



LAUNCH OF TB COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT IN MULANJE

On Friday 9th May 2014 DAPP Malawi with funding from the UK Aid Department for International Development (DFID) through TB Alert, officially launched a TB program in Mulanje District under the theme "Community Empowerment for Early TB Case Detection and Treatment programme".

Sarah Sanyahumbi, the Head of DFID in Malawi, launched the project at a training event for grassroots workers, who are now being equipped to raise awareness of TB in their local communities.

Viewing of exhibitions by the guest of honour



Speaking during the launch, Paul Sommerfeld, Chair of TB Alert and helping with facilitation of the training workshop, explained that worldwide, every year around 3 million people with TB fail to be discovered and treated by effective TB services.

"Malawi is no exception and it is estimated that 40% of sufferers are not reached yet by the national TB programme. This links also to the HIV pandemic as by weakening the immune system, TB infection that is already present becomes active".

"The new project aims to demonstrate that by using a cadre of community health workers who will support and recruit grassroots volunteers to reach every household and explain the signs of TB and where to go for diagnosis, detection of individuals with TB will be greatly increased. Malawi has good treatment services. If patients are reached, they will be cured".

The project also recognizes the nutritional challenges faced by TB clients in completing treatment and plans to address this through a nutrition programme that organizes cooking demonstrations, supports vegetable gardens and provides supplementary nutrition to clients with drug-resistant TB.

Participants of the TB programme Launch



The project was planned in consultation with the Mulanje district TB office and targets to identify 1,100 new TB cases identified and link them to treatment with a 94% treatment success rate under DOTS for sputum smear positive cases.

COMMUNITY LESSON MEMBERS GRADUATE AT AMALIKA

22 community members have graduated from Amalika Youth Centre after attending community lessons. The members were trained in remedial lessons, knitting and embroidery by student teachers.

The youth center works with the youth from 20 youth clubs composed of 250 members. It also works in hand with the committee for Community Based Organizations and Social Welfare responsible for the surrounding villages.

Some of the graduates at Amalika



Different activities like “sister to sister” club, life skills discussions, pre-school, entertainment and recreative activities such as sports, drama, debates, choir, dances, choir, poems and comedy also take place at the Youth Centre.

Girls discussions in a girls club



PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT DAPP CHIRADZULU FARMERS CLUB

The farmers doing scouting in the cabbage field



One of the beneficiaries of “pass on” programme who received a goat from fellow members



DAPP DOWA WOMEN FARMERS CLUB

DAPP Dowa Women Farmers Club trained farmers in improved land's fertility in order to realize maximum production. The training involved practical sessions where farmers planted different agro forestry trees such as gliricedia and tephrosia.

The farmers were trained in the tree principles of conservation farming which includes producing of compost manure to used in their gardens along with other types of organic manure and practicing crop rotation, mulching and minimum tillage in their fields.

One of the vegetable gardens established in DAPP Dowa Women Farmers Club



The Chinese/Changu manure heap preparations being carried out in the fields for another planting season

