the country face a number of challenges which adequate training and budgetary support is one of them.

"Standard Bank appreciates the numerous challenges that the teachers face but the importance of adequate training and support cannot be overemphasized, it is our hope that one day these problems shall come to an end" Nuka concluded.

One of the beneficiaries a 21 year old Ellen Malute, said it is her grandfather who was responsible for her school fees since her father died and her mother is unemployed and things were not easy.

"I was happy when I was selected for DAPP Dowa TTC as it has been my passion to become a primary school teacher. I even became very excited when I heard the best news that Standard Bank was going to sponsor my studies and my fellow nine students."

DAPP Malawi's Country Director Lisbeth Thomsen thanked the Management and Board of Standard Bank for the support to the education sector through the student's sponsorship program.

"The partnership will specifically be supporting 10 needy students in the DAPP Teachers Training Colleges. We as DAPP Malawi wish that many more partners and also the private sector will follow the good example from Standard Bank so that together we compliment the government of Malawi's effort in raising the education standards in this country". She said.

MACHINGA LEAD FARMER FIELD DAY

DAPP has been contracted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MoAFS) to provide extension services in Machinga, Mangochi and Chikhwawa Districts.

One of the model farmers showcasing her field



Recently, DAPP organised a field day under the theme "Conservation Agriculture - One of the technology in attaining food security".

The field day was organised by DAPP Malawi in liaison with Machinga Rural Development Program (R.D.P) and it took place in Traditional Authority Kawinga, Group Village Headman Chiongain Kalingo under Nanyumbu Extension Planning Area (E.P.A) Mikoko section.

The occasion attracted many people from different areas as farmers were displaying what they have been doing in the project.

According to the Chief Extension Officer for Machinga ADD Mr Kabuluza, said working hand in hand with DAPP has proved to be a successful development through the usage of multiplication of practices by the training of many farmers through lead farmers project.

Among the participants were representatives from World Vision Malawi, Concern Universal, District Agriculture Development officer (DADO), AEDC, Traditional Authority Kawinga, representative of Chitedze Research Station and other DAPP Malawi officials.

SEEDCO DONATES LEARNING MATERIALS TO DAPP

SeedCo Malawi recently donated teacher's guides to DAPP Malawi at Dzaleka in Dowa. The guides have been developed by DAPP based on the primary school curriculum and will assist the teachers in providing quality teaching.

Speaking at the event, SeedCo's Extension Service Coordinator, Waddingtone Lipenga, said the donation is part of the ongoing relationship between SeedCo and DAPP and is worth over K20 Million.

The materials also includes text books, notebooks, dusters and rulers will be equally shared in all the four DAPP TTC Colleges across the country and will be used in the teaching practice schools.

"We would like to join all stakeholders in the country in efforts to promote education standards in the country. We are giving out what we promised DAPP through our ongoing partnership." Said Lipenga

SeedCo's Extension Service Coordinator, Waddingtone Lipenga (in red) making a symbolic presentation to DAPP TTC Official



He said the SeedCo is touched by DAPP's efforts to train more primary school teachers whom he said are mostly deployed in rural primary schools where a shortage of teachers is a challenge.

Lipenga also said SeedCo has mounted maize demonstration plots at DAPP TTC's as a way of promoting agriculture in the country and also the company's maize seed varieties.

"As SeedCo we would want to instill in learners a mindset of our company so that they also influence their families to embrace SeedCo seed and the company's related products." Said Lipenga.

On his part DAPP Dowa TTC operation Manager Lucious Dumbo thanked SeedCo for the donation.

MINISTER'S VISIT TO DAPP COLLEGES

The Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Lucious Kanyumba recently visited two of DAPP Malawi Teacher's Training Colleges with an aim of appreciating what the colleges are offering.

The Minister of Education Dr Lucious Kanyumba touring DAPP TTC



During the visit the Minister toured Amalika and Dowa Colleges, with some of the members of staff as well as the students who organised exhibitions for him to see the work that DAPP is doing in order to improve education standard in Malawi.

In his words the minister said he was impressed with DAPP TTCs and that as a ministry they will do their part as agreed in the memorandum.

Honourable Kanyumba making his speech

