

DAPP Malawi implements a TB in the Mining Sector program



DAPP Malawi, is implementing a health project called TB in Mining Sector (TIMS) which aims to identify cases of TB among key populations of miners, ex- miners, their families and communities, provide information and education on TB prevention and HIV Testing and Counselling, care and treatment to presumptive TB patients.

The project commenced in July 2016 with funding from Global Fund through Wits Health Consortium (WHC). It targets a population of 15,000 people to be screened during the 18-month project life in three districts namely Chiradzulu, Neno and Phalombe.

With approval from the Ministry of Health, the project supports people receiving TB/HIV treatment to adhere the prescriptions and complete treatment. This is possible through awareness and sensitization campaigns, TB screening and contact tracing of those whom the TB patients have been in contact with to see if they have been infected.



DAPP Malawi in collaboration with the Ministry of Health trained field officers who carry out door-to-door awareness campaigns on TB symptoms, prevention, testing, and treatment adherence as well stigma and discrimination. The officers conduct mapping of sentinel sites where mine-workers, ex-miners and their families live, encourage workshops at workplace and mining sites, train mineworkers as peer educators who in turn promote debates and trainings in the mining sites.

There has been an increase in case detection for TB and HIV in the mining sector amongst miners, ex-miner, their families and the communities in the three target districts with a total of 10,777 people screened for signs and symptoms of TB using screening questions and 649 people referred to health facilities for further assessment and diagnosis by May 2017.

DAPP Malawi Leading Joint Efforts to Make Children Enjoy Going to School



DAPP is working with various stakeholders which include traditional leaders, Parents and Teachers Association and Mother Groups in improving the teaching and learning environments for junior primary school learners in 114 primary schools across Malawi.

DAPP Malawi is implementing a Let Children Stay in School project in six districts of Chitipa, Rumphi, Ntchisi, Lilongwe, Machinga and Nsanje which aims to reduce the dropout rate of lower class learners by providing learning shelters and play grounds which make children enjoy learning and stay in school.

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Play grounds have games like swings, seesaws and castles made from locally available resources by primary school teachers who work hand in hand with communities around the schools.

Play grounds have now become a getaway to lower class learners who now enjoy learning and staying in school. DAPP through the project is also promoting hygiene and sanitation practices through the provision of hand washing facilities in the targeted primary schools.



Teachers from the participating schools now receive In-service trainings from DAPP TTCs during school holidays to improve their professionalism so that they can better provide lessons to their young learners.

In each school within the project school gardens have been introduced with the support from community leaders and DAPP provided the seeds and other farming equipment's like hoes, panga knives and rakes to use for the activity.

Humana Italia Corporate Partnership Manager Visits DAPP Malawi Projects

Daniele Germiniani the Corporate Partnership Manager for Humana Italia said he was impressed with the projects DAPP Malawi is implementing. Speaking after a week-long visit to Malawi at DAPP National Partnership Office in Lilongwe he said he was impressed with the projects that DAPP Malawi is implementing pointing out that students being trained in the DAPP Teacher Training Colleges (TTC) and the Mikolongwe Vocational School are passionate and the teachers are dedicated.



Germiniani has been visiting DAPP Malawi projects from 18th to 23rd June 2017 with an aim of understanding the work of the organization and to identify how Italian organisations can partner and with the organization.

As such he visited Mikolongwe Vocational School, DAPP Nutrition project in Chiradzulu district, DAPP Amalika and Chilangoma TTCs, DAPP Macadamia Farmers' clubs, Pre-schools being supported by DAPP, Dowa Women Farmers' Club project and Let Children Stay in School project in Lilongwe.

Germiniani said he was particularly impressed with the Mikolongwe Vocational School including the Mobile Training Centre truck through which young women are being equipped with vocational skills through a 3-year partnership between DAPP Malawi and Sympany.

The truck is furnished to provide tailoring and entrepreneurial skills to young women in rural areas for a four-month training period. After the training the young women are given sewing machines as a startup for tailoring business.

