



## DAPP PARTICIPATES IN THE CONGOMA EXHIBITION

DAPP Malawi took part in the exhibition that took place at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe on 12th September organised by Council for Non-Governmental Organisations Malawi (CONGOMA). The event was graced by His Excellency the State President of Malawi, Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika and DAPP was privileged to be one of the organisations which the president visited. The State President had a brief talk with Lisbeth Thomsen.

The aim of the exhibition was to enhance the collaboration between government and the non governmental organisations which DAPP falls under.

President Mutharika being briefed by DAPP's Country Director, Lisbeth Thomsen



All the programs implemented by DAPP are complementing Governments effort to fight poverty and hunger. The 4 areas of focus are Education, Agriculture and food security, Health and Community Development



## DAPP TAKES PART IN THE FIRST EVER EDUCATION EXPO

DAPP Malawi participated in the first ever Education Expo organised by Innovations Marketing and Advertising Agency in Partnership with Nation Publications Limited under the theme "Career Choice: Key to Human Resource Capital" from 23rd September, 2014 to 25th September, 2014 at Comesa Hall in Blantyre.

The guest of honour was Mr Herbert E.L. Kaludzu who is the Director of Administration in the Ministry of Education Science and Technology.

The main objective of the Expo was to give the youth an opportunity to meet and discuss with representatives from colleges and universities as a way for widening their knowledge about available opportunities.

The Guest of Honour Herbert Kaludzu speaking with DAPP TTC student



The Expo had around 20 different institutions exhibiting - and several thousand visitors.

On the DAPP stand, learners were told how they can become "Another kind of Teacher" through the 3 year training program at the DAPP Teacher Training Colleges





## DAPP YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

DAPP Malawi in partnership with the Central East African Railways (CEAR) and Vale started an agricultural project which is aiming at creating sustainable development through vocational and entrepreneurial training among 1000 young farmers in Chikwawa, Mwanza, Neno, Balaka and Machinga Districts.

The main objective of the project is to contribute to the economic empowerment and poverty alleviation among young men and women through organising and training them in sustainable conservation agriculture - and link them up to markets for selling of their produce. The trained young farmers will build their capacity not only to improve their own lives but also to contribute to improved livelihood for their families.

The project orientation meeting in Machinga District.



The focus of Young Farmers' Clubs program is to enable young farmers make qualified decision about taking up farming as their livelihood, to increase knowledge to young farmers using techniques of modern conservation farming and food utilization in the target area, to increase food production among young farmers in the targeted communities, to increase the family income and enhance social integration and to improve the living conditions of the affected communities through the provision and upgrading of basic infrastructure and services

So far, the district officials, stakeholders and local leaders have promised to work together with DAPP and Vale during the implementation of the project in order to empower the young farmers so that they take up the responsibilities in order to improve their livelihoods.

## DAPP TTC SEPTEMBER 2014 INTAKE

DAPP Teacher's Training Colleges have started the training with the new 2014 intake of students. The training commenced on the 15th. So far the students among others have been introduced to garden farming and nutrition which will be done through out their course as part of the training.

### Introduction to Garden Farming and Nutrition



## THE "400 PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM" A NETWORK OF GRADUATED TEACHERS

Here are some testimonies from Agnes Chipamba, who is now teaching in Lilongwe Rural West and Ireen Chipondeponde, teaching at Midzembe Primary School, Neno have both joined the network of graduated DAPP graduated teachers called the "400 Primary School Program".

"The pass rate at my school for the first term was lower compared with the 2nd and 3rd term. The pass rate has been raised with 30% in each term," said Ireen.

As for Agnes she said she participates in sports activities to motivate learners in her school. "I take part in the sporting activities myself and the learners because they like when we do things together."

The idea of the network is to enhance the skills of the DAPP graduates and support them in spearheading changes which make the entire school environment childfriendly and inclusive. The participation is solely on voluntary basis.

The DAPP graduates teachers are not only focusing on improving education and learning outcomes in their own classes - but share and pass on experiences to their fellow teachers.